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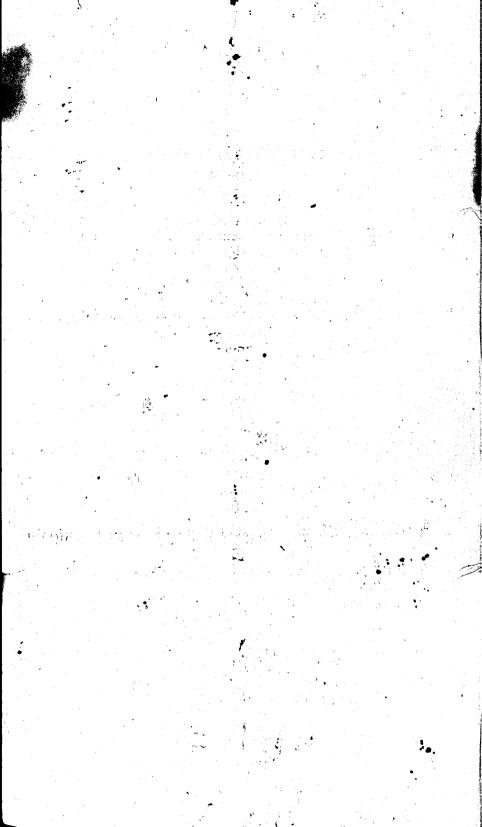
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#### PROCEEDINGS

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#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

According to appointment the ministers and delegates composing the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist, of North Carolina, convened with the church at Saratoga, Wilson Co., N. C. Nov. 4th, 1908.

Eld. C. J. Harris, who was appointed by last Conference to preach the introductory was present and preached—Text: Paul's 1st letter to Timothy, 4th chapter and 16th verse: "Take heed unto thyself, and the doctrine; continue in them, for in so doing thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee."

After one hour's recess the conference was called to order by Eld. C. J. Harris, after which, he was elected Moderator; Eld. R. I. Corbett, Assistant Moderator; Elds. J. M. Barfield, Clerk, and D. A. Windham, reading Clerk.

The moderator appointed the following committees: On Devotional Exercise: Eld. W. H. Laughinghouse, W. T. Walston and D. C. Davenport.

On Finance: Wiley Nobles, Chairman, A. D. McKeel and J. T. Tugwell.

On Education: Eld. J. T. Butler, W. A. Nobles and R. L. Griffin.

On Temperance: Eld. D. A. Windham, J. T. Bundy and W. J. Braxton.

On Missions: Eld. R. E. Edmonson, D. A. Nobles and David Tugwell.

On Sunday School: Eld. E. D. Hathaway, D. A. Windham and J. I. Corbett.

J. L. Eason was appointed to attend the stand and record the several text as preached from and hand them to the Clerk at the close of the session.

On motion, the fraternal delegates from the sister Conferences be called for and their names be enrolled on the minutes.

The delegates from the Eastern Conference: Eld. G. C. Vause.

The delegates from the Western Conference: Elds. E. T. Phillips, P. T. Lucas and R. F. Pittman.

On motion, the Conference give the Rev. R. L. Davis fifteen minutes to address this body on the great subject of Prohibition.

On motion, this Conference give Bro. Davis a rising vote for the able remarks and good advice contained in them.

On motion, the list of ministers be called and their Christian conduct inquired into.

The committee that was appointed last conference to investigate the charges against Eld. B. H. Hearn, find the charges not sustained. The committee was discharged. The report that had been circulated on Eld. E. D. Hathaway was not sustained and it was dropped.

The devotional committee reported: Elds. E. D. Hathaway open service and T. H. Barnhill preach tonight; Elds. C. B. Jones open tomorrow and J. R. Mc-Caskey preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, Conference close until tomorrow 9:30. Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Eld. A. A. Tyson.

#### Thursday Morning, Nov. 5th.

Conference met according to adjournment and opened by singing and prayer by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the church letters be called for and the names of the delegates be enrolled. (See Statistical Table.)

The committee on devotional exercise reports: Elds.

J. T. Bundy open service and G. C. Vause preach to day at 11 o'clock a. m., and Eld. D. A. Windham open service and R. F. Pittman preach at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Conference called off one hour for recess.

