

Minutes
of the
**JOHN - THOMAS
ASSOCIATION**

of
Freewill Baptists

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

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

**Valleyview
Freewill Baptist Church**

September, 12-13, 1969

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968

Balance brought forward from 1967.....	\$ 179.34
Received from Conference 1968:	
Letcher Co.....	176.10
Letcher County for engraving.....	5.50
Dickenson Co.....	359.10
Pike Co.....	175.50
New Durm.....	90.00
Hamilton Co.....	50.00
Kyle Hubbard for Russel Co. for engraving.....	2.50
Total.....	\$1038.04
Paid out 1968:	
Clerk.....	\$ 20.00
West Camp Press for membership cards.....	17.96
West Camp Press for minutes.....	758.50
Total.....	\$ 796.46

Rev. Robert Varney, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1969

Amount on hand September 1969.....	\$ 241.58
Received from Conference 1969:	
Hamilton County Conference.....	35.00
Letcher Co.....	155.55
Dickenson Co.....	338.55
Pike Co.....	195.60
New Durm.....	90.00
Engraving (New Durm).....	5.00
Engraving (Dickenson Co.).....	5.50
Total.....	\$1066.78
Special Christmas gifts to the Freewill Baptist Home for children:	
July 1968 - April 1969:	
Clinchco Church.....	\$ 100.00
Middle Branch Church.....	50.00
Flemingtown Church.....	48.50
Total.....	\$ 198.50

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR OF 1969

Dickenson County.....	1000
Mr. Clinton Lambert, Clintwood, Va.	
Letcher County.....	550
Edwin Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 29, Jenkins, Ky.	
Hamilton County.....	150
Charles McKinley, R.R. #1, Box 95, Guieford, Ind.	
Pike County.....	400
Rev. G.W. King, McAndrews, Ky.	
New Durm.....	350
Mrs. Mose Napier, P.O. Box 682, Honaker, Va.	
Total.....	2450

MINUTES OF THE
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Held With

Valleyview Freewill Baptist Church

CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS
DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of Church	1968 July	1968 October	1969 January	1969 April	Total
Castlewood.....	0	0	0	0	0
Clinchco.....	39.84	33.69	33.54	33.95	141.02
Counts Chapel S.S.....	29.32	23.82	18.07	20.05	91.26
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	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Flemingtown.....	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	10.00
Fremont.....	31.00	16.50	0	21.35	68.85
Frying Pan.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Georges Fork.....	0	30.00	0	0	30.00
Hill Ridge.....	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	37.00
Honey Camp.....	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel.....	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork S. S.....	35.00	45.00	25.00	35.00	140.00
Manassas.....	0	0	0	11.00	11.00
Martin's Chapel S.S.....	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	34.00
McCoy's Chapel.....	0	0	6.00	6.00	12.00
Meade's Chapel S. S.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Mill Creek.....	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Middle Branch.....	40.00	50.00	44.00	42.00	176.00
Mill's 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.....	19.00	19.00	16.00	0	54.00
Pine Grove S. S.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pyle's Memorial.....	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachel Chapel.....	0	0	0	0	0
Rugby S.S.....	13.81	18.27	17.30	18.65	68.03
Splashdam.....	3.41	6.22	4.07	5.90	19.60
Straight Hollow.....	0	30.00	20.00	25.00	75.00
Tarpon S. S.....	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	30.00
Valley View.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates' Chapel.....	0	0	0	0	0
Special Offerings from the Conference.....			78.16	57.14	135.30
Totals.....	\$438.88	\$492.00	\$486.64	\$495.54	\$1913.06

MRS. C.E. REEDY, TREASURER

CHURCHES OF FREEWILL BAPTIST DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Church Memb.	SS Enroll
Castle Wood	Howard Reynolds	Samuel I. Helbert Pete Puchett	35	35
Clinchco	C.E. Reedy	Garland Mullins Johnny Forish Raymond McCarty	130	38
Counts Chapel	Goble Rose	Kermit Greene	40	30
Davis Chapel	Estel Hale	Estel Hale	84	15
Duncan Gap	Richard Stapleton	Elmer Mullins		
	Mac Mullins	Cecil Mullins	30	55
Dyers Chapel	Guy Mullins	Bill Hale		
	Early Rose	Trvis Counts		
	B.M. Moore	Sam Sutherland	135	75
Fergie Chapel	C.E. Reedy	James Sawyers		
	Mac Mullins	Joyce Sawyers		
	Earl Slimp		52	80
Flemingtown	James Wright	Ervie Dutton		
	Hie Mullins	Lee Artrip		
	Cecil Cottey		115	40
Fremont	Goble Rose	Harry Carty		
	Everett Smith	Hershel Mullins	40	
Frying Pan	Hie A. Mullins	Bob Rasnake		
		Holt Rice	23	
George's Fork	Goble Rose	W.E. Beverly		
	Carl Rose	Herbert Mullins	33	65
Hill Ridge	Wythe Salyers	Early Rose		
	Louis Allen Hill	Ranel Withrow	55	36
Honey Camp	Josh Rose	Charles Rose		
	Marvin Killen		24	
Hubbard Chapel	Charles Baker	Fred Lane	38	45
Lick Fork	C. W. Isom	Welford Stanley		
	Derwood Yates	Edgar Edwards		
		Connie Browning	93	72
Martin Chapel	Joe Johnson	Basil Rasnick		
		Beecher Long,		
		Stuart Amburgey	92	63
Meades Chapel	James Rose	Covey Kiser		
	Hasting Ward	Hershal Stallard	65	70
McCoy Chapel	Jim L. Meade	Slimp McCoy		
	Estel Hale	George Lambert	27	60
Middle Branch	Joe Johnson	Simon Sutherland		
	C.E. Reedy	Charlie Lambert	104	
Mill Creek	J.T. Hartsock	Ray Edwards	60	
Mills Chapel	Paul Fields	Thermon Sprowles		
		Troy Holbrook		
		Roy Patrick	73	70
Peuther Chapel	C.E. Reedy	Claude Carty		
	Paul Fields	Francis Mullins	100	54
Phillips Chapel	J.T. Hartsock	James Barnes		
	Enock Rose	Robert Culbertson	49	64
Pine Creek	Marvin Killen	Holiday McFall		
	Ayers Kennedy	Cecil Kiser	85	31
Pine Grove	Rufus Keith	Arnold Gouge	74	60
	Jim L. Meade	Everett Mullins		
Pyles Memorial	Derwood Yates	Edward Mullins	49	56

