

Minutes

of the

**JOHN - THOMAS
ASSOCIATION**

of

Freewill Baptists

VA.-W. VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

Held With

Dayton Freewill Baptist Church

Dayton, Ky.

September, 6-7, 1968

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968

Amt. on hand Sept. 7, 1968	179.34
Received from Conference:	
Letcher Co.	176.10
Dickenson Co.	359.10
Pike Co.	175.50
New Durm	90.00
Engraving (New Durm)	8.00
Hamilton Co.	50.00
Balance in treasury	\$1,038.04
Special Offering from the Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting:	
July, 1967	\$119.20
October, 1967	123.60
January, 1968	22.50
	\$265.30
Special Christmas gifts to the Free Will Baptist Home for children:	
December, 1967:	
Clinchco Church	\$ 65.19
Peuther Chapel Church	25.00
Middle Branch Church	50.00
Flemingtown Church	41.00
Mills Chapel	51.67
	\$232.86
Special Offering:	
Mattie Lawson, July, 1967	\$1.00
Mary Puckett, July, 1967	5.00
	\$6.00

Mrs. C. E. Reedy
Treasurer

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR OF 1968

Dickenson County	1000
Mr. Clinton Lambert, Clintwood, Va.	
Letcher County	500
Edwin Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 29, Jenkins, Ky.	
Hamilton County	400
Douglas W. Banks, R.R. #7, Greensbury, Ind.	
Pike County	400
Rev. G. W. King, McAndrews, Ky.	
New Durm	300
Ruby Compton, Rt. #1, Honaker, Va.	
Total	2600

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ORPHANS' HOME OFFERINGS
DICKENSON COUNTY FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of Church	1967 July	1967 October	1968 January	1968 April	Total
Castlewood	\$ 10.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10.00
Charlie's Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Clinchco	32.69	33.74	33.52	33.12	133.07
Counts Chapel	10.00	15.68	39.06	36.10	100.84
Davis Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer's Chapel S. S.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbie Chapel	20.00	0	20.00	20.00	60.00
Flemingtown	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	10.00
Fremont	14.00	12.00	16.00	0	42.00
Frying Pan	0	0	5.00	5.00	10.00
Georges Fork	0	30.00	5.00	4.00	39.00
Hill Ridge	5.00	5.00	11.00	10.00	31.00
Honey Camp	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork S. S.	30.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	115.00
Martin's Chapel S. S.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	32.00
McCoy Chapel	0	0	1.00	0	1.00
Meade's Chapel S. S.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Middle Branch	40.85	40.00	54.25	44.50	179.60
Mill Creek	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Mills Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Peuther Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Phillips Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pine Creek	29.75	12.00	13.00	19.70	74.45
Pine Grove S. S.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pyles Memorial	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachel Chapel	0	0	0	15.00	15.00
Rugby S. S.	20.00	17.00	24.15	22.17	83.32
Splashdam	2.96	6.45	3.74	4.64	17.79
Straight Hollow	15.00	20.00	10.00	20.00	65.00
Tarpon S. S.	10.46	10.00	5.00	10.00	35.46
Valley View	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	\$421.21	\$407.37	\$451.22	\$454.73	\$1,734.53

DICKENSON COUNTY
CHURCHES OF FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Memb.	S.S.
Castle Wood	Howard Reynolds, W. E. Hale		35	30
Clinchco	C. E. Reedy	Garland Mullins Raymond McCarty Johnny Forish	131	42
Counts Chapel	Goble Rose Clayton Hayes	Kermit Green	81	45
Davis Chapel	Jim Lee Meade Rufus Keith	Estel Hale	84	23
Duncan Gap	Tommy Large	Elmer Mullins	30	35
Dyers Chapel	Joe Johnson	Sam Sutherland Bill Hale Rivis Counts	145	87
Fergie Chapel	C. E. Reedy		51	80
Flemingtown	James Wright Joe Johnson	Ervie Dutton Lee Artip	115	51
Fremont	Everett Smith Goble Rose	Hershel Mullins Harry Carty	38	
Frying Pan	Hie A. Mullins	Bob Pasnick Holt Rice	25	
George's Fork	Goble Rose	Walten Beverly Herbert Mullins	33	60
Hill Ridge	Wythe Salyers Louis Allen Hill	Ranel Withrow Earet Rose	83	36
Honey Camp	Josh Rose Marvin Killen	Charles Rose	23	
Hubbard Charge	Oscar Powers	Fred Lane	38	60
Lick Fork	C. W. Isom Derwood Yates	Welford Stanley Edgar Edwards Connie Browning	77	60
Manassas F. W. B. Martin Chapel	Alex Tompkins Joe Johnson	Beecher Rong Basil Rasnick Stewart Amburgey	93	63
Meddes Chapel	James Rose Hasting Ward	Covey Kiser Hershal Stallard	63	70
McCoy Chapel	Joe F. Deel	Slimp McCoy	33	63
Middle Branch	C. E. Reedy Joe Johnson	George Lambert Simon Sutherland	106	
Mill Creek	J. P. Hartsock	Charlie Lambert Ray Edwards	56	
Mills Chapel	Paul Fields	Thermon Sprowles Roy Patrick Troy Holbrook	80	90
Peuther Chapel	C. E. Reedy Paul Fields	Claude Carty Francis Mullins	105	60
Phillips Chapel	E. M. Rose J. T. Hartsock	Robert Culbertson James Branes	59	64
Pine Creek	Marvin Killen	Holiday McFall	85	37

Pine Grove	Jim Lee Meade Rufus Keith	Cecil Kiser Arnold Gouge	68	50
Pyles Memorial	Derwood Yates	Edward Mullins Everett Mullins	48	56
Rachel Chapel	E. M. Rose Ted Mullins	Rufus Keith	60	26
Rugby	E. M. Rose Wythe Salyers	Eckels Mullins Emory Dingus	125	45
Splashdown	Louis Allen Hill	Emory Hamons Jim Mullins Bruce Sutherland	45	58
Straight Hollow	Emory Cooke		34	40
Tarpon	Asia Hughes Fred Taylor Charlie Miles	Joe Potter Ralph Dingus	96	46
Valley View	Asia Hughes Derwood Yates	Fred Roberts Burley Moore	190	90
Yates Chapel	Wythe Salyers Derwood Yates	Gaines Vanover John Yates	32	50
Totals			2394	1522

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

LETCHER COUNTY

Kathleen Moore	Enos Moore	Milford Craft
	HAMILTON COUNTY	
	Roy Hutson	Mary L. Stewart

Ministers

Robert L. Matney	Kenneth Jones	Vestal Hutson
Roy C. Johnson	Floyd R. Stewart	Bobby McQuire

L. D. Mahan

DICKENSON COUNTY

Flora D. Reedy	N. B. Lambert	Lloyd Hillman
	Gilbert Arrowood	

Ministers

C. E. Reedy	Lewis Allen Hill	James G. Wright
	Everett Johnson	

LETCHER COUNTY

Ministers

Lester Able	Albert Dingus
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PIKE COUNTY

Ministers

Robert Varney	Bennie Slone
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Deacons

Earet Rose	Lee Roach	Arnold Baker
William Green	George W. Blankenship	

Visiting Minister

Rev. Paul Collins, 89 Cherry St., Westerville, Ohio

Member of The Ohio State Association

The Association for 1969 will convene with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va., at 11:00 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator. You, the delegates and officers and members owe it to the Association to be present.

Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1968-1969.

ALBERT DINGUS, Jenkins, Ky.	Moderator
L. D. MAHAN, Erlanger, Ky.	Assistant Moderator
EVERETT W. JOHNSON, 32 W. Walnut, Westerville, Ohio	Clerk
BOBBY VARNEY, Pinsonfork, Ky.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

PIKE COUNTY

BENNY SLONE, <i>Chairman</i>	Meta, Ky.
BOBBY VARNEY	Pinsonfork, Ky.
SONNY HATFIELD	Lobata, W. Va.

LETCHER COUNTY

EUGENE ADKINS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
HERMAN BATES, JR.	Payne Gap, Ky.
DALLAS KELLY	Jenkins, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
KYLE HUBBARD	Honaker, Va.
EDWARD PERKINS	Oakwood, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY

JOE JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	Fremont, Va.
E. M. ROSE	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
EMORY VANOVER	Wise, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAROLD RIDNER, <i>Chairman</i>	2744 Faber Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
DON HOWARD	1067 Marshall Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
VESTAL HUTSON	3783 Ebenezer Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY

N. B. LAMBERT, <i>Chairman</i>	Nora, Va.
O. T. SMITH	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
OAKLEY MULLINS	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
EARET ROSE	Clintwood, Va.
EVERETT MULLINS	Pound, Va.

LETCHER COUNTY

ELDRED HAYES, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
JOHN BLEVINS, JR.	Jenkins, Ky.
MILFORD CRAFT	Jenkins, Ky.

HAMILTON COUNTY

HENRY HUTSON	Cincinnati, Ohio
LELAND WATSON	Alexandria, Ky.
DENVER W. COURTER, SR.	Lawrenceburg, Ind.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

WALTER WHITED, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
CLEVE DYE	Swords Creek, Va.
JOHN RAY	Swords Creek, Va.
JESS SHELL	
FRAZIER HALE	Drill, Va.
BRADY FARMER	
LEONARD DYE	Drill, Va.

PIKE COUNTY

V. E. HELMS, <i>Chairman</i>	McAndrews, Ky.
JOHN T. OLIVER	Ransom, Ky.
BOBBY VARNEY	Pinsonfork, Ky.

Introduction

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Earet Rose. As the pastor of the church brings the morning message, Bro. Kenneth Jones proceeded by reading for a lesson the first 3 verses of the 14th. chapter of St. John. Using for a text "In my Father's House." This was a wonderful message and full of the wonderful Promises of God to those that are Faithful to Him.

PROCEEDINGS

The 46th. session of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky. September 6-7 1968.

The Clerk having charge of the Association read for a lesson from the the 22nd. chapter of Revelation beginning with the 8th. verse and reading through the remainder of the chapter.

Delegates, Ministers, Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Ministers and Deacons were enrolled.

Clerk declared Association open for such legal business that might come before it.

The first item was the election of a moderator. By regular move and second Bro. Albert Dingus was elected Moderator. The Association gave the Moderator power to appoint such committees and help as needed to carry on the work.

Moderator appointed Bro. L. D. Mahan as Assistant Moderator. Proceeded by electing a clerk and treasurer. By regular move and second Everett Johnson was elected Clerk. By regular move and second Bro. Bobby Varney was elected as Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Pulpit Committee:

Bro. Enos Moore, chairman Bro. Lee Roach Bro. Earet Rose

Auditing Committee:

Bro. C. E. Reedy, chairman Bro. Lester Able Bro. James Wright

The Moderator called for reports from those that had visited other Conferences. Bro. Milford Craft gave a fine report from the conferences that he visited, stating a fine fellowship and a good spirit abounded.

Bro. Floyd Stewart gave a report on his visit to the Freewill Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn. Bro. Stewart has attended the College and plans to return in the near future.

By regular move and second these reports were received from the Brethren.

No other business at this time the conference was adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bros. L. D. Mahan and James Wright were appointed for this hour of service. Bro. Mahan read for a lesson 3 verses from the 13th. chapter of Romans, 11th. through the 14th. verse. Taking his text from the 2nd. chapter and 3rd. verse.

Had congregational singing, special singing by the singers of Dayton Church also Bro. Earet Rose. Prayer by Bro. Reedy. Had a wonderful service.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Committee chose Bros. Lewis Allen Hill and Albert Dingus for the night service. Prayer by Bro. Mahan. Bro. Dingus concluded the service using for a text "Let us gone on unto perfection."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Session opened with special singing. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Hillman. Moderator read for a lesson the 1st. Psalm.

Moderator called the conference to order to transact such legal business that needed to be taken care of at this time. Enrolling of delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and deacons and corresponding messengers.

This being completed he called for the letters from the Quarterly conferences. All reported by letter except Hamilton County Conference. Bro. Floyd Stewart gave an oral report of their conference and by regular move and second the letter was to be sent to the clerk to be put in the minutes also to accept Bro. Stewart's report. Motion carried.

Letters were read as follows:

PIKE COUNTY

Sept. 2, 1968

Greetings To The John Thomas Association:

While in regular session with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church at Dayton, Ky. September 6th and 7th.

We the Pike County Conference met with the Sookey's Creek Church on June 8th and 9th.

Rev. Woodrow Mullins was elected moderator and Rev. Reaford Justice was elected Ass't. Moderator. Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Sixteen churches reported by letter to the conference. All letters received as read.

The treasurer Bro. Curtis Wellman reported \$494.77 balance in treasure.

A motion was made and second to begin our conference at 10 O'Clock A.M. on Sat. Mornings.

Our statistics are as follows:

Churches	17
Ordained Ministers	47
Sunday School Enrollment	705
Total Membership of Churches	1170

Financial Report:

Spent for Local Causes	\$246.48
Foreign Mission	\$ 24.00
Orphan's Home	\$ 61.00
Enclosed for Minutes	\$175.00

(We request 400 minutes)

Rev. Woodrow Mullins - Moderator

Rev. William G. King - Clerk

CHURCHES OF PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

No.	Members	
48	Rockhouse	Rockhouse, Ky.
65	Edo	Kimper, Ky.
50	Elkhorn	Elkhorn, Ky.
48	Turkey Creek	Turkey Creek, Ky.
68	Caney Creek	Pikeville, Ky.
38	Island Creek	Island Creek, Ky.
70	Belfry	Belfry, Ky.
58	Leckieville	Leckieville, Ky.
39	Owsley	Owsley, Ky.
59	Grassy	Zebulon, Ky.
63	Mt. Zion	Hatfield, Ky.
92	Virgie	Virgie, Ky.
8	Toler Creek	Harold, Ky.
43	Meathouse	Meta, Ky.

205	Octavia J.	McAndrews, Ky.
53	Sookey's Creek	Yeager, Ky.
163	Blue Springs	Ransom, Ky.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dayton, F.W.B. Church, Hamilton County Conf., Dayton, Kentucky, September 6 and 7, 1968.

We, the Dickenson County Conf. met with the Dyers Chapel Church, July 26th and 27th, 1968.