After the body reassembled, business was resumed.

On motion, Conference appoint Eld. J. T. Butler to take charge of the Bolton Grove church property in North Hampton County and have the house repaired and new blocks and he make his report what it cost.

On motion, the finance committee retire and settle with the treasurer and they make their reports.

The treasurer of the honorary ministers' funds as follows:

On hand from last year,

Received at this conference,	\$36.03	
Total,		\$41.97
Paid Eld. T. N. Manning,	\$25.00	
Eld. A. A. Tyson,	20.00	
Fld I M Porfold	10.00	

Total, \$55.00 ELD. F, McLawhon, Treasurer.

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The treasurer of the Minute, Mission and and Educational funds make the following report:

Received at this co	\$53.60	
Incidentals,	****	9.50 •
Mission,		5.60
Educational,		17.75

Total, 86.35 W. F. HART, Treasurer.

On motion, the treasurer pay Eld. J. T. Bundy two dollars to defray his expenses to the Western Conference on the rail road.

On motion, the treasurer pay Eld. D. A. Windham two dollars to detray his expenses.

On motion, the treasurer pay Eld. J. T. Butler five dollars and thirty cents to defray his rail road expenses to the South Carolina Conference.

On motion, Eld. Jesse Haddock be restored to his ministerial duties and his name be enrolled on the list of ministers.

The committee on devotional exercise reports: Elds. J. T. Bundy open service and E. T. Phillips preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, conference close until to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Eld. G. C. Vause.

#### Friday Morning, Nov. 6th.

Conference met according to adjournment. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld, R. F. Pittman.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, this conference appoint fraternal delegates to the sister conferences. Delegates to the Western Conference: Elds. D. A. Windham and J. R. Mc-Caskey.

Delegates to the Eastern Conference: Elds. J. R. Mc-Caskey and J. M. Barfield.

Delegates to the South Carolina Conference: Eld. C. J. Harris.

Delegate to the Cape Fear Conference: Eld. J. T. Bundy.

The corresponding delegate to the Ohio River Association: Eld. T. H. Barnhill.

On motion, we have 1500 minutes distributed as follows: Western Conference, 50; Eastern Conference, 50; South Carolina Conference, 25; Cape Fear Conference, 25; and the remainder to be distributed among the churches of this conference.

The clerk prepare the manuscript and have them printed and distribute them and be allowed \$12.00 for his services, and also be allowed to draw on the treasurer to pay for the printing of the minutes and mailing of them.

On motion, Eld. E. B. Hart be restored to his ministerial duties and his license and credentials be delivered to him, and his name be enrolled on the list of ministers.

On motion, the petitions for the next conference be taken up and voted on.

It was decided, the next conference convene with the church at Grimsley in Greene County, on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1909.

On motion, Eld. T. H. Barnhill preach the next introductory sermon and Eld. J. T. Butler be his alternate.

On motion, we endorse Eld. P. T. Lucas of the Western Conference in his efforts to distribute religious literature that is consistent with our doctrine, or with the doctrine of the Bible and that he be allowed to call to his assistance any member of this conference that he may desire.

On motion, we extend our thanks to this community for their kindness and hospitality shown us while we have been in their midst.

On motion, we extend a vote of thanks to the officers of this body for their kind and able ruling.

On motion, conference close to meet again Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1909. Eld. J. A. Suggr closed conference by prayer. Then singing by the congregation and an old time hand shake. This ended one more conference.

ELD. C. J. HARRIS, Moderator. ELD. R. I. CORBETT, Assistant.

ELD. J. M. BARFIELD, Clerk. ELD. D. A. WINDHAM, Reading Clerk.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE—Seeing the marvelous victory already won on the temperance question in North Carolina, and realizing that there is yet much to be done:

Resolved 1. That we put forth a united effort to drive the conquered foe from the field by electing men to office who are thorough temperance men, and who we believe will see the law enforced.

2. That we as citizens rally to the aid of the executive officers of our State, and give them all possible aid and encouragement in enforcing all temperance laws.