Rachel Chapel	Enoch Rose	Rufus Keith	58	16
	Ted Mullins			
Rugby	Enoch Rose	Emory Dingus	126	53
	Louis Allen Hill	Eckels Mullins		
Splashdown	Louis Allen Hill	Jim Mullins	45	71
		Emory Hamon		
		Bruce Sutherland		
Straight Hollow	Emory Cook	Fines Deskin	37	45
		Clint Castle		
		Slemp Parrot		
Tarpon	Asa Hughes	Joe Potter	96	46
	Charlie Miles	Ralph Dingus		
Valley View	Stuaret McFall	Fred Roberts	100	100
		Burley Moore		
Yates-Chapel	Wythe Salyers	John Yates	28	45
	Rufus Keith	Maude Yates		
	Cecil Stalland	Ray Bise		
		Agnes Bise		
Manassas	Jerry Slemp	Emory Powers	32	33
Totals				

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

NEW DURM COUNTY

Ministers: Howard Bostic, Harley Dye, James Lambert, Kyle Hubbard, James M. Hutchinson

Delegates

Ruth Dye	Eula Hale	Mona Tiller
Mary Russ	Homer Ray	Lona Lee
Ellen Dye	Harry Griffith	Mrs. John Ray
Mrs. Thurman Honaker	Ada Farmer	

PIKE COUNTY

Ministers: John T. Oliver, R.F. Hatfield, Robert Varney, Bennie F. Slone

Delegates: Suda Slone, Jess Casey, Edgar West, Woodrow Chapman, Dennis Lee Chapman.

DICKENSON COUNTY

Ministers: C.E. Reedy, Joe Johnson, Alonzo Edwards, Lewis A. Hill, Everett W. Johnson;

Delegates

Noah Lambert	Willie Delph	Ellis Adkins
Gilbert Arrowood	Ritter Lambert	Reba Counts
Willard Counts	Robert Stanley	Snoda Sutherland
Revie Mullins	Dock Bostic	Virgie Bostic
Patty Fields	Audner Mullins	Pauline Mullins
Audrey N. Stanley	Bessie Large	June Kilgore
	W.H. Hibbard	

HAMILTON COUNTY

Ministers: Robert L. Matney, L.D. Mahan; Delegate, Mrs. L.D. Mahan

LETCHER COUNTY

Ministers: Ezra Johnson, Eddie Rose, Wilson Hall, Albert Dingus, Lawrence Shelby, George L. Able;

Delegates: Mrs. Cora Able, Mary Shelby, Rebecca Johnson

Deacons

Simon Sutherland	W.M. Green	J.H. Ray
Frazier Hale	Walter Whited	Milford Craft
Leonard Dye	Roland Stiltner	Brady Farmer

Visiting Minister

N.R. Smith, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202

From the Freewill Baptist Sunday School Department

The Association for 1970 will convene with Meads Chapel, Herald, Va., at 11:00 a.m. unless called together by the Moderator. You, the delegates, officers, and members owe it to the Association to be present.

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1969-1970.

CLYDE REEDY, Clintwood, Va. Moderator
 ALBERT DINGUS, Jenkins, Ky. Assistant Moderator
 EVERETT W. JOHNSON, 140 W. Home St., Westerville, Ohio. Clerk
 BOBBY VARNEY, Pinsonfork, Ky. Treasurer

ORDAINING COUNCILS

Pike County

BENNY SLONE, *Chairman* Meta, Ky.
 BUDDY KENDRICK Belfry, Ky.
 WOODROW MULLINS Escoc, Ky.

Letcher County

EZRA JOHNSON, *Chairman* Jenkins, Ky.
 ALBERT DINGUS Jenkins, Ky.
 HERMAN BATES, JR. Payne Gap, Ky.

Dickenson County

JOE JOHNSON, *Chairman* Clinchco, Va
 E.M. ROSE Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
 EMORY VANOVER Wise, Va.

