

# *Minutes*

OF THE

One Hundred Twentieth

Annual Session

OF THE

ORIGINAL

Mates Creek

REGULAR

**Primitive Baptist Association**

ORGANIZED IN 1849

HELD WITH

The Old Pond Church

BELFRY PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2, AND 3,

🔱 [ 1972 ] 🔱

Next Session convenes with the Raccoon Church  
at Raccoon Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday  
before the first Sunday in September, 1973 at 10:00 a.m.

## OFFICERS

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL - Moderator, McCarr, Ky.

ELDER J. H. BLACKBURN - Assistant Moderator,  
Newtown, W. Va.

BROTHER STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk, McCarr, Ky.

ELDER ROBERT WARRIX - - - - - Assistant Clerk

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## *Proceedings*

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist  
Association, Held With the Pond Creek Church

FRIDAY MORNING -- September 1st, 1972

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jimmie Moore. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Elmer Brown; Text St. John 1:1: In the Beginning was the Word, etc. Called for letters from all the churches. Read the letter from the Pond Creek Church. Moved and seconded that we accept all the letters.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, and Elder Robert Warrix, Assistant Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: The Pleasant Valley Church came with a letter asking for admittance into the Association. Moved and seconded that we accept their letter and have the names of their messengers enrolled in the minutes.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the Minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondents from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Rock Spring: Elder W. M. Littleton, Brethren Albert Littleton, and Lurman McGuire.

Burning Spring: Elders Robie Furgeson, Luther Hay and Paul E. Keaton and Monroe Cantrell.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elders Franklin Viers, Andrew McGlothlin and Henry Viers, Deacons, Noah Yates, Claude Epling, Vernon Edwards and Elder Bobby Mayhon.

New Liberty: Brother Sol Mullins.

Little Yadkin River: Brethren O. W. Sisk, Peter Craddock, Arnold Fulk and Swanson Joyce.

Mt. Zion: Elder James H. Stuphein

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Mountain, Senter, St. Clairs Bottom, Little Yadkin River, Union, Sand Lick, Rock Spring, Burning Spring, New Liberty, Mt. Zion and Sand Lick of Virginia.

Visitors from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Sisters Lula Collins, Eva Edwards, Lizzie Kiser, Carrie Deel, Elder Henry Viers,



Elder Josh Viers, Elder Arnold Childers, Elder Bobby Arrington, Brother Bradley Hager, Brother Clayton Belcher, Brother Bob Coty.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brother Willy Puckett and wife, Brother Henry Puckett and wife, Brother Jerry Fisher and wife.

Mt. Zion: Elder James Booth and wife, Brother Fred Lester and wife, Brother Lewis Lester and Sister Eva Sutphen.

Pleasant Grove Primitive Church: Elder Ray White.

Stony Creek Primitive Church: Elder Elbert Hunter

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Pond Creek Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported the following:

For Saturday: Elder Don Hatfield to open

1. Elder Arnold Childers

2. Elder Eugene Blevins

3. Elder Bobby Mayhon

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Albert Justice, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Paul Dean Justice, George Lester, Roy Ball, Miles Thacker, Michael Smith, Lonzie Blair, Noah Smith, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, Avery Lowe, Onis Smith and Jimmie Moore.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Ray Harlow, Alvis Keen and Walter Runyon.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Mt. Zion: Will be held with the Friendship Church, near Hinton, W. Va., and will begin Friday before the last Saturday in August, 1973. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Don Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn and Brother Robert Dotson.

Rock Spring: Will be held with the New Burlington Church in New Burlington, Ohio, and will begin Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1973. Elders to attend: Opa Thacker, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball and Elmer Thacker.

Union: Pound Fork Church near Clintwood, Va., and will begin Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1972. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith and Elmer Brown.

New Liberty: Will be held with the Naomi Church at 610 Patrick Street, Charleston, W. Va., and to begin Friday

before the first Sunday in October, 1972. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler and Walter Runyon, and Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Will be held with the Pontiac Church, Pontiac, Michigan, and will begin Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1972. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Thacker and Joe Thacker.

Little Yadkin River: Will be held with the Boyles Chapel Church located on Highway No. 66 near King, N. C., and will begin Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1972. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith and Robert Warrix.

Burning Springs: Will be held Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1973, with the White Oak Grove Church on Coon Creek in Morgan County, Ky. Elders to attend: Avery Lowe, M. B. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Jimmie Moore, Dan Adkins and Elmer Brown.

St. Clair Bottom: Will be held with the Tumble Creek Church. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe and Teddy R. Ball.

Sand Lick of Kentucky: Will be held with the Philadelphia Church in Knot County, Kentucky. Elders to attend: Robert Warrix, Teddy R. Ball, Brethren Cal Runyon, Albert Justice and Jessie Tucker.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with the Samaria Church, and to begin Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. before the fourth Sunday in March, 1973.

Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING -- September 2nd, 1972

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Lundy Coleman.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following: Committee met in the Pond Creek Church House and was called to order by the Moderator. After discussion of the business of the Association it was agreed that we carry on the work of the Association for Saturday in the usual manner with the following items added:

No. 1. Note: The question of the expense of the Association was brought before the committee. After discussion a motion was made and seconded that all the churches make up money at their June meetings to pay the expense of all future Associations and give it to the Church



that is having the Association that year.

This is to be voluntary and will be aside from and have no bearing on Item 12 of our Constitution.

No. 2. A query was made as to the Cool Spring and Joppa Churches. It was reported that these Churches had disbanded and their members had gone to other churches of the Mates Creek Association.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

A move was made and seconded that the Clerk give to Old Pond Church \$50.00 of the Association's money to help pay for the expense of the association.

Committee for Preaching for Sunday reported the following: For Sunday: to open, Elder Arnold Childers; 1. Elder Elbert Hunter; 2. Elder Henry Viers; 3. Elder Jimmie Moore; 4. Elder Bobby Mayhon; 5. Elder Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported the following: \$539.00, and were discharged.