Our conference was organized by electing Bro. C. E. Reedy, mod.; Rufus Keith, asst. moderator; clerks, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming, Q.M. treasurer Charles Lambert, E.M. Fund treasurer Everett Mullins, Mrs. C. E. Reedy, treasurer, Orphan Home Fund.

Executive committee N. B. Lambert, chairman; O. T. Smith, Oakley Mullins, Earet Rose, Everett Mullins.

Our conference dropped the Charlie Chapel Church from our conference. The Manassas F.W.B. Church was accepted into our conference at our July Conference.

Conference voted to buy one thousand minutes for this year.

The following were delegates to our conference and are delegates to the Association:

Castlewood—Murtle Milton, May Milton, Caroline Lasley, Hazel Reynolds.

Clinchco—Muncy Mullins, Bertha Thomas, Rosa Meade, Ocie Harrison, Jane McCarty.

Counts Chapel—W. G. Puckett, Annabel Puckett, Richard Greene, Lucille Greene. Davis Chapel—Desta Davis, Margaret Stair, Prince Dotson, Herbert Hale.

Duncan Gap—Lonnie Underwoods, Cecil Mullins, Phyllis Mullins.

Dyers Chapel—Catherine Kiesling, Bro. and Sister James Pruitt, Homer Kiser.

Fergie Chapel—Denton Boggs, Flora Robinson, Rufus Strange.

Flemingtown—Guy Colley, Jim and Bonnie Dutton, Tivis Mullins, Francis Mullins, Leonard Sluss, Joe Sluss, Glenn Sluss, Emma Sluss.

Fremont—Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Smith, Gary Smith, Eda Gaye Patton.

Fryingpan—James E. Viers, Leota Viers, Esther Rasnick and Rose Powers.

Georges Fork—Herbert Mullins, Walton Beverly, Virgie Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Quinn.

Hill Ridge—Bro. Ayers Green, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Boyd, Carter Boyd.

Honey Camp—Sis. Clara Smith, Sis. Fallie Rose.

Hubbard Chapel—Ferd Lane and wife, Bro. and Sis. Webster Hubbard, Roy Hubbard.

Lick Fork—Bro. Arvil Dotson, Sis. Audrey Stanley, Sis. Helen Vanover, Sis. Bessie Large.

Manassas—Clifton Morgan.

Martins Chapel—Sis. Maratha Amburgery, Sis. Hassie Martin, Bro. Willard Counts, Sis. Reba Counts.

Meades Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Joe Lawson, Sis. Goldie Kiser, Sis. Viola Meade, Sis. Mazie Large.

McCoys Chapel—Clara Bell McCoy, Maye McCoy.

Middle Branch—Sis. Neva Sutherland, Dorothy Austin, Gaines Lambert, Carter Lambert, Leo Silcox.

Mill Creek—Bro. & Sis. Delmon Farmer, Bro. and Sis. Ellis Adkins.

Mills Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sexton.

Peuthers Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Arrowood, aJnice Bise, Joyce Reedy, Stella Baker.

Phillips Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Arthur Salyers, Sis. Ida Marshall, Sis. Carther Phillips, Sis. Mack Holbrook.

Pine Creek—Bro. and Sis. Elzie Mullins, Bro. Cleophus Vanover.

Pine Grove—Hazel Kennedy, Ray Kennedy.

Pyles Memorial—Bro. Richard Mullins, Sis. Kate Mullins, Sis. Eileen Mullins.

Rachels Chapel—Samantha Mullins, Paul Stanley, Rometa and Cassie Salyers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Gofrey Stanley.

Rugsby Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Cowan Blevins, Ivan Ray Hill, Rita Vance, Nita Ratcliff, Bertha Salyer, Sis. Frankie Mullins.

Straight Hollow—absent.

Splashdam—Ethel Puckett, Virgie Wright, Elma Musick, Reeve Mullins, Leona Mullins.

Tarpon—Brenda Miles, Pauline Miles, Dora Burchett, Morris Sykes.

Valley View—Cora Vanover, Eva Dotson, Madeline Roberts, Janice Hughes, Carol Dotson.

Yates Chapel—Bro. and Sis. C. S. Lane, Bro. and Sis. Sam Lowery, Bonetta Stanley, Bro. and Sis. John Hayes, Bro. and Sis. Merdia Boggs.

Our standing as follows:

No. of Churches	34
Membership	2394
No. of Sunday Schools	29
Enrollment in Sunday School	1522
Ordained Ministers	60

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church, Stratton, Va., July 26-27, 1968.

C. E. Reedy, Moderator

Rufus Keith, Assistant Moderator

Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky. September 6, 1968.

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference convened with the Guiding Light Church, August 13-14, 1968 at Rowe, Va. The Conference was organized by electing Bro. Harley Dye as Moderator and Br. Kyle Hubbard as assistant Moderator. Sister Ruby Compton was elected as clerk.

The following were from their respective Churches:

Guiding Light—Jason Lane, Arnold Smith, Edward Perkins, Liza Dye, Bro. and Sister Ramey, Holland Hale, Virgel Hess, Irene Dotson, Velvia Meadows, Bert Diamond.

Tunnel Hill—Marvin Honaker.

Drill's Chapel—Bro. and Sister Jr. Rasnake.

Valley View—Bro. and Sister Jess Shell, Bro. and Sister Jr. Meadows, Bro. and Sister Lona Lee.

Fletchers Ridge—Estel Ray, Juanita Farmer, Brady Farmer, Tinis Farmer, Ada Farmer.

Fuller's Chapel—Walter Whited.

Ephesus Church—Ellen Dye, Cleve Dye, Bro. and Sister Henry Robinette, Bro. and Sister Roger Rife.

Mt. Zion—Bro. and Sister Frazir Hale, Bro. and Sister Carl Wallace, Leonard Dye.

Mt. View—Bro. and Sister Clarence Compton, Bro. and Sister Aubrey Compton, Cynthia Kaye Compton, Paris Johnson.

Deacons present:

Arnold Smith, Jason Lane, Frazier Hale, Estel Ray, Brady Farmer, Aubrey Compton, Hugh Coleman, Leonard Dye.

Executive Committee:

Jess Shell, Brady Farmer, Frazier Hale, Cleve Dye, Walter Whited, John Ray, Leonard Dye.

Statistics:

Churches	11
Membership	420
Sunday School	9

By order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with the Guiding Light Church, Rowe, Va., August 13, 1968.

Harley Dye, Moderator

Kyle Hubbard, Asst. Moderator

Ruby Compton, Clerk

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greeting:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky. We, the Letcher County Conference met with the Dorton Church at Dorton, Kentucky, August 24, 1968.

The Conference opened by singing, "Some Day" with Bro. Ezra Johnson leading the singing.

Scripture reading, Act 16, Chapter verse 25 thru 31.

Prayer by Brother Herman Bates Jr.