New Durm

(No Report)

Hamilton County

VESTAL HUTSON Cincinnati, Ohio
 ROBERT MATNEY 416 E. Main St., Crestline, Ohio
 CHARLES McKINLEY R.R. #1, Box 95 Guieford, Ind.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Dickenson County

N.B. LAMBERT, *Chairman* Nora, Va.
 O.T. SMITH Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
 OAKLEY MULLINS Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
 EARET ROSE Clintwood, Va.
 EVERETT MULLINS Pound, Va.
 CHARLES LAMBERT, *Treas. of quarterly meeting fund*. Coeburn, Va.
 EVERETT MULLINS, *Treas. of the emergency fund* Pound, Va.
 MRS. C.E. REEDY, *Treas. of children home fund* Clintwood, Va.

Letcher County

JOHN BLEVINS, JR. Jenkins, Ky.
 MILFORD CRAFT Jenkins, Ky.
 EARL SMITH Unknown

Pike County

V.E. HELMS, *Chairman* McAndrews, Ky.
 JOHN T. OLIVER Ransom, Ky.
 BOBBY VARNEY Pinsonfork, Ky.

Hamilton County

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

New Durm

(No Report)

Service opened with congregational singing. Special singing. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Reedy. Bro. H. Bostic, pastor of the Valley View Church, read for a lesson from 2nd Peter, 3rd chapter beginning with the 1st verse and reading through the 13th verse. Bro. Bostic using the 9th verse of lesson read. The Good Lord Wonderfully Blessed in this service.

The 47th session of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church at Honaker, Va. on September 12-13, 1969. The Association, opened with singing. Bro. Joe Johnson was called on for prayer. Clerk read for a lesson a part of the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy, 1st through and including the 8th verse.

The following business was taken care of by the clerk. Electing of the moderator for this session. By regular move and second, Bro. Clyde Reedy was elected. Moderator taking the chair proceeded as follows: electing of clerk and treasurer. By regular move and second Everett Johnson was elected to serve as clerk. By regular move and second Bro. Bobby Varney was elected as treasurer.

The Association gave the moderator power to appoint such committees as needed to assist him in the work. He appointed Bro. Albert Dingus as assistant moderator. Pulpit Committee:

Bros. Walter Whited, chairman, Milford Craft, Edgar West

Auditing Committee:

Bros. Glibert Arrowood, chairman, Kyle Hubbard, Lester Able

Moderator called for reports from the brethren that had visited during the past year.

Everett Johnson gave a report from Ohio State Association.

Bro. Kyle Hubbard gave a report from the Southern Ohio Conference.

Bro. N.R. Smith, from the Sunday School Department of Freewill Baptists, Nashville, Tenn., gave a talk explaining the Sunday School literature being printed at Nashville.

The above reports were accepted by regular move and second of the Association. Moved by Bro. Mahan and second by Bro. Bobby Varney Motion Carried.

Bro. Mahan made a motion that the Association stand adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning. Bro. Dingus seconded the motion, Motion carried.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 2:00 P.M.

Service opened with congregational and special singing. Committee chose Bros. Bobby and Joe Johnson for this hour of service. Bro. Varney read the first fourteen verses of the 1st chapter of St. John using the first two verses of chapter read for a text. Bro. Johnson concluded the service: We had a wonderful service and a fine Spirit existed among the people. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Kyle Hubbard.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Bros. Mahan and Albert Dingus were chosen for this hour. Service opened with congregational and special singing. Prayer by Sister Bonnie Pritchard. Bro. Mahan read from the 18th chapter of St. Luke, 18th through 26th verse. Text "Come, and follow me". Bro. Dingus concluded the service. An out pouring of the Holy Spirit was witnessed among the Brethren and Sisters. Dismissed with singing and prayer by Bro. Frazier Hale.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Session opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Ezra Johnson. Moderator read from Hebrews 2nd chapter and 9th verse.

Moderator called conference to order to proceed with business. First item was enrolling of delegates, ministers, corresponding messengers and visiting ministers.

This being completed he called for letters from the different conferences. They responded as follows: Dickenson Co., Letcher Co., New Dum and Pike Co. Hamilton Co. being absent at morning session, by regular move and second it was voted to table their letter until the afternoon session. Motion carried. Letters were read and by regular move and second were accepted. Motion carried. Letters are as follows:

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association. While in regular session with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va., September 12, 13 1969.

We the Hamilton County Conference met with the East Fork Chapel F.W.B. Church Guieford, Ind. August 8, 1969.

Conference opened with singing, prayer. Clerk read, "Challenge from Communism to Christians of America." Clerk then proceeded by electing of Moderator. Bro. Robert Matney was elected was elected Moderator

The minutes were read of previous meeting. They were approved as read. Treasury report was read and approved.

Church letters were read and approved by the Conference.

The following officers were elected:

Bro. Charles McKinley as clerk; Bro. Emory Smith as assistant clerk; Bro. Robert Matney as Treasurer. Executive Committee: Bro. Denver Courter, Chairman. Bro. Henry Hutson; and Bro. Leland Watson.

Our Standing:

Churches.....	8
Sunday Schools.....	8
Membership (Church).....	300

By order of the Hamilton County Conference while in regular session with the East Fork Chapel. Guieford, Ind. August, 8, 1969.