Called on Union Meeting Appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1973. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Lundy Coleman, Avery Lowe, Rufus Howell, Michael Smith, Paul D. Justice, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins and Franklin Viers and Ricky May invited.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1973. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Walter Runyon, Kit Ratliff, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Joe Thacker, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, Michael Smith and Elmer Thacker.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1973. Elders to attend: Walter Runyon, Frank Wheeler, John I. Smith, W. H. Thacker, Dan Adkins, Elmer Brown, Robert Warrix, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, and Paul Dean Justice.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1973. Elders to attend: Robert Warrix, Kit Ratliff, Avery Lowe, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown and Frank Wheeler.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1973. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Warrix, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Homer Blackburn, and John Looney.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the third

Saturday in June, 1973. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Michael Smith, Everett Brizendine, Dan Adkins, Franklin Viers and Ernie Stump.

Little Hope Church meets the first Saturday in July, 1973. Elders to attend: Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Walter Runyon, Avery Lowe, Fred Varney and W. H. Thacker.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1973. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Robert Warrix, John I. Smith, Homer Blackburn, Elmer Brown and Paul Dean Justice.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1973. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe, Elmer Brown, Robert Warrix and Teddy R. Ball.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1973. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Franklin Viers, Robert Warrix, Elmer Brown, John I. Smith, Clarence Boyd, Michael Smith, Jimmie Moore and Willis Compton.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1973. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Troy Casey, Eli Estep, Robert Warrix, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Joe Slone, Kit Ratliff, Clifford Thacker and Paul Dean Justice.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1973. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, John I. Smith, Joe Slone, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Michael Smith and Jimmie Moore.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1973. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Michael Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Franklin Viers, J. H. Blackburn, Clarence Boyd, Elmer Brown, John Looney and Eugene Blevins.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1973. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Michael Smith, Robert Warrix, Walter Runyon, Roby Furgeson, Paul Keaton, Proctor Lyons, Mart Moore, John I. Smith and Dan Adkins.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1973. Elders to attend: Clifford Thacker, Robert Warrix, Chester Bevins, Jessie Tucker, Joe Slone, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Opa Thacker, Robert Mayhon, Arnold Childers, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Paul Justice, Joseph Moore.



Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1973. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, Homer Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday evening before the third Saturday in April, 1973. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Franklin Viers, Bob Mayhon, Otis Buell, Henry Viers, Arnold Childers, Eugene Blevins, Michael Smith, Joe Slone and Lundy Coleman.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Walter Runyon prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1750 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Sisters Lassie Hunt, Lacy Mae Looney, Cora Murphy, May Reynolds Ball, Columbia Ann Mullins, Mary J. Dotson, Victoria Wolford Hatfield, Polly Meadows, Vella Farley Scott, Brethren John H. Coleman, Philip Hatfield, John Wallace Varney, George Slone, Samuel Barton, William Arthur Brown, Francis Marion Fanning Boyd, Dave Smith, Philip Dotson, Tolbert Harrison Smith, John Matt Smith, Ballard Hensley, Isaac Justice, Solomon Smith, Pete J. Scott, Clarence Harris, M. C. Slone, Henry Varney, Grant Blackburn and Thomas Leonard Bogar.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that all funds left after paying for the printing of the Minutes and other expense of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The Finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year ----	\$ 998.75
Amount received from the Churches ---	539.00
Donations at the Stand and pictures ----	122.00
Total cash on hand -----	\$1,659.75

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for the Minutes for 1971 -----	\$ 378.52
Paid for moving seats -----	25.00
Give the Moderator -----	15.00
Give the Clerk -----	10.00
Total Cash Paid out -----	428.52
Balance Cash left on hand -----	\$1,231.23

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Raccoon Church at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1973.

Elder Teddy R. Ball was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Dan Adkins be appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder W. H. Thacker.

Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator

J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator

Stearyl Hatfield, Clerk

Robert Warrix, Asst. Clerk

#### SUNDAY MORNING -- September 3rd, 1972

Singing and prayer by Elder Eugene Blevins.

1. Elder Elbert Hunter. No special text.

2. Elder Henry Viers. Text: Ephesians 1:1, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

3. Elder Jimmie Moore. Text: First Timothy 4:16, Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

4. Elder Bobby Mayhon. Text: Saint John 1:1, In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.

5. Elder Franklin Viers. No special text.

The Association was closed out by our Moderator, Elder Teddy R. Ball, amid much singing and praising.

The Congregation was large and attentive. We hope that the Lord will bless each one that attended.

We wish to express our appreciation to the messengers, visitors and ministers who traveled so far to be with us.

May God bless you all until we meet again.

The Clerk

#### EVENING MEETINGS:

##### Friday Evening

At Louisa Church: Elders Lonzie Blair, Lundy Coleman, Monroe Cantrell.

At Blackberry Church House: Elders Ray White, Opa Thacker, Dan Adkins, Jimmie Moore and Michael Smith.

##### Saturday Night

At Blackberry Church House: Elders Arnold Childers, Bobby Mayhon, Elbert Hunter and Leonard Barton.

At Old Pond Church House: Elders J. H. Stuphein, James Booth, Jimmie Moore and Monroe Cantrell.

At Brother Glen Coleman's Home: Elders Eugene Blevins and Robert Warrix.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

My beloved Brethren, Elders, Deacons, Messengers who compose the Mates Creek Association. As I was appointed by our last association to write to you in the form of a circular letter, I will at this time try to fulfill that appointment. Feeling very weak in spirit and body, but looking to God that he would bless me that I might write something that would be to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I know nothing better to write about than love.

