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Minutes

of the

JOHN—THOMAS ASSOCIATION

of

Freewill Baptists

STATE OF VIRGINIA

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Held With

Burdine Church

Burdine, Ky.

September 11-13, 1959

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE JOHN-THOMAS ASSOCIATION—1959

Expenditures for 1958:

Clerk, Everett Johnson	\$ 20.00
Donation to Rugby Church	100.00
(Mrs. Claude Martin, Treasurer)	
The King Printing Co.—Minutes	407.75
The King Printing Co.—Cards	9.29
Amount paid out	\$537.04
Amount in Treasury 9-13-58	681.91
Balance in Treasury	\$144.87
Received for engravings	7.00
Balance on hand 9-12-59	\$151.87

Money received 9-12-59:

Letcher County Conference (Check)	\$100.00
Dickenson County Conference (Check)	194.40
New Durm Conference (Check)	37.50
Hamilton County Conference (Check)	11.40
Tri-State Conference (Cash)	20.00
Engraving Fee (Brother Trigg Smith)	7.00
Total in Treasury at end of '59 Session	\$522.17

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1959

Dickenson County Conference	675
Letcher County Conference	625
New Durm Conference	300
Tri-State Conference	125
Hamilton County Conference	175
Total	1800

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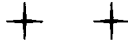
Burdine, Ky.

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With God

*To talk with God, no breath is lost;
Talk on!
To walk with God, no strength is lost;
Walk on!
To toil with God, no time is lost;
Toil on!
Little is much, if God is in it;
Man's busiest day not worth God's
minute.
Much is little everywhere
If God the business does not share.
So, work with God—then nothing's
lost;
Who works with Him does best and
most.*

—Selected



Calling A Meeting of the Board

1. *The Board of Absentees* will meet each time the services of the church meets. At this meeting, we will discuss ways of keeping the attendance as low as possible. We will see that there is no enthusiasm for increased attendance.

2. *The Board of Absentees* will discuss ways of decreasing the offerings.

3. Your *Board of Absentees* will seek to weaken the preaching of the Word.

4. *The Board of Absentees* will discuss ways of decreasing any revival efforts of the church.

5. Your *Board of Absentees* is composed of the following members:

Mr. Real Unconcern	Mrs. At Ease
Mrs. Sleep Late	Mr. and Mrs. Take It Easy
Mr. U. R. Lazy	Mr. Do Little
Mr. Don't Come At All	Mrs. Every Other Sunday
Mr. and Mrs. I Don't Like The Preachers	

It is our deepest desire to close the door of this church as quickly as possible. If you ever want an excuse for being absent, please contact us immediately—we have all the answers.

—from *Highland Park Baptist*

Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1959-1960.

L. D. MAHAN, Payne Gap, Ky.	Moderator
ALVA DINGUS, McClure, Va.	Assistant Moderator
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va.	Clerk
LESTER ABLE, Jenkins, Ky.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

ALBERT DINGUS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
C. W. ISOM	Burdine, Ky.
L. D. MAHAN	Payne Gap, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
BENTON MILLER	Pilgrims Knob, Va.
JAMES HUTCHISON	Honaker, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

E. C. (JACK) KISER, <i>Chairman</i>	Stratton, Va.
C. E. REEDY	Millard, Va.
ALVA DINGUS	McClure, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE CINCINNATI, OHIO

ROBERT MADDEN, <i>Chairman</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio
DALE RICTOR	Cincinnati, Ohio
FLOYD STEWART	Cincinnati, Ohio

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, <i>Chairman</i>	Kelsa, Va.
WILLIE COMPTON	Grundy, Va.
HENRY ESTEP	Paw Paw, Ky.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES LETCHER COUNTY

LUTHER DINGUS	Jenkins, Ky.
LESTER ABLE	Jenkins, Ky.
HERBERT WILLIAMS	Jenkins, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

WALTER WHITED	Swords Creek, Va.
CLEVE DYE	Swords Creek, Va.
ELBERT RASNAKE	Swords Creek, Va.
FLOYD STEVENSON	Honaker, Va.
FRAZIER HALE	Drill, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

EARET ROSE	Clintwood, Va.
N. B. LAMBERT	Nora, Va.
O. T. SMITH	Coeburn, Va.
WARREN SALYER	Clinchco, Va.
GEORGE BROWNING	Coeburn, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

W. H. ELKINS	Cincinnati, Ohio
JOE POE	Cincinnati, Ohio

VISITING MINISTERS

BEN & WADE POWERS	Southwest Va. Association, Wise, Va.
BRO. WALTER HOOPER	Ky. State Association
BRO. B. VAN HOOSE	Ky. State Association
E. B. McDONALD, <i>Clerk</i>	Cumberland Assoc. of F. W. B. Tenn.

Introduction

Service opened with singing. Bros. Ben and Wade Powers led the Congregational singing. The Pastor, Bro. Albert Dingus, requested that Bro. Emory Vanover take a part in the Introductory message. Bro. Vanover gave for a lesson, part of the 3rd. chapter of the Acts of the Apostles using these words for a text, "Look on us." This was a very impressive message given by Bro. Vanover and Bro. Dingus. Prayer by Bro. Van Hoose.

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-seventh session of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky. Sept. 11-13-1959.

Everett Johnson, the clerk, having charge of the Association, read for a lesson, 10 verses of the 6th. Chapter of the Book of the Ephesians. Prayer by Bro. Hooper.

He continued by enrolling the delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers.

DELEGATES

Dickenson County—

Sisters:

Lula Kennedy
Ritter Lambert
Lillie Murphy
Rosa Meade
Cecile Mullins
Zula Carty

Brothers:

Munsey Mullins
Aronld Gouge
Lee Hill
Brack Powers

Bros. & Sisters:

Barney Collins
Warren Salyer
Merta Boggs
Milton Collins
Wyth Salyer

New Durm Conference—

Bro:

Walter Whited

Letcher County—

Sisters:

Cora Able
Mary Powers
Maedell Dingus
Joyce Haynes
Grace Huff
Mary Whitaker
C. O. Caudill

Bros:

Clarence Toliver
Haskew Hayes
Carl DePreist
Hubbard Adams

Bro. & Sister:

Jack Bartly

Hamilton County—

Sister:

Mary Stewart

Tri-State Conference—

Bro:

Dempsey Adkins
Henry Estep
Ernest Stiltner

MINISTERS

Dickenson County—

Alva Dingus
E. C. (Jack) Kiser
Emory Vanover

Joe Johnson
James Hobbs
Everett Johnson

Clyde Reedy

Letcher County—

Lester Able
L. D. Mahan
Albert Dingus
Clyde Kelly
Clyde Huff

Artemus Mullins
Ezra Johnson
C. W. Ison
Eugene Adkin
Johnnie Stoffer

Tommy Pike
Eugene Bowen
Hurbert Cook

New Durm—
Benton Miller

Tri-State—
Henry Estep Dempsey Adkins

Hamilton County—
Floyd Stewart

The clerk declared the conference open for such business that might come before it. The electing of the moderator was the first item of business. By regular move and second Bro. L. D. Mahan was elected moderator. He proceeded by electing a clerk and treasurer. By regular move and second Everett Johnson was re-elected clerk and Lester Able was elected treasurer.