Rev. Robert Matney - Moderator

Rev. Charles McKinley, clerk

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va., September 12, 13, 1969.

We the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptist met with the Yates Chapel Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday, July 1969. Brother Joe Johnson was elected as Moderator, Assistant, Derwood Yates. Clerks, Clinton Lambert, Alva Lee Fleming, Lloyd Hillman.

The following are delegates to the Association:

Castelwood—Trula Jessie, Caroline Laslie, Myrtle Milton.

Clinchco—Muncy Mullins, Bertha Thomas, Rosa Meade, Pinkie Wallace, Rose McKinsey

Counts Chapel—Bro. Walter Puckett, Sister Annabelle Puckett

Davis Chapel—Sister Margaret Stair, Maureen Bevins, Herbert Hale, Russell Bevins, Desta Davis, Robert Stair

Duncan Gap—Bro. Richard Stapleton, Betty Stapleton, Dock Mullins, Cecil Mullins

Dyers Chapel—Sister Lezie Dotson, Harry Nash, Willie Delph, Helen Nash
 Ferbie Chapel—Bro. and Sister Hurley Collins, Denton Boggs
 Flemington—Bro. Guy Colley, Bro. Jim Dutton, Bonnie Dutton
 Fremont F.B.—Bro. and Sister Autry Stanley, Eda Gay Patton
 Frying Pan F.B.—Sister Ester Rasnick, Sister Rose Powers, Leota Viers,
 James E. Viers
 Georges Fork—Mrs. Effie Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Browning, Mr. and
 Mrs. James Yates
 Hill Ridge—Bro. and Sister Clarence Boyd, Carter Boyd, Bula Moore,
 Pearly Rose, Joyce Rose
 Honey Camp—Sister Mona Beverly, Sister Fallie Rose, sister Clara Smith
 Hubbard Chapel—Roy and Odey Hubbard, Barney Collins, Madge Collins,
 Webster Hubbard, Lillian Hubbard
 Lick Fork—Bro. and Sister Robert Stanley, Karen Stanley, Bessie Large,
 Emma Browning, Hattie Keith
 Martin Chapel—Bro. and sister Willard Counts, Sister Hassie Martin
 Meades Chapel—Sister Bea White, Sister Clara Barnett, Sister Goldie Kiser,
 Viola Meade, Mary Stanley
 McCoy Chapel—Hodge McCoy, Hazel McCoy, Daisy McCoy, Clara McCoy,
 Norma Whitloy
 Middle Branch—Sister Snoda Sutherland, Beulah Johnson, Ritter Lambert,
 Minnie Phillips
 Mill Creek—Bro. and Sister Delmon Farmer, Bro. and Sister Ellis Adkins,
 Betty Edwards
 Mills Chapel—Jackie Milton, Paulina Richard, Ruth Flanary
 Peuther Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Puckett, Mary Yates, Delphia Bise,
 Mr. and Mrs. Dock Bostic, Gilbert Arrowood
 Phillips Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Salyer, Juanita Johnson, Lorene
 Holbrook
 Pine Creek—Bro. Elzie Mullins, Sister Bertha Mullins, Sister Alpha Van-
 over
 Pine Grove Church—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Daton Stidham
 Pyles Memorial—Marie Boggs, Kate Mullins, Ruby Addington, Golden
 Vanover, Nadine Steel, Joyce Stanley, Grace Riley, Eileen Mullins
 Rachel's Chapel Church—Martha Stanley, Mae Marshall, Mr. and Mrs.
 Brownlow Mullins, Ruby Stanley, Paul Stanley
 Rugsby—Amanda Hill, Peggy Salyers, Ella Home, Lucille Mullins, Harold
 Mullins
 Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist—Mrs. Mary McCowan, Dell James
 Splashdam Chapel—Audner Mullins, Mart Kilgore, Patty Fields, Nadean
 Belcher
 Tarpon Freewill Baptist—Bernard Rakes, Dora Burchett, Pauline Mullins,
 Gilva Dingus
 Valley View Freewill Baptist—Macy Damron, Flora Keith, Eva Dotson,
 Dixie Anduson, Janie Hughes
 Yates Chapel—John Hayes, Harlon Deel Sam Lowery, Mary Puckett
 Manassas Freewill Baptist—Rev. Jerry Slempp

Our standing as follows:

No. Churches	34
Membership	2394
No. Sunday Schools.....	29
Enrollment.....	1522
Ordained Ministers	60
Done by order of the Dickerson County Conference while in regular session with the Yates Chapel Church July 25, 26, 1969.	

Joe Johnson, Moderator

Derwood Yates, Assistant Moderator

Clinton Lambert, Alva Lee Fleming, Lloyd Hillman, Clerks

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session.

We the Letcher County Conference met with the Whitesburg Church at Whitesburg, Kentucky on August 23, 1969.

Brother Ezra Johnson leading the singing, "I Live On." Scripture reading: St. Luke 12 chapter, verse 16 through 21.