I believe God has forever loved his children. Jesus said he was love. Realizing that we are a people bound together only by the cords of his love. One writer wrote, The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, "Yea, I loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness I have drawn thee." So being drawn by his love then we become heirs of his kingdom and joint heirs of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (John 15:13) Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 3:16) 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. And I don't believe there is enough devils or demons to separate us from that love which is in Christ. The Apostle Paul in Romans 8:35: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ, shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come. Nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We believe that this love is what brought Christ here. That he was born of the Virgin Mary. We believe that he died and made a complete atonement for them. He loved and that none come to him only those whom he loved with an everlasting love. We believe by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God he knew every one of them. And he sent his son down here to redeem them. Christ declared (John 6:38), For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me. And this is my Father's will which hath sent me that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. And that no man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him at the last day. The Scriptures declare that no man can say that Christ is the Son of God except by the Holy Ghost. All things are delivered unto me of my Father and no man knoweth the Son but the Father neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son. And he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. (John 14:6) Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." No man cometh unto the father but by me. As much as we believe he was here he is coming again. (John 14:1&2) Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go



and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. No wonder Jacob, when he awoke, could say, This is none other but the house of God. This is the gate of heaven. This is the house that Christ spoke of when he said, In my Father's house are many mansions. We as pilgrims traveling through a strange and weary land, that we are blessed to sit in some of these mansions here on earth. We believe the Old Church is a mansion where God's children can meet and worship him in spirit and truth. And show forth his love toward one another. I go to prepare a place for you. We believe he went down into death for his bride the Church prepared the grave a resting place for the children of God. We believe in a resurrection of the just and unjust. And that some day out in the future he is coming again to call for the objects of his love. And the dead in Christ will rise first to be carried home on the wings of his love to live forever a life of peace, joy and happiness.

So in closing let me admonish that we all work together for peace and never exalt ourselves above our brothers and sisters but down at each other's feet and in doing so we show forth his love. May God richly bless every one of you is my prayer. One living in hope of eternal life.

Ray Harlow

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### VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Franklin Viers  
Elder J. H. Stuphein  
Elder James Booth  
Elder Henry Viers  
Elder Monroe Cantrell  
Elder Josh Viers  
Elder Arnold Childers  
Elder Elbert Hunter

Elder Eugene Blevins  
Elder Bobby Arrington  
Elder Bobby Mayhon  
Elder William Littleton  
Elder Leonard Barton  
Elder Ray White  
Elder Andrew McGlothin

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa Church -- Elders W. H. Thacker, Robert B. Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Brethren Bradley Warrix, John Slone, Albert Justice, Calvary Runyon, Harry Thacker, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, David Akers, Jessie Tucker.

Old Pond Church: Elders Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Brethren Leroy Smith, Evans Breeding, Ray Harlow, Andy Blackburn, Jake Runyon, Clifford Hunt, Fairchild Runyon, Bob Dotson.

Big Creek Church: Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Opa Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Brethren Daniel Roberts, Luther Smith, Joe Stanley, Delmer Williamson, Paul Taylor, Ireland Coleman, M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon Church -- Elder Paul D. Justice, Brethren George McCoy, King Coleman, Homer Coleman, Clinton Justice, Alvis P. Keene, Glenn Coleman, Johnny Slone.

Peter Creek Church -- Elders Eli Estep, Troy Casey,



Brethren Adrian Dotson, Virgil Smith, Harrison Smith, Earl Casey, Floyd Stump, Elliot Casey.

Sulphur Springs Church -- Brethren George W. Lester, Claude Stiltner, Arthur May, Frank Lester, George E. Lester, Roosevelt Young.

Little Hope Church -- Elder John I. Smith, Brethren A. H. Blackburn, Roy Ball, Ballard Blackburn.

Grape Vine Church -- Brethren Arvil Justice, Miles Thacker.

Samaria Church -- Elders Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Fred Varney, Don Hatfield, Brethren Stearl Hatfield, Estill Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, Luther Scott, Andrew Herald, Bruce Hatfield, Clayton Smith.

Little Union Church -- Brethren Elzie May, Theo Fuller, Lonzie Blair.

Johns Creek Church -- Brethren Lee Stiltner, John Stiltner, Bailey Taylor Coleman, Noah Smith.

Calvary Church -- Elder Kit C. Ratliff, Brother Sid Varney.

Dry Fork Church -- Elder Elmer Brown, Brethren Estil Vandyke, Shorty Vandyke, Harrison Street, Lundy Childress.

Columbus Church -- Elders Wheeler Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Brother Joe Dotson.

Friendship Church -- Elder Avery Lowe, Brethren J. D. Preston, Roby Lewis, Martin Childers.

Deerfield Church -- Brethren James Partin, Harold Blackburn, Charles Blackburn, Onis Smith, Joe H. Blackburn.

Pleasant Hill Church (Springfield, Ohio) -- Elder James Moore, Brethren Ira Smith, McClellan Blankenship.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Thacker	-----	Canada, Ky.
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Dan Adkins	-----	Huddy, Ky., Ph. 353-4963
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Green Coleman	-----	Millard, Ky.
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John Looney	-----	Grundy, Va.
Glen Vipperman	-----	Kimper, Ky.
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Homer Blackburn	-----	Kelsa, Va.
Everette Brizendine	-----	Phelps, Ky.
Avery Lowe	-----	Turkey Creek, Ky.
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V. V. Justice	-----	Grundy, Va.
Willard Dotson	-----	Pie, W. Va.

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 Jeff Chapman ----- Kimper, Ky.  
 Walter Runyon ----- Stone, Ky., Ph. 353-4473  
 Troy Casey ----- Phelps, Ky.  
 Joe Slone ----- Fish Trap, Ky.  
 Robert B. Worrix ----- Route 3, Pikeville, Ky., Ph. 432-1752  
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 Clifford Thacker ----- Shalbiana, Ky.  
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 King Coleman ----- Raccoon, Ky.  
 Paul Dean Justice ----- Raccoon, Ky.  
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 Licentiates:  
 Shorty Vandyke ----- Vansant, Va.  
 Paris Ramey ----- North Matewan, W. Va.  
 Kedna Charles ----- Phyliss, Ky.  
 Johnny Hatfield ----- Canada, Ky.  
 Jess Tucker ----- Millard, Ky.  
 Arlen Thacker ----- Fishtrap, Ky.  
 Elza May ----- Feds Creek, Ky.  
 Johny Jacobs ----- Grand Blanc, Mich.  
 Onis Smith ----- Grand Blanc, Mich.