The moderator was given power by the association to appoint such help and committees that he might need to assist him in the work. He appointed Bro. Alva Dingus to assist him in the work as a moderator. He then appointed the following committees:

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Walter Whited, chairman; Clarence Toliver and Sister Cora Able.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Clyde Kelly, Chairman; Floyd Stewart and Albert Dingus

Oral reports were given by Brother Hooper and Brother Van Hoose for the Ky. State association, Brother Albert Dingus gave an oral report on his visit to the Ky. State Association. These reports were accepted and passed by the association.

Conference being organized, same was adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

PREACHING SERVICE 3:30 P.M.

The committee appointed Brothers Miller and Van Hoose for this hour service. Bro. Van Hoose read for a lesson a part of the fourth chapter of 2nd. Chapter of Timothy. Bro. Miller read 1st verse of 1st chapter of Peter. Prayer by Bro. Floyd Stewart. This was a very impressive message admonishing the Church and was enjoyed by those who love the truth.

FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Committee chose Bros. Dallas and Clyde Kelly for this hour of service. Bro. Dallas read for a lesson seven verses of the second chapter of Revelation. Bro. McDonald led in prayer. Bro. Clyde concluded the service. This, too, was a very impressive message as well as heart warming.

This was a little unusual due to the fact that these Bros. were Bro. in the flesh as well as Bros. in Christ.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Congregational singing. Moderator having charge of the Session of business read for a lesson, 5th chapter Isaiah beginning with the 20th verse and reading through the 25th verse. Prayer by Brother C. W. Isom.

Moderator then called for letters of the different conferences belonging to the John-Thomas Association. The conferences responding with their letters were: Dickenson County Conference, New Durm Conference, The Tri-State Conference, The Hamilton County Conference, and the Letcher County Conference. They are as follows:

Date, Sept. 10-11-12, 1959

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist, when convened with the Burdine Church at Burdine, Ky., Sept. 10-11-12, 1959. We send as delegates our beloved brethren Marion Stewart, Lola Stewart, Mary Stewart, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

STATISTICS

State of Religion	Good
Members Received Past 3 months	16
Baptized 11, Dismissed	None
Died None, Total Membership	86
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. Pupils	105
No. of Officers 6, No. of Teachers	6

FINANCES

Paid Pastor	None
Paid Evangelist	None
Home Mission	None
Foreign Mission	None
Building and Repairs	None
For Education	None
For Publication	None
Enclosed for Minutes	\$11.40

MINISTERS BELONGING TO OUR CHURCH

Ordained ministers: Robert Madden, Dale Rector, Floyd Stewart, Eldon Hutson, Elijah Scarfer, David Crouse, Freddie Jamell, James Ison.

Licentiate: Oscar O. Scales, Vestal Hutson.

Done by order of Hamilton Conference assembled in conference this 8th day of August, 1959.

Floyd Stewart, *Moderator*

Henry Hutson, *Clerk*

Sept. 12, 1959

Greetings!

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists. While in session with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky., Sept. 11, to 13th., 1959. We the Tri-State Conference met with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va. on Aug. 1st., 1959, and appointed the following delegates to attend the association. Bro. Dempsey Adkins, Bro. Henry Estep, Bro. Ernest Stiltner. We hope you will set them to aid and assist in the work of our association. We have 3 Churches at present time and a membership of about 200 members. 8 ordained ministers. We are sending 20.00 to pay for minutes. Pray for us that we will grow and continue in the work of the Lord."

Done by order of the Tri-State Conference, August 1, 1959 while in session with Harmon Chapel Church.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

September 12, 1959

Minutes of the conference held with the Payne Gap Church at Payne Gap, Ky., August 22, 1959.

The conference was opened with singing.

Reading for a lesson was 23rd Psalms.

Prayer by Sister Mary Powers.

Delegates and Ministers were enrolled.

The conference elected Bro. Ezra Johnson to serve as moderator, and he chose Bro. Don Sexton as assistant moderator.

The Sunday school talk was by Darwin Mullins.

The Temperance talk was by Bro. Arnold Kelley.

We had a report from the Dickenson county conference & we also had a report from the Floyd Co. Conference.

We had visiting ministers from various places: B. H. Powers from Wise Co., Alva Dingus from Dickenson Co., Oscar Shepherd from Wise Co., Cecile Mullins from Peuthers Chapel Church, Bro. Donald Sexton, & many other visitors.

Evening Session:

Lesson read by Bro. Ezra Johnson.

Number of churches reported 18.

Total money received \$247.15.

Conference \$90.15.

Home Mission \$37.50.

Orphans Home \$69.00.

Foreign Mission \$50.00.

Membership 1000.

Executive committee sends the next conference to the McRoberts church, which will convene on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November 1959.

The conference agrees to give \$25.00 to the Whitesburg church.

The Ordaining Council ordained three ministers: Bro. Mitchell Adams, Bro. Layton Hughes & Bro. Arlo Smith.

Ezra Johnson, *Moderator*

Everett Potter, *Clerk*

George H. Johnson, *Assist' Clerk*

Delegates:

Bobby Earl Simpson	Tobby Brewer	George Isom
Patsy Baldwridge	Ulys Goode	Ulyse Goode
Ann Stidham	James Wheeler	Ralph Collins
Joyce Stidham	Maggie Tackett	Herbert H. Adams
Linda Damron	Mable Ratliff	Cora Ables
John Damron	Patsy Goodman	Moly Powers
Christine Williams	Ernest Blevins	Mary Belle Whitaker
Katherine Davis	Estill Bowens	Grace Huff
Noamoa Belcher	Groover Butler	Mary Osborne
Alva Childers	Daryl Gunnels	Hagon Osborne
Zelma Loveday	Bobby Oatman	Bessie Terry
Mitchell Adams	Harry Tompson	Maggie Tackett
Newburn Phipps	Russell Davis	Ernest Blevins
Alfred Haynes	Glenn Blake	Ken Massey
Wayne Haynes	Cletis Garrett	Sarah Massey
Ralph Collins	Arlo Smith, Jr.	Joe Cook
Mae Blevins	Arlo Smith	Alfred Branaham
M. W. Swinney	Noama Belcher	Groover Butler
John Hoult	Zelma Loveday	Daryl Gunnels
Jessee Elkins	Arnold Kelly	

GREETINGS!