Prayer by Brother Bob Sexton;

The following delegates were enrolled: Elizabeth Wright, Sarah Phillips, Alma Mullins, Ova Potter, Minnie McKnight, Evelyn Rose, Arlie Rose, Debbie Miller, Nedda Miller, Georgia Flenner, Sarrah Trinkle, Ana Hall, Rebecca Johnson, Polly Cooke, Alpha Taylor, Linda Goode, Alma Cooke, Hester Banks, June Day Opal Stallard, Carlyn Smith Anna Hughes, Jernie Hughes, Joe Stallard, Donetia Potter, Luemmie Johnson, Velva Senter, Grace Huff, Mary Belle Whitaker, Maudie Short, Jane Johnson, Cora Adams, Gladys Breeding, Rebecca Graham, Sarrah Holbrook, Booker Holbrook, Clarence Lively, Estele Brown, Evelyn Bowling, Bro. and Sister John Blevins, Jr., Ben Noble, Alta Engle. Mary Warff, Sister Hughes, Vickie Whight, Florence Wright, Bro. and Sister Webb, Allie Wright, Ollie Bratcher, Corbett Overbee, Enos Cornett, Ledford Mullins, Ruth Craft, Cora Able, Bob Potter, Beulah Potter, Elsie Anderson, Mary Brewer, May Sexton, Wanda Lucas, Eugene Anderson.

A motion was made that Brother Clyde Huff be the moderator and was second by the brothers. The Moderator was given the power to appoint all committees. Brother Ezra Johnson was selected to be the Assistant Moderator.

Pulpit Committee: Sister Able, Sister Phillips, Sister Whitaker, Earl Smith.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. I.T. Stallard from Dickenson County, Bro. Sheppard from Wise County

Visiting Deacons: Bro. Thomas Mullins from Dickenson County, Bro. Rolland Stillson from Pike County, Bro. Harold Anderson from Pike County.

Letters from Corresponding Churches were read and a motion was made and second to receive all letters.

Brother Milford Craft reported he visited all three Conferences. Brother Albert Dings visited Wise County and Dickenson County Conference. The Brothers reported they had a wonderful trip and enjoyed being with God's People. The Brothers made a motion and was second we receive the reports.

The Sunday School talk was given by Bro. Milford Craft, Bro. Curtis Ison being absent.

The Temperance Talk was given by Bro. Booker Holbrook. A motion was made and second both talks be received.

Brother Henry Whitt the Assistant Clerk being absent, Brother Jonah Wright was selected to serve in his absence.

The Church letters were read and a motion was made and second to receive all the letters.

In the evening service Brother Cecil Mullins was ordained and a wonderful ceremony was performed.

Brother Homer Mullins made a motion that all Churches pay 15 cents for each member to the Conference, this was second by Brother Bill Crawford.

The pulpit committee says Bro. Herman Bates Jr. will bring the 11 o'clock pulpit message.

Conference Report

The Executive Committee recommended to give Whitesburg Church a donation (Conference donated \$25.00)

The Sunday School and Temperance Talk be given by the Ministers. The next Conference will convene with Hemphill Church.

Church Fund	\$147.00
Home Mission.....	116.50
Orphan Home.....	105.00
Foreign Mission	40.00
Total.....	\$ 408.50
Conference Donation.....	\$ 54.08
Total to treasure.....	\$ 462.58
Enrolled in Sunday School	1327
Average Attendance	614
Womans Auxiliaries	130
No. Ordained Ministers.....	58
No. Churches Reported.....	21
No. Deacons	56

A motion was made to adjourn until our next conference which will convene with the Hemphill Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November 1969.

Signed by Clyde Huff Moderator

Ezra Johnson Assistant Moderator

Edwin Johnson Clerk

Jonah Wright Assistant Clerk

LETTER FROM PIKE COUNTY FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of quarterly meeting reporting: Pike County Freewill Baptist Conference.

Moderator's name and address: Rev. Walter Sullivan, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Clerk's name and address: Rev. William G. King, Box 53, McAndrews, Ky.

Letter To The

John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists meeting Valley View Chapel Honaker, Va. on September 12 and 13, 1969.

List of delegates:

Edgar West.....	McVeigh, Ky.
Henry Hubbard.....	McVeigh, Ky.
Woodrow Chapman.....	Huddy, Ky.
Jess Casey.....	Pisonfork, Ky.
Carl Williamson.....	Canada, Ky.
Uluie Justice.....	Feds Creek, Ky.
John Oliver.....	Ransom, Ky.
R.F. Hatfield.....	Ransom, Ky.
John C. Hatfield.....	Ransom, Ky.
Dennis Chapman.....	Huddy, Ky.

Period of time covered in this report: From September 6 and 7, 1968 to Aug. 23, 1969.

Statistics

Number of churches.....	16
Church membership.....	1,204
Number of parsonages.....	0
Number of ordained ministers.....	50
Number of licensed ministers.....	7
Number of ordained deacons.....	59
Enrolment of Sunday Schools.....	726
Average attendance of Sunday School.....	540
Enrolment of Church Training Service.....	0
Average attendance of Church Training Service.....	0
Enrolment of woamn's Auxiliaries.....	40
Average attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries.....	28
Enrolment of Master's Men.....	0
Mid-week service average attendance.....	191

Financial Report

Spent for local causes:	
Pastor's salaries.....	\$38.00
Evangelistic work.....	\$ 224.00
Building and repair.....	\$2,701.00
Literature.....	\$ 506.02
Other.....	\$ 865.74
Total spend for local causes.....	\$4,344.76
Spent for outside causes:	
Foreign missions.....	\$ 10.00
Home mmssions.....	\$ 47.00
Orphanage.....	\$ 35.00
Total spent for outside causes.....	\$ 92.00
Total expenditures.....	\$4,436.76
Value of church property.....	\$138,500.00
Amount enclosed for fees.....	\$ 180.60
A 10.00 donation from Octawa.....	\$ 15.00
and 5.00 donation from Meathouse Churches	

\$ 195.60

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va. September 12, 13.. 1969.