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa--	Eld. W. H. Thacker -----	July, 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek--	Elds. T. R. Ball and Frank Wheeler -	June, 2nd Sat.
Big Creek--	Eld. Joe Thacker -----	June, 3rd Sat.
Raccoon--	Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	June, 4th Sat.
Sulphur Spring--	Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	August, 1st Sat.
Peter Creek--	Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	June, 4th Sat.
Little Hope--	Elder W. H. Thacker -----	July, 1st Sat.
Grape Vine--	Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	July, 3rd Sat.
Samaria--	Elder Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler -	June, 3rd Sat.
John's Creek--	Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	July, 2nd Sat.
Calvary--	Elder Kit Ratliff -----	June, 1st Sat.
Little Union--	Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	May, 1st Sat.
Dry Fork--	Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	May, 2nd Sat.



Columbus--Elds. Teddy R. Ball and Lundy Coleman - April, 4th Sat.  
Cool Spring--Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- April, 1st Sat.  
Friendship--Avery Lowe ----- July, 3rd Sat.  
Deerfield--Elder Robert Mayhorn ----- May, 4th Sat.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa--Bradley Worrix, Zebulon, Ky. -----	150
Pond Creek--Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531 -----	150
Big Creek--M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	100
Raccoon--Richard May, Raccoon, Ky. 41557 -----	100
Peter Creek--Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553 -----	100
Sulphur Spring--George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 ----	90
Little Hope--M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	50
Grape Vine--Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554 -----	90
Samaria--J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	190
John's Creek--Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	60
Little Union--Earnest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. 41524 -----	60
Calvary--Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	60
Dry Fork--Garland Childres, Vansant, Va. 24656 -----	125
Columbus--Sandra Kay Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211-----	75
Friendship--Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 -----	50
Deerfield--James Earnest Hager, 846 Oak Street, ----- Fenton, Michigan 48430	100

#### MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion--J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va. 25951 -----	20
Senter--Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston Salem, N. C. -----	20
Rock Spring--Lurman McGuire, Route 2, Morehead, Ky. 40351 -	20
Union--Alvin N. Proffitt, Box 511, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858 --	20
Burning Spring--Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky. 41408 -----	20
New Liberty--Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va.	20
Sand Lick of Virginia--Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. 24646 -----	20
Little Yadkin River--Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 27017	20
To the Clerk--Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	40
Total -----	1750

### Obituaries

#### LASSIE BLACKBURN HUNT

By the helping hand of God I'll try to write an obituary of Lassie Blackburn Hunt. She was the daughter of Tom and Octavia May Blackburn. She was born on November 11, 1896 and died April 5, 1972. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for about forty-nine years.

She was married to George W. Hunt who preceded her in death.

She leaves the following children:



three sons, Fonso Hunt, Charles (Tickle) Hunt, and Thomas Hunt, all of Hardy; three step-children, one son, Raymond Hunt of Hardy, two daughters, Hazel Hankins, of Hardy, and Sylvia Worland of Pres-tonsburg, Ky.

She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

She also leaves one brother, John Blackburn of Toler, Kentucky, and three sisters, Mrs. Zennia Harris of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Mrs. Anna Harris of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mrs. Arlene Bogar of Sidney, Kentucky.

She is sleeping in the Bogar Cemetery at Narrows Branch.

Sad was the mourning here but my heart was joyful for I could feel the heavenly reunion of her and Grandpa with God. For I've heard her say all her heart's dream was to go home and be with God.

Written by,  
Her step-grandaughter:  
Connie (Hankins) Wallen

### LACY MAE LOONEY

In loving memory we write this obituary of our sweet mother, Lacy Mae Looney.

She was born April 2, 1906, and passed away November 26, 1971.

She was the daughter of the late Tom and Mindy Looney.

She was married to Elder John C. Looney. To this union was born three sons: Harold, Jim and Larrey of Grundy, Virginia; two daughters: Susan Looney of Grundy, Va., and Marceline Lester of Bristol, Tennessee.



"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Written by the children

### CORA MURPHY

It's with a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of our dear departed mother, Cora Murphy, whom we love so dearly.

She was born February 13, 1890, the daughter of George and Jane (Justice) Cavins. She was called from our midst February 3, 1972, making her stay on earth 81 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in June 1938 and lived a faithful member until death.

She was married to James Alex Murphy





October 10, 1907. To this union was born 10 children. Her beloved husband and two children preceded her in death. She leaves six daughters, two sons and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

We loved Mommy so much and tried to make her last days happy ones, but Jesus loved her more and called her home to live with him. We feel sure that our loss is heaven's gain.

I'm living in hopes of meeting Mother again some day.

Sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Written by her daughter,  
Mrs. Jane Hackney

### MARY J. DOTSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my loving mother-in-law, Mary J. Dotson. She was born April 15, 1894, and departed this life November 22, 1971, making her stay on earth 77 years, seven months and seven days. She was the daughter of the late Robert Justice and Sindusta McClanahan Justice. She was married to Clell Dotson. To this union was born eight children, five girls and three boys. Her husband and three sons preceded her in death. She leaves five daughters and one sister and one brother and 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss.



She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring the first Saturday in July 1946. She lived a faithful member until death. She loved to hear the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. She always went to church as long as she was able to go although she was sick. We feel that she bore her suffering with much patience. We feel to know that when she met her appointed time she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await His second coming where she will be awoken in His likeness and go home satisfied to be forever with Him. We will miss our dear mother but all we can say now is, Dear Mother, as you're lying now, beneath the cold cold clay; it seems my eyes are never dry, since you have gone away, Because Dear Mother, when you left, something left me, too. I suppose it was a little love, because I'm part of you, so I'll not question any more, why God took you away. But if I live within His love, I'll see you some sweet day, for by the grace of God we are saved and that not of ourselves lest any man should boast but a gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son-in-law,  
Herbert and Birdie Lee and  
Arthur May



### MAE REYNOLDS BALL

Sister Mae Ball was born June 9, 1916, departed this life August 31, 1971, making her stay on earth 55 years, two months and 22 days. She was married to Lee Roy Ball. To this union was born five children, two boys and three girls. She is survived by one brother and two sisters.

Sister Ball united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Little Hope in April 1959 and lived a faithful member until death. She was loved by all who knew her. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by one who loved her,  
Mordecai Blackburn



### COLUMBIA ANN HATFIELD MULLINS

Columbia Ann Hatfield Mullins, 74 years of age, of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 1972, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, of a recent illness.