3. That we ask the Congress of the United States to prohibit the shipment of intoxicating liquors from wet territory into dry territory, and we do all in our power every way to prohibit such importations.

4. That we as a Christian denomination render all possible aid to the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in its great work for the relief of our people from the mountains to the seashore, and that we forever favor

total abstinence as the one paramount idea.

By the Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We your committee on S. S. beg to submit the following:

- 1. That we as an organized body urge the Sunday School work.
- 2. That we use our means to support and cultivate our S. S. chairs.
- 3. That we use our own literature printed at Ayden N. C. By the Committee.

Missions—We your committee on missions beg leave to make the following report: Seeing the great need of missions we recommend that each church take up a collection at each quarterly meeting for that purpose. By the Committee.

EDUCATION—We the committee on education beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That each preacher put these resolutions before his church.

2. That every member belonging to this conference be requested to pay ten cents per year for this purpose.

3. That every preacher should pay fifty cents per year for the like purpose.

4. That these resolutions shall go into effect immediately, and that every pastor shall appoint a collector in each church and said collectors shall pay into next conference the amounts so collected. All of which we respectfully submit to your honorable body.

J. T. BUTLER,
W. J. BRAXTON,
J. R. MCCASKEY,

#### Services at the Stage.

wednesday Night—Eld. E. D. Hathaway opened services and Eld. T. H. Barnhill preached, text, James 1:25. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

THURSDAY MORNING—Eld. C. B. Jones opened services and Eld. W. H. Laughinghouse preached, text, Heb. 7:24. "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Eld. J. T. Butler opened services and Eld. G. C. Vause preached, text, John, 14:5; "How can we know the way?"

THURSDAY NIGHT—Eld. D. A. Windham opened services and Eld. R. F. Pittman preached, text, James, 4:14. "What is your life?"

FRIDAY MORNING—Eld. R. F. Pittman opened and Eld. E. T. Phillips preached, text, Luke, 24:29. "Abide with us."

FRIDAY AFRERNOON—Eld. J. T. Butler opened and preached, text Luke 16:3. "Then the steward said within himself, what shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed."

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### TIMES OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	1,.56	TIME.		
Grimsley,	Greene,	2nd	Sunday	in	Oct.
Free Union,	oreene,	1st	"	"	Oct.
Little Creek,		1st	44	"	Oct.
Saints' Delight,	46	2nd	· " " · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Sept.
Friendship,	"	3rd	•	- 66	Oct.
Hull Road,		3rd			Oct.
Howell Swamp,	"	2nd	· ( *	3 66	Oct.
Harrell's Chapel,	"	4th	**	"	Oct.
Spring Branch,		lst	66	66	Oct.
Gum Swamp,	Pitt,	1st	1665 675	•	Sept.
Black Jack,	2 16.	3rd	16	"	Sept.
Parker's Chapel,	"	2pd	<b>34</b> - 33	"	Sept.
Reedy Branch,	66	1st	"	66	Nov.
Elm Grove,	ii .	2nd	16	"	Nov.
Piney Grove,	66	2nd	(6		Sept.
Cross Roads,	1 10	3rd	oric supply		Aug.
Hickory Grove,	· · · · ·	3rd	• • •	66.	Sept.
May's Chapel,	"	1st	44	"	Oct.
Marlboro,	"	4th	"		Oct.
Pleasant Hill,		4th	* (( )	66	Sept.
Rose Hill,	1 66 4 70	4th	66	"	Oct.
Bethany,	"	3rd	44	66	Aug.
Spring Branch,	1 - 1 66 g g 40	2nd	"	. "	Aug.
Ayden,		4th	"	. "	Oct.
Greenville,	u	3rd	"		Aug.
Winterville,	ii	2nd	. "	""	Aug.
Sweet Gum Grove,	1000	1st		"	Sept.
Watery Branch,	Wayne,	2nd	(6)	"	Oct.
Walnut Creek,	• • •	2nd	14	6.6	Sept.
Antioch,	64 "	1st			Sept.
Saratoga,	Wilson,	2nd	"		Sept.
Aspen Grove,	(6)	2nd	"		Sept:
White Oak Grove,	Lenoir,	1st	"	"	Oct.*
Hugo,	"	1st	"	"	Oct.
Shiloh,	Beaufort,	3rd	"	"	Oct.
Bear Creek,		1st	"	• 6	Sept.
Free Union,	" i.	2nd	"	.₽6	Sept.
Piney Grove,	Beaufort,	4th	"		Sept.
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## Times of Holding Annual Meetings-Continued.