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists which convenes with the Burdine church Burdine, Ky. on Friday before the 4th Sunday, September, 1959.

We, the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference, met with the Honey Camp Church, Clintwood, Va., beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday, July, 1959.

Bro. Alvie Dingus was elected as Moderator, Bro. E. M. Rose Asst. Moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks.

The following delegates were present at our Conference and are delegates to the Association.

Charlies Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Sterling Mullins

Clinchco—Bro. & Sis. Warren Sayler, Muncie Mullins, Rosa Meade, Lillie Murphy.

Counts—Sis. Bell Rose.

Davis—Bro. & Sis. J. C. Dotson & Sis. Joe Meade, Markieta Meade

Duncan Gap—Bro. & Sis. John Kieth, Everett Mullins, Emma Large, Maggie Mullins, Nora Powers.

Flemingtown—Isom Fleming, Tivis Mullins.

Ferby Chapel—John Meade, Gertie Baker, Bro. & Sis. Lester Robinson.

Fremont—Bro. & Sis. Will Damron, Annie Vanover.

Frying Pan—Everett Rice, Janice Rose.

Georges Fork—Ross Browning, Effie Browning, Jess Browning, Edna Browning.

Hill Ridge—Bros. Lee Hill, Alva Lee Fleming.

Dyers Chapel—Lizie Dotson, Julie Robinson, Magie Rose.

Honey Camp—Bro. & Sis. Charlie Rose, Fallie Rose, Bessie Rose, Otis Crabtree.

Hubbard Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Milton Collins, Bro. & Sis. Barney Collins.

Lick Fork—Bro. & Sis. Brack Powers, Margie Vanover, Emma Vanover, Jett Dotson.

Martins Chapel—Bro. Dallas Martin.

Middle Branch—Beula Johnson, Jim Chambers, Edna Lambert, Ritter Lambert, Reuben Lambert.

McCoys Chapel—Daisy McCoy.

Mill Creek—Zella Lambert, Marthan Sauls.

Mills Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Thermon Sproles, Bro. & Sis. Ernest Sexton, Bro. & Sis. Lee Roy Herndon.

Pine Creek—Willie Beverly, Willie McGlothian.

Pine Grove—Willard Sayler, Arnold Gouge, Melvin Richerdson, Jetty Marshall, Oakley Robinson.

Peuthers Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Henry Carty, Cecil Mullins, Pearl Mullins.

Pyles Memorial—Everett Mullins, Kate Mullins, John Riley.

Rachels Chapel—Wythe Kieth, Rometta Saylers.

Rugsby—Sally Bright, Lulla Kennedy, Goldie Kennedy.

St. Hollow—Bro. & Sis. Alek Fields, Henry Castle, Luther Skeens.

Splash Dam—Richard Charles, Bonnie Ratliff, Emma Musick.

Tarpon—Bro. & Sis. Walter Burchitt, J. E. Barton.

Union Light—J. H. Estep, Johnny May, Catherine Jackson.
Valley View—Bro. & Sis. Rufus Hibbits, Vergia Mullins, Flora Kieth.

Yates Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Merdia Boggs, Sam Lowery, Georgie Lowery, Albert Cochran.

Our standing is as follows: No. of Churches 32; Membership 1980; No. ordained Ministers 53; Licentees 4; No. of Sunday Schools 24; Membership 1426.

We received one new church into our Conference this year, Frying Pan Church.

The Pippins Chapel Church was dropped by their request.

Done by order of the Dickenson Co. Conference while in regular session with the Honey Camp Church July 24, 25, 1959.

Bro. Alvie Dingus, *Moderator*
Bro. E. M. Rose, *Asst. Moderator*
Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman
Clerks

Greetings!

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky., on the 11th of Sept. 1959.

We the Russell County, New Durm Conference, met with the Ephesus Church and organized by electing the following Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator; Rev. Truel Brown, Asst. Moderator; Foye Rasnake, Clerk.

The following delegates were from their respective churches and were delegates to the association.

Ephesus Church—Ralph Bostic, Herbet Whited, Cleve Dye, Ella Dye, May Robinet, Henry Robinet.

Drill's Chapel Church—Hue Coleman, B. E. Dye, Frazier Hale, Paul Hess, Eula Hess.

Mt. View Church—Bert Diamond, Lina Diamond, Ruby Compton, Aubury Compton.

Flitchers Ridge Church—Ellis Nuckles, Harley Nuckles, Fannie Fannie Fletcher.

Mt. Zion Church—Eula Hale, Ruth Dye, Leonard Dye.

Fullers Chapel Church—Laura Rasnake, Walter Whited, Ralph Rasnake.

Clinch View Church—I. F. Stevens, E. R. Rasnake.

Sowerwood Mt. Church—Grover Wilson, Jaunita Wilson, Ora Wilson.

Guiding Light Church—Arnold Smith.

Indian Creek Church—Kathern Bastic.

Our standing is as follows.

Number of Churches	11
Number of Membership	375
Number of Ministers	17
Number of Sunday Schools	5

Done by order of the New Durm Conference, while in regular session with Ephesus Church August 8, 1959.

Rev. Harley Dye, *Moderator*

Rev. Truel Brown, *Asst. Moderator*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

These letters were accepted and read, and were passed upon by the association by regular move and second. Brother McDonald, Clerk, of the Cumberland Association of F. W. B. of Tenn. gave an oral report of his Association. By regular move and second this oral report was accepted by the Association. The appointing of messengers to the Ky. State Association was the next item of business. The following volunteered to represent us at the Ky. State Association, which convenes on the 3rd Saturday in June, at Martin, Ky. on Beaver Creek.

Brother McDonald gave a talk on the F. W. B. Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. This talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by the people. The Association adjourned until 2:00 p.m. Saturday Evening.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bro. Reedy and Bro. McDonald for this hour of Service. Bro. McDonald read for a lesson, the first 8 verses of the first chapter of Acts, using for a text the first verse of the first of Acts. Bro. McDonald and Bro. Reedy brought to the church a very interesting lesson from this text. Bro. Reedy concluded the service.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P.M.

Moderator read a Scripture Lesson. Prayer Sister Rosa Meade. Moderator called for unfinished business. Report of the Executive Committee: The Association will convene with

the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Virginia, in 1960. The Auditing Committee reported the condition of the books of the Association were in good order. This finishing the work of the Association, the same was adjourned until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, when it will convene with the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Virginia, in 1960, unless called together by the Moderator.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Minister Conference was organized by retaining: Everett Johnson, Clerk, L. D. Mahan as Moderator.