She was born October 30, 1897, at Pinsonfork, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Ira Runyon and Judy Ball Runyon. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 20 years. She was preceded in death by two sons, Don and Udy Hatfield. She is survived by the following: sons, Ray Hatfield, Ned Hatfield, Roy Hatfield; step-daughter, Ada Runyon; brothers, Woodrow Runyon, Virgil Runyon, Amos Runyon, Joe Runyon; sister, Mazie Charles, and 10 grandchildren.



### VICTORIA WOLFORD HATFIELD

Sister Victoria Wolford Hatfield, daughter of the late Nemirah Wolford and Jane Farley Wolford, was born March 27, 1882, deceased January 6, 1972. Her husband, Ancie Hatfield, preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, Eugene Hatfield of Williamson, W. Va.

She united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church October 6, 1940, and was baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and Paris Coleman. Although illness prevented her regular attendance the last few years, she still loved her church.





She had great patience and never complained. She is greatly missed by her family and her church. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Bob Dotson

### MRS. POLLY MEADOWS

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Polly Meadows, born July 18, 1885, in Pike County. She left this old world on June 4, 1972, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andy Blackburn of Hardy, Ky. She was married to Henry Meadows who still survives her. Also she leaves her daughter, Noleeka Blackburn; three sons, Jack Meadows, Paul and Blake Meadows; three sisters, 24 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mama joined with Primitive Baptist several years before she passed away. She always loved the church and did everything she could for it, also she was always helping others in anyway she could in sickness, deaths, or any way and any time they needed her. She was a wonderful mother, loved by all that knew her, especially by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mama was sick 5 1/2 years. I took care of her. No one knows how I miss her but I know she has a better home where her suffering is over. So our loss is her eternal gain so all I can say is, Sleep on, Mama, I have hope I will meet you again when Jesus comes to gather us all and take us home.

Written by her daughter,  
Mrs. Andy (Noleeka) Blackburn



### VELLA FARLEY SCOTT

Vella Farley Scott, daughter of James H. and Lydia Stafford Farley, was born March 23, 1890, and deceased November, 1971.

She was married to Fletch Scott June 25, 1913, who preceded her in death.

Vella was united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church several years ago. Although she was unable to attend church as I know her wishes would have been, I feel she was a true and faithful member until her death.

She dearly enjoyed meeting with her friends in church whenever she was able to attend



There were three sons and four daughters left to mourn

Mother's loss.

One son preceded her in death. One daughter, Juanita McCoy, preceded her in death by about one month.

She also left several grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Four sisters and one brother were left behind to mourn for Vella.

Aunt Vella was a mother to all who knew her. Aunt Vell's children have lost a precious loving mother and the church a faithful member, but I feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

After her death one of her sisters, Aunt Tilda Jane Hatfield, passed away.

Written by her niece,  
Blanche Blackburn

### JOHN H. COLEMAN

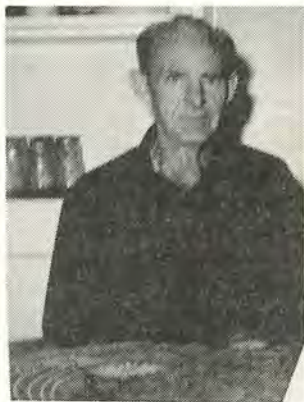
In very much sadness we try to write the obituary of our loved one.

John H. Coleman was born April 10, 1901, and died May 16, 1972, making his stay on earth 71 years, one month and six days.

He was married to Mazie Akers June 25, 1919 who survives. To this union were born 15 children, six of them precede him in death, and nine surviving children. He also leaves 40 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren to mourn his loss.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church March, 1951, and was a faithful member until death. Our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his wife and family



### PHILLIP HATFIELD

Phillip Hatfield, Ransom, Ky., was born June 2, 1919, at Ransom, Ky. He was the son of the late Howard and Amy Smith Hatfield. He was married to the former Octavia Smith who survives. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He departed this life May 17, 1972. In addition to his wife, he was survived by three sons, three daughters and seven grandchildren, one brother and three sisters. One daughter preceded him in death.

By the grace of God we will meet him in Heaven.





Sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and sisters and all who knew him.

Written by his wife,  
Mrs. Octavia Smith Hatfield

### GEORGE SLONE

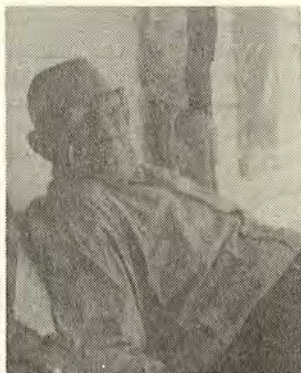
In memory of our father, George Slone, who lived down here 77 years, four months and 17 days. He was the son of the late Gilmore and Sarah (Kendrick) Slone.

Born April 1, 1895 in Pike County, Slone was a retired miner and a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for about 20 years.

He was married to Mandy (Honaker) Slone for 55 years who survives. He is also survived by four daughters, Mrs. Opal Porter of Rittman, Ohio; Mrs. Alice Varney of Kimper, Kentucky; Mrs. Bertha Mae Fish of McAndrews, Kentucky, and Miss Hattie Slone, of the home. He also raised four grandsons, Roy Owens, Billy Ray Thompson, Eugene Thompson, and Tommy Thompson. Four daughters preceded him in death, Didema Owens, Ruby Thompson, Rebecca Slone, and Rissie Van Sycle. He also is survived by ten other grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Darkis Worrix of Fishtrap, Kentucky; Mrs. Didema Webb of Ransom, Kentucky, and one brother, John Slone of Fishtrap, Kentucky.