We the Hamilton County Ministers Conference convened with the East Fork Chapel, Guieford, Ind., August 26, 1969. The conference was organized by electing Bro. Floyd Stewart as Moderator. Bro. Harold Ridner and Bro. Douglas Banks requested their letters of dismission to unite with another Conference. Their request was granted. Bro. Charles McKinley was elected clerk of the Conference.

The following were elected to serve on the ordaining council. Bros. Vestal Hutson, Chairman, Robert Matney and Charles McKinley. By order of the Hamilton County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the East Fork Chapel, August 26, 1969.

Bro. Charles McKinley, Clerk
Bro. Floyd Stewart, Moderator

Report of auditing committee was read as follows: "We, the auditing committee find the books to be in good order."

Gilbert Arrowood, Chairman; Kyle Hubbard, Lester Able.

Bro. Smith of Freewill Baptist Sunday School Department gave a talk on the Freewill Baptist Sunday School literature and the need of it to be used in our churches today.

By regular move and second conference adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Service opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. John Oliver, Bro. Dye read for a lesson 2nd Peter, 1st through 13th verse, 4th verse of lesson read was the basis for his thought, "Cling to God through Faith;"

Bro. Alonzo Edwards concluded the service using for his text "In the world you have tribulations, but in Me you can have Peace." These were wonderful messages.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:00 P.M.

Conference opened with singing. Moderator read for a lesson the 1st Psalms, Prayer by Bro. Kyle Hubbard.

Moderator called for unfinished business. Hamilton County letter had not arrived. By regular move and second the letter was to stand as it was last year. Otherwise if the clerk received the letter, the Association gave him power to record same in the minutes. Motion carried.

This finishing the work of the Association, same was adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1970 when it will convene with the Meads Chapel Church, Herald, Va. at 11:00 a.m.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE 1:30 P.M.

Clerk having charge of the Association proceeded to organize the Ministers Conference. By regular move and second the conference voted to retain Everett Johnson as clerk and Bro. Reedy as Moderator. Motion carried.

Moderator called for letters from the Ministers Conference. They responded as follows: Dickenson County; New Durm; Letcher County; and Pike County. Hamilton County being absent, by regular move and second it was voted for the clerk to record the Hamilton County letter if received. Motion carried. The letters are as follows:

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

John Lee Clair.....	R.R. #1 Sunman, Ind.
Floyd R. Stewart.....	R.R. #1 Milan, Ind.
Carl Noel.....	R.R. #1 Mt. Gilead, Ohio
Boyce Franks.....	R.R. #2 Mt. Gilead, Ohio
Emory Smith.....	420 E. Main St. Crestline, Ohio
Vesta Hutson.....	3783 Ebenezer Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio
Robert Matney.....	416 E. Main St. Crestline, Ohio
Clyde Tyree.....	230 Carl St. Tiffin, Ohio
Arlo Smith Sr.....	R.R. #1 Suman, Ind.
William Delmas Watson.....	Pine Knot, Ky.
Charles McKinley.....	R.R. #1, Box 95 Guineford, Ind.
Don Howard.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Roscoe Burns.....	R.R. #3 Osgood, Ind.
Frank Tyree.....	R.R. #1 Clyde, Ohio
Douglas Quixsall.....	R.R. #1 Lawrenceburg, Ind.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association. While in Regular session with Valley View Church, Honaker, Va., Sept. 12, 13, 1969.

We the Dickenson County Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptist met with the Yates Chapel Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday, July 1969.

Brother Joe Johnson was elected Moderator.

Clerks: Clinton Lambert, Alva Lee Fleming; Ordaining Council: Joe Johnson, E.M. Rose, Emory Vanover; Ordaining Council, ordained the following ministers this year: Bros. Carl Rose, Richard Stapleton.

The following ministers were dropped for failing to report to the Conference for a period of 2 yrs. Billy Branson, Cecil Colley, Earl Lee, John Pratt, Jr.

Brother Lee Mullins was accepted back into the Ministers Conference.

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference meets every 4th Sunday of the year, also the regular meeting on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in July.