Moderator called for letters from the Ministers Conference. Dickenson County, New Durm, Tri-State, Letcher County, Hamilton County, responded with letters. The letters were as following:

GREETINGS!

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky. Sept. 18, 19, 1959. We the Dickenson County Ministers Conference met with the Honey Camp church July 25, 1959.

Our Conference was organized, and we elected Bro. E. M. Rose as Moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks. The following ministers were present at our Conference: Alvie Dingus, Asia Hughes, E. C. Kiser, Quinton Kieth, Rit Large, Hie A. Mullins, Lee Mullins, C. E. Reedy, E. M. Rose, Josh Rose, Goble Rose, Troy Robinson, Emory Vanover, Ivan Reedy, James Wright, Everett Smith, James Hobbs, Luke Wright, Joe Johnson, C. R. Bowman, B. M. Moore, Bertsie Stanley, Earl Slimp Jr., James Short, Charlie Miles, Henry Hammons, Robert Sayler, Bill Dixon, Cecil Ramey, Estal Hale, Mack Mullins, D. F. Kennedy.

The following were absent: W. R. Bise, S. P. Davis, Bill Harrison, Walter Hughes, Everett Johnson, Willard Kiser, George Mooney, Ted Mullins, Monroe Mullins, Maston Rose, Fred Taylor, Luther Taylor, Marion Belcher, Rufus Kieth, Creed Fleming, Adam Stanley, Carmel Lane, Ersel Johnson, Lonzo Edwards.

Bro. Noble Wright was accepted by letter into our Conference from the Letcher Co. Conference.

Bro. Emory Estep was granted letter to join the Northern Ohio Conference.

Bro. Cecil Ramey and D. F. Kennedy were reinstated to our Conference.

The Roll of Ministers names were called and all were passed as in good standing. Erwin Hall was dropped as he has joined another church and is no longer member of our Conference.

Done by order of the Dickenson Co. Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Honey Camp church July 25, 1959.

Bro. E. M. Rose, *Moderator*
Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman,
Clerks

Greetings!

We the New Durm Ministers Conference met with Ephesus Church August 8, 1959 and organized by electing Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator, Faye Rasnake, Clerk.

There were 9 ordained ministers present and 8 absent. Their names were called and each was voted on and their characters passed as good.

They were as follows: Harley Dye, Swords Creek, Va., Charlie Keen, Swords Creek, Va., Martin Ball, Lebanon, Va., R. #2, Elejah Tiller, Council, Va., Glen Peck, Drill, Va., Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va., Goran Kelley, Cleveland, Va., R. #2, Jim Lambert, Bee, Va., Lee Wilson, Cleveland, Va., R. #2, Evert Rasnake, Council, Va., James Hutchison, Honaker, Va., James Hall, Drill, Va., Grover Lambert, Viena, Va., Edward Perkins, Oakwood, Va., Johnnie Stevens, Council, Va., Henry Ball, Winfred Hess.

Ordaining Council: Harley Dye, Swords Creek, Va., Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va., James Hutchison, Honaker, Va.

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with Ephesus Church Aug. 8, 1959.

GREETINGS!

To the John-Thomas Association.

We the Tri-State Ministers Conference met August 1, 1959 at the Harmon Chapel Church and organized by electing Bro. Claude Conn as moderator, Ernest Stiltner, Clerk.

The ministers that were present were Claude Conn, Willie Compton, Miles H. Hurley, Henry Estep, Troy Dotson, and Dempsey Adkins. All ministers were voted on and received

their reports. The ministers absent were Clarence Stiltner, Alfred Flanning, and Bro. Walter Hurley, deceased.

Done by order of the Tri-State Ministers Conference while in session with Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va., August 1, 1959.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*
Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

GREETINGS!

To the Ministers Conference of the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky. September 12, 1959.

The Hamilton County Ministers Conference was organized by electing Bro. Floyd Stewart, moderator & Henry Hutson as clerk.

The names of the ministers were read & their character passed as good. They are as follows: Robert Madden, Dale Rector, Elizah Scalfe, Freddie Jomell, Floyd Stewart, Eldon Hutson, David Crouce, James Isom.

Licentiates: Oscar O. Scaler, Vestal Hutson.

By order of the Hamilton Co. Ministers Conference while in regular session, August 8, 1959.

Floyd Stewart, *Moderator*
Henry Hutson, *Clerk*

GREETINGS!

September 12, 1959

We had our Ministers conference on August 22, 1959. While convened with the Payne Gap Church at Payne Gap, Ky.

The following ministers were examined and found to be in good standing with this conference.

Albert Dingus, D. D. Moore, J. P. Banks, C. W. Ison, L. D. Mahan, Earsel McPeeks, Ezra Johnson, Everett Potter, Clyde Huff, Jimmy Seals, Edward H. Hall, Geo. Lester Ables, John Vanover, John Akers, Hilt Taylor, Johny Stofer, Bill Smith, Ira Harvey, Lonnie P. Hale, Leo Goode, Darwin Mullins, Parkis Brewer, J. H. Miller, C. O. Caudill, Curtis Maggard, Loyd Pike, Dempsey Akers, Bill Harris, Robert Prater, Dallis Kelley.

Eugene Adkins, Eddie Rose, Langley Milton, William McDuffey, James Richtor, Linville Profit, Clyde Kelley, James Wheeler, Percey Elkins, Cletis Garrett, Harod E. Harvey, Aronld Kelley, Artemus Mullins, Herman Bates, Eugene Bowen, Edmond Maggard, Costa Ellis, Harold Miles, Ray McDaniel, Eldon Hutson, Alonzo Fields, Charles Gallion, Jonah Shoop, James Ison, Tommy Pike, Jack Bartley, Maxwell Hughes, George Adams Jr., Herbert Cook, Robert Bowman, Lawrence Shelby, Mitchell Adams, Layton Hughes, Arlo Smith.

Ezra Johnson, *Moderator*
 Everett Potter, *Clerk*
 George H. Johnson, *Assist. Clerk*

These letters were accepted, read, and passed by the Association. No other business to come before the Ministers Conference, the same was adjourned by regular move and second, until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1960, unless called together by moderator.

(The Association takes this means of thanking the people in and around Burdine, Ky. for the kindness shown and extended to the people during this Association.)

Minister's Report

FLOYD R. STEWART

RR # 1, Miland, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	73
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	52
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	None

CLAUDE CONN

Kelsa, Va.

Amount Received	\$40.00
Miles traveled	500
No. Sermons	50
Funerals	18
No. Baptized	10
Memorials	2
Churches Pastored	1

LOYD PIKE

Mayking, Ky.

Revivals	14
Sermons preached	297
Conversions	196
Baptized	40
Funerals	9
Marriages	2
Miles traveled	16,050

E. W. SCARBER

Moore's Hill, Ind.