The Following Delegates were enrolled:

Eugene Anderson, Clarence Livsley, Archie Springler, Arlie Rose, Enos Moore, Ollie Springler, Ruth Craft, Martha Cantrell, Adam Cantrell, Lula Cook, Christene Bentley, Alberta Blevins, Alpha Taylor, John D. Shook, Kester Cook, Kelsey Fields, Hester Banks, Elizabeth Wright, Luemmie Johnson, Rea Etta Blevins, James Branham, Bernice Blevins, John Blevins, Elsie Stewart, Ruth Hall, Dallas Cook, Jeff Reynolds, Bill Green, H. R. Brewer, Elsie Anderson, Mary Brown, Leona Hughes, Catherine Moore, Vonda Green, Georga Flenner, Linda Goode, Vernan Williams, Pauline Banks, George Roberts, James Griffin, Mary Simpkins, Mary Shelby, Richard Shelby, Cora Able, Joda Mullins.

The Conference being without a Moderator, it was moved and second that Brother Charles Gallion be the Moderator. The Moderator was granted the right to appoint all committees.

Brother Dallas Kelly . . . Assistant Moderator.

Visiting Ministers: Bro. J. D. Kilgore, Bro. Roy Mullins, Bro. Jim Hopkins, Bro. D. C. Hughes, Bro. Jack Bartley, and Bro. Emroy Vanover.

Visiting Deacons: Bro. Ralph Page, Bro. Rolland Stiltsner, Bro. Harold Anderson, Bro. Edward Bentley, and Bro. Oscar Shephard.

The Minutes of last Conference were read and moved and second that they stand as read.

The Pulpit Committee: Bro. Enos Moore, Junior Blevins and Bro. Fleming.

The Executive Committee: Bro. Eldred Hays, Junior Blevins and Milford Craft.

Corresponding Messengers sent to other Conference:

Pike County Conference—Bro. Milford Craft, and Bro. Bill Green.

Johnson County Conference—Bro. Lloyd Pike and Bro. Albert Dingus.

Wise County Conference—Bro. Albert Dingus, Bro. Lloyd Addington, Bro. Mil-

ford Craft, Bro. Homer Lee Mullins, Bro. Enos Moore, Bro. Russell Boggs, Bro. Bill Crawford, Bro. Bill Green and Bro. Clyde Damron.

Dickenson County Conference—Bro. Homer Lee Mullins, Bro. Lester Able, Bro. Russell Boggs, Bro. Lloyd Addington, Bro. Milford Craft, Bro. Bill Green, Bro. Russell Fleming and Bro. Darwin Mullins.

Northern Virginia Conference—Bro. Lloyd Addington, Bro. Lloyd Pike and Bro. Bill Crawford.

The Sunday School talk was given by Bro. Ralph Collins.

The Temperance talk was given by Bro. Curtis Ison.

Both talks were wonderful and a motion was made they be received.

Bro. Ralph Page from Maryland Association made a talk and invited every one to visit them.

Brother I. T. Stallard asked for a letter of dismission from this Conference to unite with Wise County Conference. A move and second was made to give Brother Stallard a letter of dismission.

The Moderator appointed the following for next Conference: Sunday School talk, Brother Dallas Cook and Carl Deprest, alt. Temperance talk, Brother Kester Cook and Richard Tackett, alt.

A motion was made and seconded that each alternate make the next talk in the Conference.

The Pulpit says Brother Lloyd Pike will bring the message at the eleven o'clock hour.

A letter was received from Bolling Fork Church that they wish to unite with Letcher County Conference. Bro. C. W. Ison made a motion to receive them; motion prevailed. We welcome Bolling Fork Church to our Conference. Bro. Arnold Kelly seconded the motion to receive them.

The Church letters were read and Bro. Lester Able made a motion to receive them and was seconded by the brothers.

A motion was made that we order 500 Minutes.

Brother Dallas Kelly made a motion that Edwin Johnson be the Clerk and Henry Whitt be his assistant. Since Bro. Calvin Shook could not attend the Conference, motion was seconded by Bro. Albert Dingus.

Brother Eugene Adkins made a motion that Brother Herman Bates, Jr. be on the Ordaining Counsel replacing Brother Johnny Stoffer whose term had expired. The motion was seconded.

Brother Paul Grason Hopson was Ordained in the evening service.

The Executive Committee Recommends:

1. To give Bolling Fork Church\$ 50.00
2. Brother Ezra Johnson a love offering 50.00
3. Thornton Church\$ 50.00
4. The next Conference be at Marshalls Branch Church.

Conference reported:

Church Fund	\$114.25
Home Mission	158.83
Orphan Home	91.00
Foreign Mission	42.50
Total	\$406.58
Conference Donation	70.10
Total	\$476.68
Total Membership	1174
No. Churches Reported	20

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn until our next Conference

which will convene with the Marshalls Branch Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1968.

Charles Gallion, Moderator
 Dallas Kelly, Assistant Moderator
 Edwin Johnson, Clerk
 Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

We wish to thank the Dorton Church for their kindness shown us and especially thank the Auxiliary for the wonderful food.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist, when convened with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky., Sept. 6, 7, 8, 1968. We, the Hamilton County Conference, met with the Silvergrove Freewill Baptist Church, Silvergrove, Ky., on August 10, 1968. Conference opened with congregational singing and prayer. Clerk, Rev. Bob McGuire, read a scripture lesson. He then called for election of a moderator. Rev. Robert L. Mattney was elected moderator. He appointed Rev. Floyd R. Stewart as ass't moderator. The Moderator appointed the various committees to serve at the conference. The clerk read the minutes of the previous conference and they were accepted as read. Moderator called for letters from sister churches. All letters were read and received. Rev. Douglas Banks was elected as clerk to Hamilton County Conference 1968-1969; Rev. Robert L. Mattney as treasurer, Bro. Denver W. Courter, Sr. to serve on executive committee. A motion was made to send to Association \$50.00 for minute books. Our reports are as follows:

Churches	9
Membership	411
Sunday Schools	8
Average Attendance	364
Ministers ..	17

Done by order of Hamilton County Conference while in regular session with Silvergrove Freewill Baptist Church, Silvergrove, Ky.

Rev. Robert L. Mattney, Moderator
 Rev. L. D. Mahan, Ass't Moderator
 Rev. Douglas Banks, Clerk

CHURCHES BELONGING TO HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	ADDRESS	PASTOR'S NAME
Dayton F.W.B.	215 4th Ave., Dayton, Ky.	Rev. Kenneth Jones
Main St. F.W.B.	1421 Main St., Cincinnati, O.	Rev. Don Howard
Pipe Creek F.W.B.	Pentown, Ind.	Rev. Floyd Stewart
Clinton Chapel F.W.B.	Clinton, Ind.	Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr.
County Chapel F.W.B.	Bloomington, O.	Rev. Carl Noel
Silvergrove Community F.W.B.	Silvergrove, Ky.	Rev. Vestal Hutson
East Fork F.W.B.	Gifford, Ind.	Rev. Charles McKinley
Negangard Corner F.W.B.	Negangard Corner, Ind.	Rev. Harold Ridner
Adams Township F.W.B.	Tiffin, Ohio	Rev. Clyde Tyree

Robert Mattney, Moderator
 L. D. Mahan, Ass't Moderator
 D. W. Banks, Clerk

Auditing Committee gave their report at this time. Books were found to be in order.