Mount Olive,	"	3rd			Sept.
Corinth,	Martin,	4th	`	. "	Sept.
Roanoke Grove,	"	1st			Oct.
Christian Hope,	"	1st	"	66	Nov.
Iron Spring,	46	1st	. "		Oct.
Rose of Sharon,	46.	2nd	•• ••	""	Oct.
Cedar Grove,	**	1st		4.6	Oct.
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	3rd	•	"	Oct.
Malachi's Chapel,	"	4th		"	Aug.
Free Union,	"	2nd	4.6	. "	Oct.
Hickory Chapel,	Hertford,	2nd		"	Aug.
Bolton's Grove,	N. Hamp'n,	4th	"	66:	Sept.
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	OCL.
Union Chapel,	Washing'n,	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Piney Grove,	3	4th		"	Sept.
Mount Olive,	: "	3rd	46.		Sept.
East Lake,	- Dare,				
Rice's Mill,	Bertie,		* * *		
Otter's Creek,	Edgecombe		"		OCE.
Johnson's Grove,	S. Hampt'n	1st	68		Sept.

# Churches With Their Clerks and P. O. Address,

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES.
Grimsley	.J. J. Hughes	FarmvilleN. C
Free Union	.A.G. Walston	FarmvilleN. C
Little Creek	.Blanev Sumrell	Avden "·
Sts. Delight	.Wm. Wells .Ivy Tyson	Snow Hill, 2. "
Friendship	.Ivy Tyson	Farmville ",
Hull Road	.B. T. Mooring	alva
Howell Swamp.	.M. L. Walston:	alatuga
Harrell's Chapel	IG. T. Tyndall	
Spring Branch	.S. H. Craft .W. W. Bullock	
Dorker's Chane	IJ. F. Harris	Greenville
Hickory Grove	IJ. F. Hairis I W Martin	** CAT COTT & TITIO******
Reedy Branch	.J. W. Martin .R. L. Little	Winterville "
Elm Grove	.W. L. McLawhon.	Hanrahan "
Pinev Grove	.J. A. Baldree	Greenville "
Cross Roads	.I. Tugwell	Fountain "
May's Chapel	.J. Tugwell	Greenville *
Marlboro	R. L. Joyner	Farmville.: "
Pleasant Hıll	R. A. Gaskins	Shelmerdine "
Black Jack	J. A. Clark	Diack jack
Rose Hill	F. A. Haddock	WILLICE VILLE
Bethany	H. B. Smith	
Spring Branch.	George Harris	Ayuen
Ayden	G. W. Prescott	yuen
Winterville	B. E. Move Heber McLawhon	Greenvine
Sweet Gum Gr	D. N. Nobles	Rethel "
Watery Branch	J. E. Bailey	Eureka *"
Walnut Creek.	J. Rollins	.LaGrange "
Antioch	.J.S.Sasser	Goldsboro "
Saratogo	.J. M. Stricklin	Saratogo
Aspin Grove	.L. D. 1 ason	Saratogo "
Hugo	.M. D. Harris	Hugo "
Ground Nut	.I. W. Braxton	Institute "
White Oak G've	Seth Dawson	LaGrange "
Shiloh	.George V. Boyd .O. J. Dixon	Hunters Bridge "
Bear Creek	O. J. Dixon	Shelmerdine "
	James Webster	Deckwith
Carintle	T. A. Jolly	Factolas
Corintn	W. W. Waters	.jamesville, 2 "