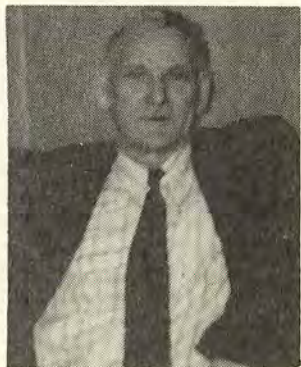
God took his spirit home, but our memories will last forever. We all loved him, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by His Wife and Children



### SAMUEL BARTON

Samuel Barton was born March 9, 1903, and departed this life June 8, 1972, making his stay here on earth 69 years and three months. He was married to Martha Farmer and to this union were born eight children: four sons, Gilford Barton, Richlands, Va.; Garrett Barton, Bee, Va.; Chuck Barton, Dublin, Va.; Pete Barton, Bluefield, Va.; two daughters, Ruth Rasnake, Raleigh, N. C., and Phyliss Teen Owens, Bee, Va., all of whom survive his passing. One son, Clayton Barton, and one daughter, Mavis, preceded him in death. He also leaves four brothers: Acie Barton, Davenport,





Va.; Jess Barton, Bee, Va.; Emmett Barton, Bee, Va., and Hobert Barton, Dublin, Va.; one sister, Lizzie Rasnake, Davenport, Va.

He also leaves 10 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who loved him dearly. Sam grew to fill a great place among men. He was a kind loving husband, father and grandfather. He was ambitious and alert in all his ways. Sam united with the Dry Fork Primitive Church on Sunday, May 2, 1963, and there remained a faithful member until death. Sam was licenated as a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church. His greatest concern aside from his family was the church. You could come in sight of the Duty View Church so many times and hear him singing the song of Zion. Sam was a firm believer in all the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God and did not shun to declare all the counsel of God and did not hesitate to defend it. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially the churches and associations where he lent his services, and by his loving wife and children who were always near to help and encourage him in whatever way they could.

Lift up your heads, though your burdens be great and your grief hard to bear, and look with sweet expectancy for the fulfillment of that blessed promise which consoled Brother Sam, of seeing that man who had done so much for him. We all join you in your grief and loneliness, but your grief and loneliness has not been without hope.

Written by the request of the family by:  
Bobbie Viers

### JOHN WALLACE VARNEY

With a sad aching in our hearts, we try to write the obituary of our dear dad, John Varney, who passed away quickly from this world of sickness and sorrow with a heart attack to that place of peace and rest on September 29, 1971, at five (5) minutes until 3:00 P.M. at his home.

He was born at Kimper, Kentucky. He was the son of the late W. A. and Selah Angeline (Hess) Varney. He deceased this life September 29, 1971, making his stay on earth 66 years, five months and two days.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church on March 7, 1971, and was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Kit Ratliff. He took fellowship with the Calvary Church. Daddy filled his seat in church when he was able to attend, but his seat in the church and at home is vacant now, never to be filled anymore. He was married April 29, 1927, at Kimper, Kentucky, to Lilly Rose (Bostic) Varney, who preceded him in death June 10, 1965. He is survived by 10 children although one preceded him in death. Those surviving include: Mr. Ance Varney and Mrs. Jeanett





(Varney) Owens, both of Canada, Kentucky, Mr. Earnest Varney of Zebulon, Kentucky, Mr. Henry Varney, Mr. Jessie Varney, Mr. Sid Varney, Mr. Rora Varney, Mrs. Jenell (Varney) Turnmire, and Mr. Lester Varney, all of Kimper, Kentucky, and Mr. Armon Varney of Meta, Kentucky.

Also surviving him are 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: Henry Varney of Stone, Kentucky; Ora Murphy of Phyllis, Kentucky; Verna Chapman of Meta, Kentucky, and Bertha Ward of Ervington, Ohio, also a host of friends.

Oh, how lonesome we are without you, Daddy. Our home is so sad since you went away. Your old rocker is vacant now. We have a hope of seeing you again when Jesus comes. So sleep on "DADDY".

Written by your broken-hearted children:  
Your eight sons and two daughters

### WILLIAM ARTHUR BROWN

In memory of William Arthur Brown.

He was the son of Richard T. and Ellen Fuller Brown. He was born February 1893 and deceased this life September 5th, 1971, making his stay on earth 78 years, six months and 25 days.

He was married to Martha Annie Nuckels November 21, 1918, and to this union was born nine children, two daughters and seven sons. One daughter and one grandson preceded him in death, leaving his wife, one daughter, seven sons, sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He also raised one grandson, Kermet Street.

Also to mourn his death are three sisters, three brothers and a host of friends and loved ones. Our very deep loss is his Heavenly gain.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a true and faithful member and a deacon of the church until his death. He loved to go to church, rejoice and sing. On Saturday evening before passing away, he smiled and hummed the song, "Tarry with me, O my Savior." He didn't know us but he looked so happy.

We, the family, spent most of 61 days in the hospital with him. When he did know us, he looked so content and happy. He knew we all loved and cared so much for him.

He was so proud of one son, Elmer, leaving him a minister in the church. Our home is so sad and lonely without him but we will meet again some day.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by, we miss you more.



Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.

Written by his wife and daughter

### DAVE SMITH

Dave Smith, 79, of McCarr, Ky., died Sunday morning in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Huntington following a lengthy illness.

Born February 10, 1893 at Coleman, Ky., he was the son of the late George and Minda Smith. He was married to the former Polly Dotson, who preceded him in death.

Smith was an Army veteran of World War I and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include seven sons, Frank Smith of Lexington, Ky., Dave Smith of Radcliff, Ky., John Smith of McCarr, Robert Smith of Worthington Springs, Fla., Charles Smith of Elkview, W. Va., Luther Smith of St. Albans, and William Smith of Orlando, Fla.; four daughters, Mrs. Frank (Jeanette) Curcio of Williamson, Mrs. Maxine Little of Orlando, Mrs. Pearl Holdsworth of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Shirley Aceves of Glendora, Calif.; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Additional survivors include five sisters, Miss Martha Jane Smith and Mrs. Vicie Sullivan, both of Coleman, Mrs. Frona Bailey of McVeigh, Ky., Mrs. Sylvania Damron of Virgie, Ky., Mrs. Fannie Phillips of Dayton, O.; and three brothers, Thomas Smith of McCarr, George Smith of Matewan and Scott Smith of Stirriat.

By The Family

### FRANCIS MARION FANNING BOYD, JR.

In memory of our dear husband and father, Francis Marion Fanning Boyd, Jr.

He was born June 15, 1900, and departed this life February 16, 1972, making his life here on earth 71 years, eight months and one day.