This finished the work of the Association, same was adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1969 when it will convene with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, Honaker, Va., at 11 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Service opened with special singing. Prayer by Bro. Bobby Varney. Bro. Paul Collins, from the Ohio State Association, opened the service by reading the 10th verse from the 62nd chapter of Isaiah using for a text, "Lift up the Standard of God". This was a wonderful message, and a challenge to The Church, reminding the children of God the responsibility that is required at our hands. Bro. Clyde Reedy concluded the service by continuing along with the same admonition as Bro. Collins gave us. Both messages were wonderful.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:30 P.M.

Conference opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Mahan. Scripture lesson was omitted.

Clerk organized the Ministers Conference. By regular move and second. Bro. Clyde Reedy was elected to serve as moderator. He proceeded by electing Everett Johnson to serve as clerk, by regular move and second of the Association.

Moderator proceeded by calling for the letters from the Ministers Conferences. All reported except Hamilton County. By regular move and second the clerk was to accept the letter when received and put same in the minutes.

The letters were as follows:

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference met at the Freewill Baptist Church on Sept. 12, 1966. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Bobby Varney. Bro. Bobby Varney was elected as moderator of the Ministers Conference.

Ordaining Council:

Bro. Bobby Varney, one year to serve

Bro. Bennie Stone, two years to serve

Bro. Robie Kendrick, three years to serve

The Ministers voted to withhold the following names from ministers cards:

Bro. Henry Charles

Bro. Tommy Hunt (Dec.)

Bro. Jimmy Owens

Bro. Ermal Cantrel

Bro. Don Lee

Bro. Willard Smith, Jr.

Bro. Walter Ramsey

Bro. Millard Oakes

Bro. James Cassidy (Dec.)

Bro. Willie Daugherty

Bro. Bobby Varney gave a report on the John Thomas Association. The Association wanted the names and address of each Minister and their membership location.

Executive Committee:

Bro. V. E. Helms

Noah Chapman

Bro. Bobby Varney

Oscar Greer

Bro. John T. Olliver

Jake Shood

Lawrence Ball

Ministers at meeting:

Phillip Hackney

Lenord West

Johnnie Cline

John T. Olliver

Reported by letter:

Bobby Varney
John C. Hatfield
Walter Sullivan
Robie Kendrick
Herbert Goff
Bennie Slone

Rev. Onis Varney
354 Jewelett,
Elgin, Ill. 60120
Rev. Lee Roberts
7 Holly St.
Hampton, Va.

Ministers voted that Ministers Meeting be held every 6 months on Friday before the 4th Saturday in February and August. The meeting will be held at the Belfry and Grassy Church, with the next meeting convening with the Grassy Church, 2/23/69.

Done by order of Ministers Meeting 9/12/68.

Bro. Bobby Varney, Moderator

Bro. John C. Hatfield, Temporary Clerk

MINISTERS BELONGING TO PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Leonard West	McAndrews, Ky.
Jesse Mosley	McAndrews, Ky.
Wardy May	McAndrews, Ky.
V. E. Helms	McAndrews, Ky.
William G. King	McAndrews, Ky.
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky.
Tommy Skeens	Ransom, Ky.
Phillip Hackney	Turkey Creek, Ky.
James H. Owens	Pikeville, Ky.
Bennie Slone	Meta, Ky.
Arlie Daniels	Praise, Ky.
Ray Williams	Pikeville, Ky.
Garland Varney	Kimper, Ky.
Bobby Varney	Pinsonfork, Ky.
O. H. Greer	Belfry, Ky.
Sonny Hatfield	Lobata, W. Va.
John C. Hatfield	Ransom, Ky.
Ernest P. Murphy	Hatfield, Ky.
Emmett McPeck	Matewan, W. Va.
Lee Roberts	Hampton, Va.
Wayne Sullivan	Ransom, Ky.
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Ky.
Frank Rich	Pikeville, Ky.
Reford Justice	Owsley, Ky.
Freddie Coleman	Yeager, Ky.
Ralph Kitchen	Garden City, Mich.
Richard Hughes	Aflex, Ky.
Charles W. McSweeney	Ragland, W. Va.
Ervin Bentley	Rockhouse, Ky.
Walter Sullivan	Pinsonfork, Ky.
Henry Charles	Toler, Ky.

Wilson Justice	Pikeville, Ky.
Luther Boyd	Island Creek, Ky.
James Potter	Lookout, Ky.
Walter Ramsey	Ragland, W. Va.
Dock Hunt	Owsley, Ky.
Robey Kendrick	Belfry, Ky.
Johnny Cline	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Junior Harrington	Owsley, Ky.
Noah Chapman	Toler, Ky.
Herbert Goff	Zebulon, Ky.
Woodrow Mullins	Esco, Ky.
Jake Shad	Cinderella, W. Va.
Willard Ray	Hatfield, Ky.
Albert Dameron	Esco, Ky.
Russell Gibson	Pikeville, Ky.
Onis Varney	Elgin, Ill.

Woodrow Mullins, Moderator
William G. King, Clerk

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist. When convened we met with Dayton, Ky. We, the Hamilton County Ministers, met with Silvergrove F.W.B. Church at Silvergrove, Ky. on August 10, 1968. Elected as moderator was Rev. Robert L. Mattney; Clerk, Douglas Banks. Rev. Charles McKinley has served out his time on ordaining council. Rev. Vestal Hutson was elected to replace him. This committee is as follows:

Rev. Harold Ridener, Chairman

Rev. Vestal Hutson

Rev. Don Howard

Ministers attending this session were as follows:

Robert L. Mattney

Douglas W. Banks

Vestal Hutson

Bob McGuire

Clyde Tyree

Floyd R. Stewart

John L. Clair

Roy Johnson

Kenneth E. Jones

L. D. Mahan

Charles McKinley

Don Howard

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

James Isom

Bob McGuire

Robert L. Matney

John L. Clair

Vestal Hutson

L. D. Mahan

Harold Ridener

Douglas Banks

Don Howard

Clyde Tyree

Carl A. Noel

Kenneth Jones

Charles McKinley

Roy Johnson

Floyd R. Stewart

Arlo Smith

Motion was made to adjourn until next Ministers Conference, August, 1969, unless called together by moderator. Done by order of the Hamilton County Con-

ference while assembled in regular session with Silvergrave F.W.B. Church, Silvergrove, Ky., August 10, 1968.

Rev. L. D. Mahan
Rev. Robert L. Mattney
Rev. Douglas Banks, Clerk

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dayton Church, September 6 and 7, 1968.

We, the Dickenson County Ministers, met with the Dyers Chapel church the Saturday before the fourth Sunday, July, 1968. Bro. C. E. Reedy was elected as moderator, Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman as clerks. Ordaining Council: Bro. Joe Johnson, Emory Vanover, E. M. Rose. Ordaining Council ordained the following this year to preach the gospel: Bros. Early Rose, Charlie Baker, Clayton Hayes, Herbert Rowlett. The following were accepted by letter into our conference this year: S. M. McFall and Alex Tompkins. Bro. Alden Carico was reinstated into our conference.

The following ministers were dropped from our conference this year for failing to report for a period of two years: Otis Crabtree, Ivan Reedy, Vaughn Dotson and Alvin Dingus.