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	85
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	None

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LAWRENCE SHELBY

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	20
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	10
No. Baptized	1
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	50
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

JAMES WHEELER

Pikeville, Ky.

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	132
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	9
No. Baptized	10
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	52
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

HERBERT COOK

Whitesburg, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	38
Revivals	0
Conversions Witnessed	9
No. Baptized	7
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	21
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

G. L. ABEL

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	47
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	4
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	48
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

L. D. MAHAN

Payne Gap, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	105
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	25
No. Baptized	18
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	12
Couples Married	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	250.00

DEMPSEY ADKINS

Elkhorn City, Ky.

No. Sermons	80
No. Baptized	4
Revivals	1
Memorials	1
Amount Received	None
Funerals	4

LONNIE P. HALE

Elkton, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	40
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	None
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	46
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

ROBERT H. MADDEN

1165 Harrison Ave., Cinn., Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	9
No. Baptized	9
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	30

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EZRA JOHNSON

Box 286, Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	3
No. Sermons	150
Conversions Witnessed	15
No. Baptized	15
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	10
Amount Received	\$1.50

VESTAL HUTSON

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	20
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	None
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	None
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

LEO GOOD

Rt. 2, Box 26, Stanley, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	30
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	None
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	45
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

HAROLD E. HARVEY

Cinn., Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions Witnessed	26
No. Baptized	17
Burials Attended	3
Memorials Held	1
Prayer Services Held	52
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	15

ELDON HUTSON

2182 Salem Ave.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	30
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	9
No. Baptized	4
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	40
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

CLETIS GARRETT

Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	46
Memorials	2
Couples Married	1
Prayer Services	16
Amount Received	\$235.95

DAVID C. CROUSE

1494 State Ave.,
Cinn. 4, Ohio

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	150
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	40
No. Baptized	2
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	48
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

MINER MALLARD

1710 Manor Dr., Kent, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	17
Conversions Witnessed	1
Prayer Services	12

MILES H. HURLEY

Mohawk, W. Va.

No. Sermons	40
Funerals	10
Memorials	4
Miles traveled	500

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FREDDIE L. JAMELL

RR 1, Summan, Ind.

Churches Pastored	None
No. Sermons	54
Revivals	None
No. Baptized	None
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	None

WILLIE COMPTON

Grundy, Va.

No. Sermons	50
Baptized	3
Revivals	1
Memorials	5
Funerals	10
Amount Received	\$135.36
Churches Pastored	1
Miles traveled	500

JAMES D. RICHTER

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	100
Revivals	None
Conversions Witnessed	8
No. Baptized	8
Burials Attended	None
Memorials	None
Prayer Services	20
Churches Organized	None
S. S. Organized	None
Couples Married	None
Amount Received	\$150.00

HENRY ESTEP

Paw Paw, Ky.

Funerals	7
No. Sermons	50
Baptized	2
Revivals	1
Memorials	1
Amount Received	None

OBITUARIES



IN MEMORY OF REV. WALTER HURLEY

Bro. Walter was born May 21, 1885, departed this life February 19, 1959. Was married to Jane Hurley Stacy. To this union was born eleven children, six boys, and five girls,



of which nine are still living and three are dead. Bro. Walter was a Freewill Baptist preacher nearly forty years. Born and raised in Buchanan Co., Va. He was living at Mohawk, W. Va. at time of death. He was loved by all who met him both sinner and Christian. I, the writer, never saw Bro. Walter make a failure in preaching the Gospel, he always was blessed with the Spirit. Our earthly loss is great but nothing to be compared with Heaven's gain. To those that repent and live for Christ as Bro. lived.

To all who are Christians, Our Earthly Loss Is But Heaven's Gain.

Written by REV. D. S. RATLIFF
A brother-in-law

In memory of George W. Bostic, who was born June 1, 1875. Died, February 2, 1958, making his earthly stay 83 yrs. 8 months, and 1 day. He was married to Lucilla Johnson in April 12, 1894 and to this union were born 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. The boys all preceded him in death, John and Plasant and Ed. He leaves to mourn this loss, his wife and 2 daughters, Mrs. Virginia Barton of North East, Md. and Mrs. Bessie Wilson of Council, Va., 32 grand children and about 60 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. But we know our loss is his eternal gain. He was united to the Freewill Baptist Church several years ago, and remained a faithful member until death.

In memory of Lucilla Bostic, who was born December 12, 1878 and departed this life May 20, 1959. She was united in

marriage to George Bostic April 12, 1894, and to this union was born 5 children. 3 boys, John, William, and Ed and her husband all preceded her in death. She leaves behind to mourn this loss her 2 daughters, Mrs. Virgie Barton of North East, Md. and Mrs. Bessie Wilson of Council, Va., 32 grandchildren, about 60 great grandchildren and 3 sisters, Mrs. Angil Steel of Richmond, Mrs. Mannie Kiser of Dart, Va., Mrs. Rosa Tiller of Council, Va., 2 brothers, Henry Johnson of Amego, W. Va., Perry Johnson of Daven Post, Va., and a host of relatives and friends. She often said she wished the time would hurry and pass; she was tired of this world. She was united with the Freewill Baptist Church about 40 years ago and remained a faithful member.

IN MEMORY OF NANCY M. VANOVER



Mrs. Nancy M. Vanover was the daughter of Tom and Susie Eversole. She was born April 18, 1871 and died March 19, 1959. Her stay on earth was 87 years, 11 months & 1 day. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. She was married to Andy Vanover in 1890. To this union were born 10 children. She leaves 6 sons, 3 daughters, 88 grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her death. She lived a Christian life for 60 years. She was a member of the Big Creek Freewill Baptist Church at her death.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our Church
That never can be filled.
Sad and sudden was the shock,
We never thought your death so near;
You were a soldier for Jesus
And we know you're with him up there.

Written by her granddaughter
BARBARA AKERS

In Loving memory of Lou Emma Tucker, wife of Hobart Tucker. Born May 22, 1893, deceased this life July 26, 1959, making her stay on earth 66 years, 2 months, 4 days.

During her illness, as I sat by her bedside and talked with her, she put her arms around my neck and told me, "All is well with my soul."

She leaves to mourn her loss 3 sons and 4 daughters and a host of friends. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son-in-law
REV. EZRA JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF REV. HENRY SMITH

Rev. Henry Smith was born August 8, 1881. Died April 30, 1954. He was converted in 1903. He began his ministry in 1908 and preached 46 years. He pastored churches, held revival



meetings in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. Many years of his labor in the gospel were spent like Apostle Paul's ministry. He encountered many hardships in order to spread the word of God among the mountain sections. He walked over the mountains and valleys and blazed the trail for the younger ministers. He worked hard, during the times he was not in revival work, for the support of his family. He wanted them to have the necessities of life and it was only with his labor between the times of his revivals that they received this sup-

port.