He was the son of Francis Marion Fanning Boyd, Sr., and Josaphine Looney Boyd.

He was married to Ethel Jackson September 15, 1927. To this union was born 10 children: six daughters, Martha Smith of Phelps, Ky.; Myrtle Wagner of Florida; Marie Charles of Vansant, Va.; Cathaline Lockhart of Vansant, Va.;





Dorothy Hibbitts of Vansant, Va., and Madilene Boyd of the home; four sons, Ernest Boyd of Vansant; Jennings and David Boyd, at home. Teddy Wayne preceded him in death.

His parents, two brothers and four sisters also preceded him in death.

He leaves one sister, Lilly Boyd, of West Virginia.

Fanning joined the Methodist Church in the year 1927 and was baptised, but never seemed to be satisfied there.

As time went on, he still went far and near to hear the Primitive Baptist, and seemed to enjoy hearing them so much, until at last feeling that the Lord was directing his mind, he joined the Primitive Baptist Church August 30, 1954, at Peter Creek in Kentucky, and was baptised by Elders Teddy Ball and Paris Coleman.

He remained a faithful member until death.

He was in ill health for quite some time. He bore his sickness with faith, hope, and courage.

He was a faithful husband and a good and wonderful father.

Our home is so lonely and empty without him, but we feel our loss is his gain.

I remember from my childhood how well he sang the dear old hymns.

He enjoyed having church services and gathering of friends in his home.

We feel that he is among the flowers that God is gathering from this earth, to be transplanted in his care to bloom again, and live with him forever in that beautiful garden.

There we hope to meet him where there will be no more suffering nor death.

Written by his family's request,  
by Trula Robinson

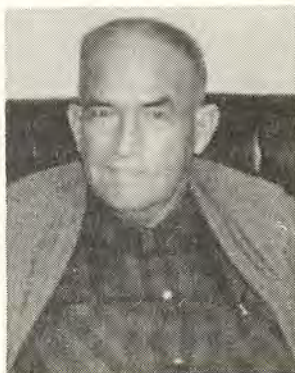
### PHILLIP DOTSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear dad, Phillip Dotson.

He was the son of the late Jordon and Sarah Hatfield Dotson, born December 23, 1898, and departed from this earth October 21, 1971, making his stay on earth 71 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek (Coleman, Ky.) April, 1933. He was an ordained deacon and was faithful to the church and helped in any way for the betterment of the church.

He was married to Mary Fuller Dotson September 15, 1921. Unto this union were born eleven children. Two children preceded him in death. He leaves Mom and



nine children to mourn his loss: six sons, Burl, Harold and Phillip Dotson, Jr., of Phelps, Ky., Earl Dotson of Freeburn, Ky., Ernest Dotson, South Williamson, Ky. and Tommy Dotson of Forest Hills, Ky. Three daughters, Mrs. Anna McCarter of Alexandria, Ky., Mrs. Rena Dotson of Logan, W. Va. and Ethel Estep of Pikeville, Ky. Two sisters, Mrs. Gustiva Coleman of Phelps, Ky. and Mrs. Lizzie Coleman of Stone, Ky., twenty-two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his son,  
Tommy Dotson

### TOLBERT HARRISON SMITH

With a sad heart we try to write the obituary of our dear son, Tolbert Harrison Smith.

Tolbert was born February 1, 1951, at Phelps, Ky., and passed away March 18, 1972, making his stay on earth 21 years, one month and 18 days.

He was the son of Harrison Smith and Bertha Mae Smith of Phelps, Ky.

Left to mourn his loss are his parents, one brother, Robert Louis Smith of Irvine, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Joyce Estep of Kimper, Ky.

He is sadly missed by his family and friends but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain. He is gone but not forgotten.

In loving memory,  
Mother and Dad

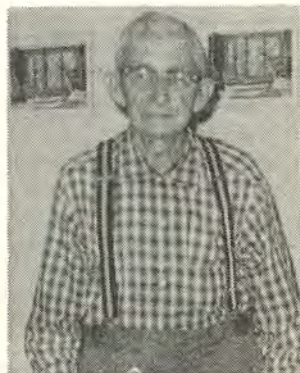


### JOHN MATT SMITH

Brother John Matt Smith was born September 25, 1870, departed this life April 30, 1972, making his stay on earth 101 years, seven months and five days.

He was the son of the late Matt and Arminda Charles Smith. He was married to Cora Alice Smith, who preceded him in death February 24, 1964. To this union was born five daughters. One daughter preceded him in death. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister and four half-sisters.

Brother John Matt joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek February 18, 1951, and lived a faithful member until death,





and we feel assured that our loss is his gain.

Written by one who loved him very much,  
Mordecai Blackburn

### BALLARD HENSLEY

Brother Ballard Hensley was born January 25, 1890, and departed this life February 9, 1972, making his stay on earth 82 years and 15 days. He was the son of the late John Hensley and Polly (Blackburn) Hensley. He was married to Kelsie Fuller. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Martha Hatfield and Mrs. Mary Molovan.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek in July, 1941, and lived a faithful member until he became disabled to attend.

Written by one who loved him,  
Mordecai Blackburn

### ISAAC JUSTICE

It is with an aching heart I try to write an obituary of one of our brothers in the Lord. Brother Isaac Justice was born November 8, 1889, and departed this life June 18, 1972, making his stay on earth 82 years and seven months and 10 days. He was the son of the late Robert Justice and Sindusta McClanahan Justice. He was married to Goldie Walice, and to this union was born eight children. He leaves his wife and eight children and one brother and one sister, and 31 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He joined the Primitive Baptist

Church at Sulphur Spring the first Saturday in May 1971. He lived a faithful member until death. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.



Daddy, our home is so lonely, we miss your smiling face,  
But we hope to meet you again, in that bright and happy place  
Where you will not grow old and feeble, you will never need our  
care,

But you will sing and shout forever with our loved ones that are  
there.

The time was sweet we spent below, but Jesus called, you had  
to go.

But Children, serve Jesus, too, with Him I'll dwell and wait for  
you.

Written by a brother in hope,  
Arthur May

## SOLOMAN SMITH

Brother Soloman Smith was blessed to live here in this world to be about 83 years of age.