The following ministers are members of our conference and in good standing: Charlie Baker, Billy Branson, Alden Carico, Cecil Colley, Bill Dixon, Earl Dotson, Emory Cook, Homer Barrett, Paul Fields, Estel Hale, Clayton Hayes, Lewis Allen Hill, J. T. Hartsock, William E. Hale, James Hobbs, Asia Hughes, Rufus Keith, Marvin Killen, Tommy Large, Claude Large, C. B. Lane, Vester McKinney, Hie Mullins, Ted Mullins, M. C. Mullins, Guy Mullins, C. E. Reedy, Howard Reynolds, Milburn Edwards, E. M. Rose, Maston Rose, Josh Rose, Goble Rose, Troy Robinson, S. M. McFall, Hubert Rowlett, Alex Tompkins, Earl Lee, Early Rose, Everett Smith, James Shortt, Robert Saylor, Wythe Salyers, Fred Taylor, Luther Taylor, John Pratt, Jr., James Wright, Luke Wright, Noble Wright, Hastine Ward, Emory Vanover, Jim Lee Meade, Charlie Miles, B. M. Moore, Everett Johnson, Ersel Johnson, Lonzo Edwards, Derwood Yates.

Done by order of the Dickenson Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church, July 27, 1968.

C. E. Reedy, Moderator; Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman, Clerks

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Ministers Conference convened with the Dorton Church at Dorton, Kentucky, August 24, 1968. Brother Charles Gallion being the Moderator of the Conference. He also was the moderator of the Ministers Conference.

It was moved and seconded that all ministers were in good standing to receive their good standing cards.

Brother Eugene Adkins made a motion that Brother Herman Bates Jr. be on the Ordaining Council to replace Brother Jonny Stoffer due to the expiration of his term. Motion was seconded by one of the brothers. Motion prevailed.

This completing the work of the Conference, Bro. Dingus made a motion and was seconded by Bro. Lloyd Addington that we adjourn until our next Ministers Conference.

Charles Gallion, Moderator
Edwin Johnson, Clerk
Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

NAMES OF MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

George Adams, Jr., Ermine, Ky.

Lawrence Shelby, Jenkins, Ky.

Arnold Kelly, Jr., Kent, Ohio

Robert Anderson, McRoberts, Ky.

Herbert Adams, Burdine, Ky.
 Paul Wooten, Scuddy, Ky.
 Wilson Hall, Robinson Creek, Ky.
 Glenn Miller, Jackhorn, Ky.
 Roy Sykes, Hellier, Ky.
 Morris Dotson, Jenkins, Ky.
 Bill Crawford, Pound, Va.
 Pat Whitaker, Jenkins, Ky.
 Tensley Stamper, Neon, Ky.
 James Mahan, Burdine, Ky.
 William Aldridge, Scuddy, Ky.
 Roscoe Brummit, Scuddy, Ky.
 Jasper Earls, Vicco, Ky.
 Dexter Pitts, Jeff, Ky.
 Lloyd Addington, Dunham, Ky.
 Clyde Damron, Shelby Gap, Ky.
 Gordon Fierds, Neon, Ky.
 C. O. Caudill, Dunham, Ky.
 Dallas Kelly, Jenkins, Ky.
 Eugene Adkins, Jenkins, Ky.
 Eddie Rose, Dorton, Ky.
 Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.
 Arnold Kelly, Kent, Ohio
 Herman Bates, Jr., Payne Gap, Ky.
 Edward Maggard, Jonancy, Ky.
 Harold Miles
 Tommie Pike, Jenkins, Ky.

Robert Felner
 Lloyd Pike, Mayking, Ky.
 Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Ky.
 C. W. Ison, Jenkins, Ky.
 D. D. Moore, McRoberts, Ky.
 J. P. Banks
 L. D. Mahan
 Ersel McPeeks, Payne Gap, Ky.
 Ezra Johnson, Jenkins, Ky.
 Clyde Huff, McRoberts, Ky.
 Edward H. Hall, Cleveland, Ohio
 George Lester Able, Jenkins, Ky.
 John Akers, Scuddy, Ky.
 Johnny Stoffer, Jenkins, Ky.
 Lonnie P. Hale
 Leo Goode
 Darwin Mullins, Dean, Ky.
 Charles Gallion, Jenkins, Ky.
 Ralph Jones, Jackhorn, Ky.
 Jonnah Shoop, Cumberland, Ky.
 Roosevelt Bentley, Jenkins, Ky.
 Woodrow Philips
 Homer Lee Mullins, Shelby Gap, Ky.
 Clarence Hall, Cumberland, Ky.
 Martin Green, Payne Gap, Ky.
 Paul Grayson Hopson, Hellier, Ky.

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky., September 7, 1968.
 Greetings:

We, the New Durm Ministers Conference convened with the Guiding Light Church, Rowe, Va., August 13, 1968 and organized by electing Bro. Harley Dye as Moderator and Bro. Kyle Hubbard as Assistant Moderator; Ruby Compton as Clerk.

The following ministers were present:

Edward Perkins
 Edward Dye
 Harley Dye
 Kyle Hubbard
 Leonard Farmer
 John Massie
 Clyde Lambert
 Truel Brown
 Earnest Crabtree

James Lambert
 Absent were:
 Daniel Beam
 Howard Bostic
 Gonan Kelly
 Visiting Ministers:
 Joe Johnson
 Cecil Mullins

By order of the New Durm Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Guiding Light Church, Rowe, Va., August 13, 1968.

Harley Dye, Moderator
 Kyle Hubbard, Ass't Moderator
 Ruby Compton, Clerk

Clerk was given power to accept the letter from Hamilton County Conference and to put same in the Minutes. By regular move and second of the Association, Letters were received without any discussion. Motion carried.

No other business to come before the Ministers Conference, same was adjourned until the Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1969, when it will convene with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va., unless called together by the moderator.

We wish to thank the people in and around Dayton, Ky for their kindnesses and thank the ladies of the church in the way they prepared and served the food. Sorry the attendance was off; all the more for us to work the harder; the Lord has been so good to each of us. May the Good Lord Bless and Keep us until we meet again.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 2:30 P.M.

Committee chose Bros. Roy Johnson and Bobby Varney for this hour. Bro. Johnson opened the service quoting the 18th verse of the 1st chapter of Revelation, using for a text, "I am He that liveth."

Bro. Varney concluded the service by using for a text, "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands." Text found in the 3rd chapter of Daniel, 15th verse. These brethren brought a wonderful message and a wonderful spirit abounded among the congregation.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Service opened by congregational singing. Prayer by all. Bro. Bob McGuire and Bro. Robert L. Matney were appointed for this hour of service. Special singing followed prayer.

Bro. McGuire opened with the reading of a great scripture lesson of Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Bro. Matney concluded the service with one verse of scripture, John 15:1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." Using as a text, "The Bride of Christ."

God richly blessed with one soul coming to the altar as Christ chose another to himself. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Arnold Baker.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Meeting called together by Assistant Moderator Bro. L. D. Mahan after S. S. hour. Opened by congregational singing. Ministers selected for the hour were Bros. Harold Ridener and L. D. Mahan. Bro. Ridener used as a scripture reading John 7:37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." The service was concluded by Bro. Mahan as he preached from the same scripture.

The Lord was so good and wonderfully gracious as two came forward for membership into the Dayton Church. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clayton Perry.