He was true to his calling and the result of his labor is still living in the hearts of the people who professed faith in God.

He was married to Julia Large Smith and to this union was born five children: Willard, Ibbie, Trig, Claude and Earl (Earl died at an early age). His wife died October 15, 1949.

He was a loving husband and father. He is sadly missed by all who knew him, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his son
TRIG SMITH AND
MRS. E. M. ROSE

IN MEMORY OF JULIA LARGE SMITH



In memory of a loving Mother, Julia Large Smith, wife of Rev. Henry Smith who passed away October 15, 1949. She was born April 8, 1880. She was converted during the early years of her married life. Her one great concern was to rear her children in the paths of righteousness and see that her husband answered all his calls from God. She helped bear many burdens in order that her husband could carry on his ministry. She lived a consecrated Christian life until her death. Whatever her trials were she bore them with patience.

She had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone. Her wonderful Christian example will never be forgotten in her family circle and all who knew her.

Written by her son
TRIG SMITH, AND
MRS. E. M. ROSE

Reatha Pearl Fisher was born February 23, 1925, at Freeburn, Ky. She was the daughter of Samuel and Lucy Fisher. She was married to Emory Walfard, March 26, 1939. To this union was born nine children; two preceded her in death. The children living are Kenneth, Jimmy, Earnest, Benny, Richard, Stevie, and Randy. She is also survived by her mother, Lucy Colemon, and step-father Eli Colemon, and five sisters, Bertha Stewart, Georgia Fisher, Margie Hall, Ruth Spence, and Lorraine Lester. She said that she put her trust in God, and there was nothing between her and God. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She died at the Grundy Hospital and was buried at the home of her father-in-law, Dan Walford. Virginia Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hobart Dewey Johnson, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson, was born in Wise, County in 1901.

He was married to Nannie Moore about 1925. He is survived by seven sons, Cecil, Hurshell, Sanford, Carrol Ray, Gerry Lee, Jackie, and Gary; three daughters, Virginia, Chris-

tine and Marlene. Mrs. Johnson departed this life May 21, 1958. After her passing Bro. Johnson's only desire was for the time when he could go on to be with her.

Hobart was employed with Clinchfield Coal Corp. about 35 yrs. and spent most of his life in this county and Wise County. He was a devoted father and thought only of his family needs.

He was converted at the home of Mrs. Will Harrison about 14 yrs. ago. He has been a member of the Freewill Baptist Church here since that time when he could go on to be at rest.

Those who visited him in his last days at the hospital said that he praised the Lord all the time. We feel sure our loss has been Heaven's gain.

Written by
FRIENDS

IN MEMORY OF SAM H. MILLER

In memory of a dear husband and father who passed away April 4, 1959, making his stay on earth 61 years, 6 months, and 15 days. In the year of 1917, September 26, he married Cleo Kiser, and to this union were born 4 children, 3 girls, Lectie Butcher, Royal Dak, Michigan; Audrey Dameron, Vansant, Va.; Jacqueline Akers, Vansant, Va.; and one son, Eugene Miller, Baltimore, Maryland; and 3 sisters and two brothers and 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. We miss you, Daddy, so bad; places you have been so long are vacant and lonesome. You had many friends that loved you. He liked to hear preaching and singing over the radio. He was baptized 8 yrs. ago in Ky. by Brother John Conley and James Harmen. He never did join the church, but these men who baptized him were Freewill Baptists. He was a true believer and had suffered so long with heart trouble and high blood. He took bad at last and was gone almost unexpectedly. We all thought he would be back from the hospital like he always had, but Jesus knew he had suffered long enough. He just lived 10 days after we took him to the hospital. We believe he's resting tonight. We hated to so bad but God knew best. God giveth and God taketh; blessed is the name of the Lord. We will all go like Sam, and many others. We still thank everyone for being so kind and Virginia Funeral Home and the good words that were spoken and good singing during our bereavement.

Written by his wife and missed by
her and children
CLEO MILLER

IN MEMORY OF SARAH AGENTINE HAMMOND



It is with a sad heart that we try to write of our dear mother. Sarah Agentine Hammond was born December 8, 1876 and died September 19, 1956, making her stay on earth 79 years, 9 months and 11 days. She was married to William Hammond in 1892 and to this union was born 9 children, 6 of which are still living, Willard, John, Harrison, Rufus, Victoria McCoy and Mary Ann Smith. Three preceded her in death, Calvin, Wiley, and Wilson. She also leaves to mourn her loss 60 grandchildren and 67 great-grandchildren. There is no

doubt in our mind but that mother is sleeping with Jesus and to the unsaved of this family if you ever expect to see mother again turn from sin and live for Jesus. She was sick for many months but bore it all with patience. We believe with all our heart she heeded the call of God and lived a Christian life until death. She had a great love for her children and many friends.

Precious memories with us linger
Of the days when you were here,
But we know you are safe in heaven
Free from trouble woe and fear.
Resting with the precious Savior,
Sleeping in his tender care,
When our time on earth is over
We have hopes of meeting you there
We shall think of you in silence,
Your sweet name will often call,
But there is nothing left to answer
But your picture on the wall.
We have a last hope, dear mother,
And God's word proves it true
You can never return to us, mother,
But if we live for Jesus we can come to you.

Written by her daughter
VICTORIA MCCOY

IN MEMORY OF ALVIN BERT JACKSON



He was born July 8th 1941 and departed this life March 24th 1959, making his stay on earth 17 yrs., 9 months and 16 days. He was afflicted with heart disease at age of six. From that time on he was under doctor's care. Although he didn't have the privilege of going to church like his sisters and brothers he was a true believer in the Lord and told us he prayed. He enjoyed singing and preaching and he loved everybody. There are two who preceded him in death, his father, Joe Jackson, and sister, Brookie Jackson. He leaves to

mourn his loss his mother, Myrtie Jackson; 6 brothers, Bobby, Scott, Britt, Harold, Everett and Carl; and four sisters, Edith, Nora, Delpha, & Mabeline. He was loved by all who knew him, and in spite of his suffering he would always be kind and cheerful and smile at everyone. It breaks our hearts to give him up but Jesus knows what's best. Our home is not the same without our loving brother and no one can ever fill the vacant place in our home since you went away, but I know that by God's great mercy we will meet again some day over yonder in that bright city where Jesus is the light, where there will be no sickness, and there never comes night.

Sleep on, dear brother, and take your little rest. It won't be very long till Jesus comes and he will bring the rest. I think of you, dear brother, and my daddy and sister too, but Jesus will soon call for us and then we'll be with you.