The following are members of our Conference and in Good Standing.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Charlie Baker.....	Rt. 2, Pound, Va.
Alden Carico.....	Gallipolis, Ohio
Bill Dixon.....	4005 Orchard Lane, Rockford, Ill, 61103
Earl Dotson	
Emory Cook.....	Box 321, Dante, Va.
Homer Barrett.....	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.
Paul Fields.....	Box 306, McClure, Va.
Estel Hale	
Clayton Hays.....	Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.
Lewis Allen Hill.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
J.T. Hartsock	
William E. Hale	
James Hobbs	
Asa Hughes.....	Clintwood, Va.
Rufus Kieth.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
Quinton Kieth.....	Coeburn, Va.
Marvin Killen.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
Tommy Large.....	Wise, Va.
Claude Large	
C.B. Lane.....	Rt. 2, Box 96, Wise, Va.
Vester McKinney.....	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.
Hie Mullins.....	Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.
Ted Mullins	
M.C. Mullins.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
Guy Mullins.....	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.
C.E. Reedy.....	Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.
Howard Reynolds.....	Rt. 1, Box 182A, Castlewood, Va.
Milburn Edwards	
E.M. Rose.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn Va.
Maston Rose.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
Josh Rose.....	Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.
Goble Rose.....	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.
S.M. McFall.....	Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.
Hubert Rowlett.....	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
Alex Tompkins.....	Manassas, Va.
Early Rose.....	Nora, Va.
Everett Smith.....	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

ALBERT DINGUS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored.....	1
No. Sermons.....	45
Revivals.....	1
Conversions Witnessed.....	10
No. Baptized.....	7
Burials Attended.....	10
Memorials.....	7

HOWARD BOSTIC

Rt. 1, Box 23 Swords Creek, Va.

No. Sermons.....	85
Revivals.....	4
Conversions Witnessed.....	12
No. Baptized.....	4
Burials Attended.....	10
Memorials.....	1
Prayer Services.....	4
Amount Received.....	\$250.00

JOHN MASSIE

Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored.....	1
No. Sermons.....	75
Revivals.....	1
Conversions Witnessed.....	7
No. Baptized.....	2
Memorials.....	3
Amount Received.....	\$36.69

KYLE HUBBARD

Box 662 Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored.....	2
No. Sermons.....	50
Revivals.....	2
Conversions Witnessed.....	6
No. Baptized.....	4
Memorials.....	3
Prayer Services.....	2
Couples Married.....	18

HARLEY DYE

Rt. 1, Box 92 Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored.....	3
No. Sermons.....	100
Conversions Witnessed.....	4
No. Baptized.....	2
Burials Attended.....	15
Prayer Services.....	5
Couples Married.....	6
Amount Received.....	\$390.00

ROBERT L. MATNEY

416 E. Main Crestline, Ohio

Churches Pastored.....	1
Revivals.....	1
Couples Married.....	2
Amount Received.....	\$20.00

CLYDE TYREE23A Carl Street
Tiffin, Ohio

Churches Pastored.....	1
Revivals.....	2
Conversions Witnessed.....	2
No. Baptized.....	2
Burials Attended.....	3
Prayer Services.....	15
Amount Received.....	\$25.00

CHARLES McKINLEY

Rt. #1 Guieford, Ind.

Churches Pastored.....	1
No. Sermons.....	80
Revivals.....	1
Conversions Witnessed.....	2
No. Paptized.....	2
Burials Attended.....	1
Prayer Services.....	30
Amount Received.....	\$12.00

ARLO SMITH, SR.Rt. #1 Box 51
Sunman, Ind.

Churches Pastored.....	2
No. Sermons.....	165
Revivals.....	1
Conversions Witnessed.....	6
No. Baptized.....	7
Amount Received.....	\$300.00

WILLIAM DELMAS WATSON

Pine Knot, Ky.

No. sermons.....	25
Conversions Witnessed.....	2
Burials Attended.....	2
Prayer Services.....	20

JAMES P. LAMBERT

Box 252, Bee, Va.

Churches Pastored.....	1
No. Sermons.....	100
Revivals.....	1
Conversions Witnessed.....	2
Burials Attended.....	1
Memorials.....	20
Prayer Services.....	25
Amount Received.....	\$50.00

John C. Hatfield	Ransom, Ky.	Blue Springs F.B.C.
Wayne Sullivan	Ransom, Ky.	Blue Springs F.B.C.
R.F. Hatfield	Ransom, Ky.	Blue Springs F.B.C.
Phillip Hackney	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Turkey Creek F.B.C.
Bennie Slone	Meta, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
Ray Williams	Pikeville, Ky.	Scookey's F.B.C.
Garland Varney	Kimper, Ky.	Edo F.B.C.
Robert Varney	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
O.H. Greer	Belfry, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Sonny Hatfield	Loliata, W. Va.	Edo F.B.C.
Ernest P. Murphy	Hatfield, Ky.	Mt. Zion, F.B.C.
Emmett McPeck	Matewan, W. Va.	Elkhorn City F.B.C.
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Ky.	Rockhouse F.B.C.
Reaford Justice	Grassy Creek, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
Freddie Coleman	Yeager, Ky.	Scookey's Creek F.B.C.
Ralph Kitchen	Garden City, Mich.	
Richard Hughes	Aflex, Ky.	Mt. Zion F.B.C.
Charles W. McSweeney	Ragland, W. Va.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Erwin Bently	Rockhouse, Ky.	Rockhouse F.B.C.
Walter Sullivan	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Wilson Justice	Pikeville, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
Luther Boyd	Island Creek, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
James Potter	Lookout, Ky.	Elkhorn City F.B.C.
Dock Hunt	Owsley, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
Roby Kendrick	Belfry, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Johnny Cline	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Turkey Creek F.B.C.
Jr. Harrington	Owsley, Ky.	Owsley F.B.C.
Noah Chapman	Belfry, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Herbert Goff	Zelwlon, Ky.	Grassy F.B.C.
Woodrow Mullins	Esco, Ky.	Caney Creek F.B.C.
Jake Shadd	Cinderella, W. Va.	Belfry F.B.C.
Willard Ray	Hatfield, Ky.	Mt. Zion F.B.C.
Albert Damron	Esco, Ky.	Caney Creek F.B.C.
Russell Gibson	Pikeville, Ky.	Virgie F.B.C.
Onis Vamey	Elgin, Ill.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Curtis Wellman	Hardy Ky.	Belfry, Ky.
Lawrence Ball	Switzer W. Va.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Garland Ray	Virgie, Ky.	Caney Creek F.B.C.
Perry Kendrick	Pikeville, Ky.	Grassy F.B.C.
John Layne	Williamson, W. Va.	Leckieville F.B.C.
Ronnie Kendrick	Canton, Ohio	Community F.B.C.
Mickey Maynard	Canton, Ohio	Community F.B.C.
George Coleman	Rt. 2, Pikeville Ky.	Scookey's Creek F.B.C.