He was married to Louisa Smith and to this union were born seven or eight children.

His wife preceded him in death, leaving the children to mourn the loss of father and mother. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring the first Saturday in March, 1920. He lived a faithful member until death. He loved to hear the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. He went to church as long as he was able to go. We feel to know that when he met his appointed time he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await His second coming where he will be awoken in His likeness and go home satisfied to be forever with the One that gave His life for His sheep. We live in hope to see him again. He is gone but not forgotten. Our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by an unworthy brother,  
Arthur May

## PETE J. SCOTT

Pete J. Scott, son of the late Julius and Polly Hatfield Scott, was born July 16, 1904, at Ransom, Ky., and deceased May 31, 1972, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Maude Stanley, Hardy, Ky. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Sandra Rardin of Lukewood, Ohio; three grandsons; three brothers, Charlie Scott, Decatur, Ga.; John B. Scott, Orlando, Fla.; Bankie Scott, South Williamson, Ky.; four sisters, Mrs. Maude Stanley, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Fern Brown, Kenova, W. Va.; Mrs. Georgia Brown, Huntington, W. Va., and Mrs. Magalene Blackburn, Belfry, Ky. Two brothers preceded him in death, Erman and Sherman Scott. Although he was not a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, on several occasions he expressed his belief in the doctrine by grace. He was laid to rest in the Julius Scott Cemetery, Hardy, Ky., to await the second coming of the Lord.



Written by Bob Dotson

## CLEARENCE HARRIS

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my loving father, Clearence Harris. He was the son of W. H. Harris and Vicy B. Thacker Harris. Daddy was born July 19, 1890, and departed this life August 20, 1960, making his stay on earth 70 years, one month and one day. He was married to Illa Blackburn Harris October 1, 1914. To this union were born 11 children, six boys



and five girls. One son preceded him in death. He leaves his wife and ten children, 59 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Daddy united with the Primitive Baptist Church September 14, 1952, and lived a faithful member until death. We miss Daddy so much. We know he can never come to us, but by the grace of God we can go to him. Sleep on, Daddy, we hope our loss is your eternal gain.

Written by his daughter,  
Eddie Slone

### M. C. SLONE

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my father, M. C. Slone. He was the son of J. W. Slone and Nancy Jane Rains Slone. Dad was born July 16, 1888, and departed this life March 13, 1972, making his stay on this earth 83 years, six months and 28 days. He was married to Gracie Thacker Slone December 1, 1910. To this union were born 11 children. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and children, 54 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Dad united with the Primitive Baptist Church the second Sunday in October, 1920. He was a strong believer in the resurrection of these bodies. We believe Dad is resting from all his labor. So, sleep on, Dad, and take that peaceful sleep from which none ever wakes to weep. He is gone and can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can go to him.

The Family



### HENRY VARNEY

Henry Varney of Stone, Kentucky, was born August 24, 1886, and deceased this life May 4, 1971.

He was married to Florence Hensley and to this union were born thirteen children. His wife and four children preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his loss nine children, three brothers, one sister, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Grandpa joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1941 and was a faithful member



until his death. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly written by one who loved him,  
His granddaughter, Shelby Hill

### GRANT BLACKBURN

Grant Blackburn was born August 25, 1883, the son of Henry and Lucinda Bevins Blackburn. He was married in early life to Ida Scott Blackburn. To this union was born seven children, six sons and one daughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one son and one daughter. Surviving sons are Tracy of Williamson, W. Va.; Earnest of Charleston, W. Va.; Oscar L. of Langley Field, Va.; Charles of Newport News, Va., and Walter G. of Statesville, N. C.

He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was a member and a deacon of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He lived to be 88 years old and was faithful to his church and filled his seat as long as he was able to go.

He will be missed by the church and his many friends.

He was a strong believer in Salvation by Grace and he lived and died with that belief.

We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by Stearl Hatfield



### THOMAS LEONARD BOGAR

I count it an honor to write the obituary of Thomas Leonard Bogar, who passed away April 19, 1972. He was born December 16, 1885. He was married to Pearl Smith Bogar. To them were born four children: Willie Bogar, Verna Smith, Fred Bogar and Bertha Elmo Milley.

I have always been with him and he was a firm believer in the old Primitive Church. He went to church as long as he was able to go. I was with him when he told us he was ready to go when his time came. I believe he went out of this life trusting Jesus as his Savior. We can only trust that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his daughter-in-law,  
Arlena Bogar





## CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist 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 their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

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

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

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

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, 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 a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting 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 the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.



14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that he is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.



9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

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

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect of the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contribution	
Louisa -----	Bradley Worrix, Zebulon, Ky. -----	9	2			2	1	3	95	2	\$ 30.00	
Pond Creek --	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky. -----	3					3	5	154	2	45.00	
Big Creek ---	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. -----	8	3			4		4	85	3	35.00	
Raccoon -----	Richard May, Raccoon, Ky. -----	9			1		2	1	60	4	50.00	
Peter Creek --	Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. -----	5	3		1	2	1	1	109	4	30.00	
Sulphur Spring	George W. Lester, St. Rt. Box 72, Big Rock, Va. -----	1			1	1		3	78	1	33.00	
Little Hope --	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. -----							3	27	1	26.00	
Grape Vine --	Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. -----	1						2	28	3	30.00	
Samaria -----	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	22	1		1	2		5	217	3	50.00	
Little Union --	Ernest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. -----	1	2						30	1	25.00	
John Creek ---	Noah Smith, Kimper, Ky., Box 74 -----								39	2	25.00	
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. -----	2	2					2	25	1	20.00	
Dry Fork ----	Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. -----	3				2		3	44	2	40.00	
Friendship --	Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 -----	2							15	4	15.00	
Columbus ---	Sandra Kay Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio --	6				1			36	4	20.00	
Deerfield ----	Joe H. Blackburn, 9299 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439 -	9	5	1			1		35	4	40.00	
Pleasant Hill -	Jackie Scott, 112 Blue Street, De Graff, Ohio -----	1								9	3	25.00
Totals -----		82	18	1	4	14	8	32	1086		\$539.00	