In the twilight of the evening when everyone was well we would have a family reunion and let each member tell. We would talk about the saviour and his saving grace, and how he came into this world and died for the human race.

My darling son is at rest, the one I love so well. Jesus called him to heaven and there he will dwell. He sleeps in the arms of Jesus on that happy shore.

By the help of God we'll meet him some day.

Sleep peaceful our loving brother. Sleep peaceful, little Bert, and rest for Jesus is there watching over you in that sweet home of the blest.

Written by The Family
MRS. MYRTLE JACKSON

IN MEMORY OF ELIJAH SCARBURY



He was born June 24, 1875, and departed this life July 24, 1959, making his stay on earth 84 years and 1 month. He was married to Sally Blankenship Scarbury somewhere around 1905. They had 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. 4 of the boys have departed this life along with their mother. He then married Laura Duty Scarbury 30 years ago and no children to them were born. He accepted the Lord and was baptized by Rev. Claude Conn and Henry Estep before he departed this life, and we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. He also left

to mourn his loss besides his wife and children, 44 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, 1 half-sister and 1 sister.

We know he'll suffer here no more and we pray to meet him on the golden shore where pain and suffering is all over where we can meet to part no more.

Written at the request of the
children by his daughter-in-law
MRS. JESSIE SCARBURY

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LILLIE HUGHES

Sister Lillie Hughes, born July 23rd, 1892, was called away from us February 17th. 1959.

She was married to Bro. Asa Hughes, July 5, 1911, and was converted, baptized and joined the Freewill Baptist Church at the age of 19 yrs.

Sister Lillie was of a strong religious faith, was active and faithful in all her church work.

She was a charter member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church and also a charter member of our Ladies Auxiliary there.

Now there is a vacant place in our church, Sunday School and Ladies Auxiliary that can never be filled.

Sister Hughes was a most kind, loving, tender mother, wife and friend, always ready to assist and advise her children, husband, friends and others at any time.

She leaves to mourn her passing, husband, sons, daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

She is gone but in our hearts she will live on. She has traveled away where the gold of the day meets the silver stars of the night.

She has found her reward in the home of the Lord, where her life is eternal and bright.

Her memory is a keepsake with which we will never part. God has her in his keeping; we have her in our hearts.

By her friend and Sister in Christ
MAXIE G. SLOAN
Pound, Va.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES HARRISON LARGE



Born January 6, 1880, making his stay here on earth 79 years, 5 months 22 days. Departed this life June 28, 1959. He was married to Cora Hill in June 27, 1900. Lived a true and faithful husband 59 years, 1 day and this union was born 10 children, 4 of which preceded him in death, leaving six to mourn his loss. O. M. Large, Gusta Hill, Ruby Boston, Carl Large, Arnold Large of Clintwood, Va., Mrs. Hattie Rose of Mansfield, Ohio, 43 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Lived a true and faithful Christian for 28 years and filled his seat in the Church the day he departed this life. We hope his loss here on earth is Heaven's eternal gain. This we have attempted to write with a sad and aching heart. To be submitted to the church for the record to keep. He is the last one of the William Large family.

Written by
PAULINE JACKSON &
J. E. BARTON

Malinda L. Kiser was born March 15, 1879, died July 4, 1959, making her stay here on earth 81 yrs., 3 months, 20 days. She was born in Tazewell Co., Va. and reared her family in Ky. She was united in Holy Matrimony to A. B. Kiser who preceded her in death December 12, 1958. To this union was born 10 children, 6 boys living and 2 who preceded her in death. Heber, Earl, Gilbert, Lloyd, Joe B., Glyn. 2 girls Mollie and Celo. 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter. She has one sister living, Mrs. Mollie Millins at Stanford, Ky. Mother was a member of Freewill Baptist and was so kind and loved by many who knew her. She would talk to her children and tell them to live right and was faithful in reading her Bible. She was listening to the radio Sunday before she was taken to the hospital and rejoiced in crying and she wanted to know where was Joe B. She wanted him to hear the good preaching I know to see if he would change. Oh, how we miss you, Mother! We never thought of you going so quick but that old pneumonia was too hard for you to stand. I don't believe Mother was satisfied after Dad passed away. I took her to church at Herman the first Sunday in May. She was so good and humble before she died. I believe we will all have to come that way even if we are in pain and suffering if we see what it looks like in heaven. We believe she and dad are resting and will come forth when Jesus comes and go home to be with him. We want to thank brother Wilson Justic and other Brothers and all the singers, and all that sent flowers, also the Call Funeral Home. If all the children want to see Mother and Daddy who have toiled so hard here in this life and gone on, they will have to give their hearts to Jesus.

Mother, you almost slipped away,
Made all vacant places lonesome today.
There were so many things we heard you say,
One thing you said, you didn't want to be in
anyone's way.
But, Mother dear, I loved you so well
Within my lips I can never tell.
I hope to meet Mother and Dad in that city
that's not made by hands.

Sadly Missed and written
by her daughter
CLEO MILLER

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ROSE DOTSON



Mrs. Rose Dotson borned March 19, 1886. Departed this life October 13, 1958. Making her stay on earth 62 years, 6 months and 23 days. She was married to Willie Dotson in the year of 1913, and to them were born 11 children, 8 sons and 3 daughters. 2 of them have gone on to meet with Jesus and 9 left behind to mourn her lost, along with 45 grand children, a husband, 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She confessed the Lord in the year of 1945 and took up her membership with the Freewill Baptist. We believe she lived a good clean life and we feel that she

is at rest with Jesus. She is missed by all her loved ones, which were many, and I would love to say to any of her children who are out in sin: "Repent, Believe, and be Baptized and after this life is over live with Mother for ever more.

Writing at the request of her husband and children, her Sister in Christ

Mrs. Dorothy Scarberry, Paw Paw, Ky.

It is with sad heart that I try to write the Obituary of my sister Mary Estep Allen. She was 66 years old when she died December 6, 1957. She leaves a husband and four girls and one son to mourn the loss. She was baptized in the Freewill Baptist Church by Rev. L. D. Coleman and W. R. Estep in 1912. Her seat is empty in our homes and at church. She was so noble and kind to little children and her neighbors. She was loving to all she knew. Her table was always ready when anyone came to visit her.

Children if you ever expect to meet dear Mother you will have to live for God who can save you.

Sleep on, dear sister, and take your rest,
God called you to be with the blest;
May we meet on the other shore,
Meet there to part no more.
When we lay our burdens down
and go home to wear a crown;
There I hope to shake your sweet hand
and live together in the glory land.