Roanoke GroveM. S. FagonDarden	66
Rose of SharonD. B. WhichardWilliamston	"
Cedar GroveG. S. MooreWilliamstoh	"
Gum NeckA. E. JonesGum Neck	"
Malachi's Chap'lH. S. SwainJerry	4.6
Free Union	"
Sound SideJ. S. BrickhouseNewberry	"
Hickory Chapel.W. J. SumnerAhoskie	"
Piney GroveJ. L. BrittMurtreesboro	"
Union ChapelL. T. WeedPlymouth	44
Piney GroveJ. H. JolleyWashington	"
Mount OllveS. J. D. AngeJamesville	66
Mount Tabor	
Otter's CreekJ. EasonSaratoga	466
Johnson's Grove A. L. ClarkBranchville	Va.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

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1.	T. N. Manning	Winterville
2.	I. M. Barfield	Ayden
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4.	I. Rollins	· TaCronge "
-5.	A. A. Tyson	Rocky Mount
6.	G. S. Johnson	Greenville "
7.	W. H. Lathinghe	oute Tarboro "
8.	M. W. Ange	
9.	T. H. Barnhill	Jamesvil e"
10.	W. C. Vause	Hookerton ":
11.	I. R. McCaskey.	Avden
12.	C. L. Little	Avden
13.	A. Tyson	Farmvillé "
14.	E. D. Hathaway	Conetoe
15.	W. T. Pollard	Stokes"
16.	B. H. Hearne	
17.		Aulander
18.	D. M. Rateliff	Yeatesville "
19.	J. A. Sugg	Snow Hill
20.	E. L. Sowers	Columbia"
21.	R I Corbett	Timmonsville S.C.
22.	C. B. Jones	PactolusN. C.
23.	J. D. Boyd	Pinetown
24.	J. T. Bundy	Fountain "
<b>25.</b>	M. A. Woodard.	Avden
26.	D. A. Windham	Saratogo * "
27.	R. E. Edmonson.	Eureka
28.	S. F. Lassiter	Butler Va.
· <b>2</b> 9.	C. J. Harris	Greenville No. 4 N. C.
30.	C. O. Armstrong	Ayden
31.	A. Tyndall	Snow Hill " Butler Va,
32.	E. R. Ricks	Butler Va.
33.	E. B. Hart	
34.	Jesse Haddock	Shelmerdine:. "
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#### CLERK'S REMARKS.

. We have passed another conference year. The Lord has blessed the labors of his servants wonderfully. Many have been brought into the fold of Christ the past year. Many changes have been wrought. Many old Veterans of the Cross have passed over the river, and are resting under the shade of the trees. When we look back fifty years and remember the old ministers we have heard preach Jesus and Him crucified, such as old Elds. James Moore, R. K. Hearn, Joseph Sauls and many others we could mention; and look down the line of time to the present, we must say the Lord has been merciful to His people. Oh how necessary it is that we should serve him faithfully, and do all we can for the furtherance of His cause. Amid all the changes that may take place, He cares for those who love and serve Him. We are down to 1908, with His mercies still surrounding us. Many of the old veterans that have been laboring in the cause for lo these many years are laying down their armor one by one and going to their long home. We who are yet spared should do all we can to have their places filled.

There is a resolution on the minutes on education, requesting all the members belonging to the Central Conference to pay into the hands of their church treasurer, and it be sent to the conference and it be used for the sole purpose of helping the young men, who feel divinely impressed to preach the Gospel of Christ; to prepare themselves to preach so plain and simple that the world will be constrained to say, they are the servants of Christ, advocating the doctrine our fathers so faithfully preached.

Brethren, let us help them so they can go and proclaim the cause of Christ, Paul's admonition to Timothy was to study to show thyself approved unto God.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Introductory sermon
  Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
  Organization
- 3. Organization.
- Appointment of committees. 4.
- 5.
- Call for petitionary letters.
  Hand of fellewship to visiting brethren.
  Reports from the several churches.
  Reports from committees. 6.
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- Resolutions. 9.
- Miscellaneous business. 10.
- Vote of thanks. 11.
- Adjournment.

### STATISTICAL TABLE.

Howell Swamp Harrell's Chapel Spring Branch Gum Swamp Pitt W. E. Windham, J. H. Proctor J. G. Paramore, A. M. Whitehurst File Grove Piney Grove Cross Roads Marlboro Pleasant Hill May's Chapel Black Jack Black Jack Bethany Bethany Bethany Spring Branch  W. E. Corbett, A. D. McKeel	Mis Ed.
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