We of the Hamilton Co. Conference especially, the membership of the Dayton F. W. Baptist Church want to thank God for the honor of having the John Thomas Association meeting in our community. May it ever grow and prosper to the glory of God.

Church Clerk — Lee Roach

Ministers' Report

LLOYD PIKE Mayking, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Conversions	97
No. Baptised	33
Miles Traveled	4700

PAUL WOOTEN Hazard, Ky.

No. Sermons	60
Conversions Witnessed	12
No. Baptised	4
Burials Attended	3
Prayer Services	40

EDMOND C. MAGGARD Jonancy, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	55
Conversions Witnessed	14
Burials Attended	3
Prayer Service	32
Churches Organized	1

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE Hazard, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	80
Conversions Witnessed	10
Revivals	1
Burials Attended	3
Prayer Service	48

RALPH JONES Jackhorn, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	300
Revivals	1
No. Baptised	12
Prayer Service	52
Burial Attended	20
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$25.00

ALBERT DINGUS Jenkind, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	
No. Baptised	8
Burials Attended	12
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$400.00

LLOYD ADDINGTON Route 1, Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	65
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	8
No. Baptised	1
Burial Attended	1
Prayer Service	95

I. T. STALLARD Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Va.

No. Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
No. Baptised	2
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	52

W. M. CRAWFORD Box 393, Pound, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	60
Conversions Witnessed	24
Burials Attended	10
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	0
Sunday Schools Organized	1

HAROLD RIDENER 2744 Faber Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	115
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Prayer Services	37
Amount Received	\$200.00

CHARLES MCKINLEY

Box 95, Rt. 1
Guieford, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	110
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	43
No. Baptised	43
Prayer Services	1
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$443.64

CLYDE TYREE

23A Carl St.
Tiffin, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
No. Baptised	1

VESTAL HUTSON

3783 Ebeneger Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	19
No. Baptised	20
Prayer Services	52
Churches Organized	2
S. S. Organized	1
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	\$26.00

DON HOWARD

1067 Marshall Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	104
Conversions Witnessed	25
No. Baptised	3
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	2

ROBERT L. MATNEY

416 E. Main St.
Crestline, Ohio

Revivals	2
Churches Organized	1
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$10.00

DOUGLAS W. BANKS

Rt. #7
Greensbury, Ind.

No. Baptised	1
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	1
Amount Received	\$35.00

JOHN LEE CLAIR

Rt. #1
Sunman, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	1
Memorials	1
Amount Received	\$30.00

KENNETH E. JONES

129 5th St.
Dayton, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	80
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	10
No. Baptised	6
Burials Attended	2
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$105.00

FLOYD R. STEWART

Rt. #1
Milan, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	35
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	5
Churches Organized	3
Couples Married	5

EDWARD PERKINS

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	1

HARLEY DYE
Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	75
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptised	7
Burials Attended	16
Couples Married	8
Amount Received	\$389.00

EDWARD DYE
Oakwood, Va., Box 304

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	89
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptised	2
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	16
Amount Received	\$11.50

TRUEL BROWN
Rt. 1, Box 295, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	156
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	12
Baptised	11
Burials	14
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	10
Amount Received	\$200.00

DANIEL BEAM
Wise, Va.

Sermons	25
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HOWARD BOSTIC
Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	13
Baptised	5
Burials	13
Prayer Services	12
Amount Received	\$250.00

CARL A. NOEL
Rt. 2,
Bellville, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	11
No. Baptised	3
Churches Organized	1
Couples Married	1

BOB McQUIRE

1115 Central Row, Elsmere, Ky.	
Sermons	45
Conversions Witnessed	8
Prayer Services	30

CLETTUS GARRETT
Rt. #2
Hawesville, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	12
No. Baptised	11
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	52

EZRA JOHNSON
Box 286
Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	10
No. Baptised	2
Burials Attended	12
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	6
Amount Received	\$1.65

OBITUARY

OBITUARY OF BRO. JOEL WRIGHT

Being requested by relatives of Bro. Joel Wright, I will try to write an obituary of him.

Bro. Joel was the son of the late and well known John Wright and Ellen Sanders Wright. Born June 29, 1883 and deceased March 16, 1968. Being 84 years, 8 months, and 16 days in this life.

On the third day of January, 1907 he was united in marriage to Mary Reynolds. There was no children born to Uncle Joel and Aunt Mary, but, their lives were filled with love and devotion for each other until the 19th day of November 1961, when death ended the happy and contented life of Uncle Joel and began a life of loneliness and unrest.

In August 1963 Uncle Joel felt that a greater portion of his lonely life ceased when he was united in marriage to Alice Whitaker who, though being very much handicapped with afflictions herself, stood by him in his sickness until death brought those lonely hours back to her.

Uncle Joel professed a hope in Christ in June 1940. Since that time until sickness laid a heavy hand on him, he would be seen going far and near to church. He loved to go to church and he let it be known that his labor was not in vain, on the last moments of his life he told his sister that there wasn't anything in his way.

God is good to people. A goodness that surpasses any that we can expect in this life.

Uncle Joel leaves to mourn his passing, a lonely companion, five sisters; Alice Houston, Lexington, Ky., Easter Bryant, Burdine, Ky., Elizabeth Mullins, Dunham, Ky., Bertha Church, Pound, Va., Maude Blevins, Blacksburg, Va. Five brothers; W. L. Wright, Pound, Va., Clarence, Pound, Va., Carl and Charlie, Burdine, Ky. and Kedrick, of Blacksburg, Va.

Written by a Brother in Hope;
Doward Webb

OBITUARY OF LINA DIAMOND



Mrs. Lina Diamond, 65, of Oakwood, Va., died on a Tuesday night in a Richlands, Va. hospital following a long illness.

Born at Paintsville, Ky. she was a daughter of Mrs. Flora Hall Phillips Johnson of Nolan and Harvey Phillips. She was a member of the Guiding Light Baptist Church in Oakwood.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her husband, Bert Diamond, one daughter, Mrs. Oakie Thompson of Oakwood. One sister, Mrs. Mandy Marcum of Nolan; two brothers, Reece Phillips of War and Willie Phillips of Barkabus and five grandchildren.

HIRAM B. BISE

Hiram Brownlow Bise, 79, of Honaker, Va., died Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8 in a Lebanon, Va., hospital following a long illness.

He was a retired miner and farmer, and a member of the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in Honaker.

He is survived by his wife, Rassie Bise; four daughters, Mrs. Paul Hess of Rosedale, Va., Lois Honaker and Mary Ellen Fields, both of Honaker; Mrs. Ernest Hicks of Castlewood, Va.; five sons, David Bise of Rowe, Va., Loweel, Robert, and Jimmy Bise, all of Baltimore, Md., 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Owens Funeral Chapel in Honaker with Rev. Perry Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery at Mill Creek, Va.

GARLAND CLEVELAND THOMPSON



In loving memory of Garland Cleveland Thompson. He was the son of Henery (Yank) Thompson and Mary (Charles) Thompson. He was born July 25, 1888 at Zebulon, Ky. and departed this life February 4, 1967 making his stay here on earth 78 years, 5 months, and 4 days.

He was married to Zettie (Maynard) Thompson, who preceded him in death May 9, 1963. To this union was born 4 sons and 3 daughters. Preceding him in death were a daughter who died in infancy and a son who died at the age of 7.