Written by sisters
BARBARA HURLEY AND ELLA SLOAN

IN MEMORY OF



REV. JONAS COLE RASNAKE

1875-1958

MARY ANN PRESSLEY RASNAKE

1876-1957



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor quit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring to those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the great Head of the Church.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Freewill Baptist Church, they are examined by one or more regular Freewill Baptist ministers in reference to their Christian character, doctrine and ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory the applicants are organized into the church as follows: The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant shall be adopted. A prayer of consecration offered. The hand of fellowship is given. Then officers are elected.

2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, in order that a regular discipline may be kept up.

3. After being thus constituted they shall be at liberty, out of the number of regularly ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

The times of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meetings are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience.

Each church is required to observe the ordinance. Foot washing follows the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable devotional exercises. The pastor acts as moderator of the business meetings of the church. In the absence of the pastor the church may meet when necessary and attend to ordinary business; but no member is excluded in the absence of the pastor.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Any person who gives evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted, is received into membership by a vote of the church.

From other churches, immersed persons are received by letter. No one against whom any valid objection is made is received to membership. When any member objects to the reception of an applicant, the matter is deferred until the church can ascertain the nature of the objection. If,

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (Continued)

in the opinion of the church, the objection is not a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received, unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and this for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Finance Committee, and Pastor.

Board of Trustees—The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifth majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting, being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk—It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the Church Covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all the letters and other communications made, by authority of the church.

Treasurer—The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received, and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church or oftener if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church.

Deacons—The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the pastor or other regular minister, ordination consisting of charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table, to distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses—They assist the deacons and the finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among female members.

Finance Committee—These have the general management of the finances of the church, subject to the church's control.

Pastor—Each church elects its own pastor out of the regular ordained ministers upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves. It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church, to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word, unless he feels divinely called,

and make report of the same to the church to which he belongs, and if the church shall be satisfied with his qualifications, and call of such person, then she may grant said person the liberty to exercise his gifts by exhortation for twelve months.

2. If they prove satisfactory to the church, they shall be recommended to the Quarterly Meeting, if satisfactory to same, may license said applicants or recommend them to the Ordaining Council, and shall be ordained if proven satisfactory to the Council.

3. The Ordaining Council must be appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Three ordained ministers from each Quarterly Meeting shall serve for a period of twelve months. Any three may transact the business of examining the applicants for ordination.

4. When a minister of another denomination wishes to unite with the Freewill Baptist Church, he must first join this church. Then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates; which is as follows:

When he feels Divinely called he is given a license by Pastor of the Church to which he belongs. Then he is free to exercise his gift by exhortation for a period of twelve months. If proven satisfactory he is recommended to the Quarterly Meeting by said Church. Then from the Quarterly Meeting to the Ordaining Council. If proven satisfactory then he is ordained, otherwise he is granted a new license to exhort for twelve months more.

5. Any minister leaving the Freewill Baptist Church and desiring to be reinstated shall be dealt with as though they had never belonged to the church.

6. If a minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist faith, the minister may at once be called to question by the church offended. They must be given a fair and impartial trial, by evidence mainly by the Freewill Baptist members; if the charges shall be sustained, they shall be dealt with as follows:

The churches have the exclusive right to deal with the ministers under their care.

If the charges are against a licentiate, it must be reported to the Quarterly Meeting, and their decision shall be final.

7. Any ordained minister of the Freewill Baptists may serve the church in the absence of the pastor, in every Gospel order required of him by the church.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. There shall be a Ministers' Conference held annually in connection with the Yearly Meeting.

2. The object of the Ministerial Conference is to discuss points of doctrine and examine the Christian character of the ministers.

3. All ministers in the John Thomas Yearly Meetings are requested to attach themselves to the Ministers' Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Ministers' Conference.

4. All ministers belonging to the Conference are required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.

5. Any ministers failing to report for a period of two years, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself from the Conference.

6. All ministers moving to another Yearly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and commendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Yearly Meetings where they move.

ORGANIZATION OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister which will meet with the delegates and proceed:

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the reason for such an organization as desired.

2. The right hand of fellowship and consecrating prayer.

3. The election of a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, and then proceed with such business as may come before it.

4. Delegates are elected to some Yearly Meeting or Association of the Freewill Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

BY-LAWS

1. No conference shall be held with less than three ordained ministers and four delegates belonging to the Yearly Meeting.

2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented and the proceedings of last conference read.

3. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each quarterly meeting of the conference.

4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

5. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the the moderator.

7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.

10. Any motion must be made by one member, seconded by another and afterwards stated by the moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the move or at the demand of any one member.

11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.

13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a division be sustained by the majority.

14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.

15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

16. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or to make explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding or language which may need explanation.

17. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than five minutes at each time on any question without leave of the moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.

18. All committees may be named by the moderator, by request of the conference.

19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committees together, but after it is convened the committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.

20. Voting shall be done by standing up when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot.

21. The moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.

22. All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused by the moderator.

23. No motion, discussion or other business shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.

24. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

25. Each Quarterly Meeting shall ask its respective churches to deal with its members when necessary, according to Matthew 18:15, 17.

26. After members accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, then the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door into the church.

27. If the minority of a Quarterly Meeting be grieved over the ruling of the majority, they have the right to appeal to the Yearly Meeting, and its decision shall be final.

28. No minister shall have a vote in the conference unless he is a member in good standing with his church and conference.

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YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the members of the Freewill Baptist Church, in order to form a more perfect union and promote Christ's kingdom, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the John Thomas Yearly Meeting.

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall be composed of ministers and delegates who are members of the Quarterly meetings, each Quarterly Meeting being entitled to three delegates from each church.

Article 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a clerk, treasurer, and moderator, and shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting, with such assistant as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist denominations, as published in the minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application, by vote of this Yearly Meeting, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting shall have the power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work if their labor proves unsuccessful.

Article 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter; at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 7. The Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

Article 8. This Conference shall not recognize any minister or delegate unless they comply with the constitution and by-laws thereof.

Article 9. Each Quarterly Meeting shall send to the Yearly Meeting, with their annual letters, funds equal to ten cents (10c) per member in said Quarterly Meeting; said funds to be used in meeting expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of four-fifths of the ministers and delegates present at any session, notice of such intended alterations having been given and recorded at the next previous session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—1 Tim 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15, 1 John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father, through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:2; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression fell, and by means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:27; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for Him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; John 5:1, 10.

7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability

must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II Tim. 4:7.

8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

9. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressive of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and change themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:17; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 12:29.

11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:14; II Peter 2:1; II Thesa. 2:11; Rom. 2:10-21.

12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

13. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

15. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice further that He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

16. We believe as teaching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing the praise of God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-7; Jas. 5:14.

17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28; 29; II Cor. 5:10.

19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