Surviving sons and daughters are: Palmer, Truman and Don Thompson; Mrs. Agnes Maynard, and Mrs. Edith Maynard all of the Zebulon area. He is survived by 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother, G. W. Thompson of Alexanderea, Va., and a half-brother, Herman Thompson of Zebulon, Ky.

Garland accepted Christ as his Savior August 2, 1959. He took membership and fellowship with the Grassy Creek Freewill Baptist Church of Zebulon, Ky. and lived a devoted Christian life to the end.

He was a loving, patient and devoted husband and kind neighbor and at all times gave his strength to the weak. He substance to those less fortunate than by his sympathy to suffering and his heart to God.

We know that our loss is Heaven's gain and with anxious hearts we await the morning of the great and final resurrection where we shall be reunited in a land where there is no more parting.

Written by,
THE FAMILY

JOHN REEDY

In memory of my loving husband, Johnny Reedy I will try to write an obituary. Johnny departed this life January 3, 1968. He was 81 years old. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Bertha Mullins Reedy, four sons, three daughters and two step-daughters. He was a member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church. He loved the Church very much and lived a good and useful life. He is missed by his family and friends very much. Especially by me. My home is so lonely without him. We shared 21 years of happiness together.

Written by his wife
Mrs. Bertha Reedy

OBITUARY OF HENRIETTA (OSBORNE) RASNAKE



The daughter of Larkin Osborne and Mernivia Jane (Coleman) Osborne.

Born November 10, 1885. Departed this life November 23, 1967. Making her stay on earth 82 years and 13 days.

She was married to P. S. Rasnake June 2, 1910. To this union was born 9 children. Her husband and 2 children preceded her in death.

She made her profession in Christ and was baptized in 1947. She united with the Freewill Baptist Church and lived a faithful member until her death.

She is survived by 7 children. Mrs. Thelma Musick, with whom she made her home, Cleveland, Va., Mrs. Delphia Ball, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Tiller, Mrs. Fannie Kelly, Carl

Rasnake, all of Cleveland, Va. Cambell Rasnake, Cedar Buff, Va. Five step children; Mrs. Ellen Lester, Coeburn, Va., Mrs. Ada Deel, Kingsport, Tenn. Mrs. Myrtle Rasnick, Scottsville, Va., Harmon Rasnake, Nickelsville, Va., John Rasnake, Bristol, Tenn. 65 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. One brother, Robert Osborn, Raven, Va. Three sisters; Mrs. Sarah Shell, Oakwood, Va., Mrs. Bessie Cook, Vansant, Va., Mrs. Mae Baldwin, Oakwood, Va. and a host of friends and relatives.

Officiating ministers; Rev. R. T. Newton and Rev. Roy Stevens. Pallbearers; Grandson's, Roy Rasnake, Nelson Kelly, Stanley Musick, Pleasant Rasnake, Timothy Ball, Tommy Johnson. Burial in the Rasnake Cemetery near the home.

She bore her suffering with patience until God called her home to be with him. We feel our loss is heavens gain. Trusting that her children and relatives that one not ready to meet her, this will be the time for them to make ready to meet her in heaven someday.

Dear Mother you will not be forgotten though on earth you are no more. Still in memory you are with us as you always were before. God knows how much we'll miss you.

Never shall your memory fade. Loving thoughts shall ever wonder to the spot where you are laid. Heaven now holds our treasure and the grave the lonely casket keeps. We will love to linger where our darling Mother sleeps.

Written by:
Her Children

OBITUARY OF DOCK YATES

He was born March 29, 1889 and departed this life May 9, 1961. Making his stay on earth 72 years, 1 month, 11 days. He was married to Nettie Smith in 1913 to this union was born 8 children. Four boys and four girls. Two boys died in infancy leaving his widow and six children, two brothers and four sisters to mourn his loss. He professed a hope in Christ some forty years before his passing, and took his membership with the Freewill Baptist Church. He was a member of Rugby Church. He was loved by everyone and we miss him so much in our home. He was the son of Edward and Ollie Yates.

Dear Daddy you are not forgotten, it caused us bitter grief to see you slowly slip away, but, we know now you have sweet rest at last. A loving soul has answered Gods call to come home.

Written by his wife
Nettie

GROVER CLEVELAND SYKES



Grover Cleveland Sykes, born July 9, 1888 in Dickenson County, the son of the late Samuel and Matilda Sykes, departed this life Saturday, March 30th, 1968 making his stay here on this earth 79 years, 8 months and 20 days. Surviving are his wife Lillie Honaker Sykes, 2 daughters, Mrs. Coy McGlothlin of Honaker, Mrs. Willard Thomas of Salem, 3 sons Stanley Sykes of Roanoke, Russell Sykes of Honaker, and Dallas Sykes also of Honaker, 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. He was a member and a deacon of the Tunnel Hill Free-will Baptist Church for the past several years. He was also employed by the N & W Railway Company for 48 years. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

SARAH CAROLINE (PLYMALE) CHARLES



She was born April 21, 1879, departed this life November 21, 1965, at the age of 86 years and 7 months. She was born in Pike County, the daughter of the late Dave M. and Amy (Maynard) Plymale. Her husband, Thomps Charles, preceded her in death 31 years ago. She leaves to mourn her passing five sons; W. B., M. B., Dave, Paris, and Andrew J. Charles; four daughters: Mrs. Stella Stevens, Mrs. Carey Charles, Mrs. Roy Salyers, and Mrs. Joe Maynard; two brothers: Wayne and Hubert Plymale; one sister: Mrs. Elsie Webb; 56 grandchildren, 112 great grandchildren; and 25 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Charles was blessed to live a long and useful life. She was a devoted mother, a wonderful homemaker, and a member of the Grassy Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Now, a seat in that church has been made vacant, for God has called His child to her reward. Her influence, the Christian example that she set and her good deeds will live in the hearts of all who knew her. If it were possible for her to call back a message to the many friends and loved ones she leaves behind, no doubt it would be:

I am in Heaven, dear ones, Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light,
All the pain and grief is over; every restless tossing passed,
I am now at peace forever; safely Home in Heaven at last.
And He came Himself to meet me, in that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand,
Do it now while life remaineth — you shall rest in Jesus' Land.
When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home.
Oh, the rapture of that meeting; oh, the joy to see you come!

Written by,
THE FAMILY

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 Free-will 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,

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.

E. A. REEDY
S. M. McFALL
D. L. SMITH
ARTHUR CASTEEL
J. C. RASNAKE
W. R. STALLARD

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 orgnized 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 11:00 A. M. 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 fifteen cents (15c) 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.—I Tim 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15, I 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; I 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.

ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

The Associations will be held in the Quarterly Conferences as listed below, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at 11:00 A.M.:

New Durm Conference	1969
Dickenson	1970
Letcher	1971
Pike	1972
Dickenson	1973
Letcher	1974
New Durm	1975
Pike	1976
Dickenson	1977
Hamilton	1978
Letcher	1979
Pike	1980

The Quarterly Conference to get the Association the next year will please report in its letter to the Association the previous year which of its churches the Association will be held with. This will enable the Association clerk to publish the place of the conference in the minutes.