MINISTERS OF OUR CONFERENCE

Mickey Maynard.....	Community Freewill B.
Walter Sullivan.....	Grassy Freewill B.
Reaford Justice.....	Toler's Creek F.W.B.
Bennie Slone.....	Owsley F.W.B.
Woodrow Mullins.....	Caney Creek F.W.B.
Ernest P. Murphy.....	Mt. Zion F.W.B.
Jake Shadd.....	Leckieville F.W.B.
Sonny Hatfield.....	Turkey Creek F.W.B.
Ray Williams.....	Island Creek F.W.B.
Robert Varney.....	Octawa J. F.W.B.
Robie Kendrick.....	Belfry F.W.B.
Robie Kendrick.....	Edo F.W.B.

CHURCHES THEY PASTOR

Walter Sullivan..... Meathouse F.W.B.
 John C. Hatfield..... Bluesprings F.W.B.
 Freddie Coleman..... Scookey's Creek F.W.B.

MINISTERS OF THE NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Name	Church Membership	Address
Harley Dye	Ephesus Rt. 1 Box 92	Swords Creek, Va.
Howard Bostic	Valley View Rt. 1 Box 23	Swords Creek, Va.
Truel Brown	Valley View Rt. 1 Box	Swords Creek, Va.
Clyde Lambert	Mt. Zion	Honaker, Va.
John Massie	Mt. Zion	Hbnaker, Va.
Kyle Hubbard	Tunnel Hill	Box 682 Honaker, Va.
Earnest Crabtree	Mt. View	R.F.D. #2 Hbnaker, Va.
Edward Perkins	Guiding Light	Oakwood, Va.
Edward Dye	Guiding Light	Oakwood, Va.
Leonard Farmer	Fletcher Ridge	Rt. 2 Honaker, Va.
Gomer Kelly	Clinchview	Rt. 2 Cleveland, Va.
Russell Miller	Ephesus	Rt. 2 Lebanon, Va.
Austin fields	East Lebanon	R.F.D. #1 Lebanon, Va.
Daniel Beam	East Lebanon	Ind.
James Hutchinson	East Lebanon	Honaker, Va.
Everett Rasnake	Clinchview	Honaker, Va.
James Lambert	Mt. View	Bee, Va.

PASTORS

CHURCHES

Howard Bostic	Valley View
James Hutchinson.....	East Lebanon
Edward Dye.....	Guiding Light
Truel Brown and Leonard Farmer.....	Drill
Leonard Farmer.....	Fullers Chapel
Harley Dye.....	Ephesus
Leonard Farmer and James Lambert.....	Clinchview
Clyde Lambert.....	Mt. Zion
John Massie and Kyle Hubbard.....	Tunnell Hill
Edward Perkins and Leonard Farmer.....	Fletchers Ridge
Kyle Hubbard.....	Mt. View

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Conference convened with the Whitesburg Freewill Baptist Church
 A motion was made and second that the Ministers Conference keep the same
 moderator and Clerk of the Quarterly Conference.

A motion was made, if a minister hasn't been present in person or by
 letter in TWO years, he will be put under the watch care of the Church for
 one year.

Due to the expiring term of Brother Eugene Adkins on the Ordaining
 Council a motion was made that Brother Clyde Damron is to serve, replacing
 Brother Adkins. This motion was second by the Brothers.

The next Ministers Conference on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in
 August next year, which will be at Burdine Church.

On the third Saturday in November at Wrights Hollow at 10 a.m.

Cecil Mullins was Ordained in the evening service.

The Ordination prayer by Brother Albert Dingus. Charge was given by
 Brother Ezra Johnson. Bible Presentation by Brother Clyde damron.

After singing Brother Tinsley Stamper came forward a message on
 standing for the truth.

A motion was made and second that the Ministers Conference adjom.

Clyde Huff - Moderator

Johan Wright - Assistant Clerk Protom

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Alleghany Church

Roy Sykes (Pastor)	Hellier, Ky.
Paul G. Hopson	Hellier, Ky.
Cylde Damron	Shelby Gap, Ky.

Burdine Church

Albert Dingus. (Pastor)	Jenkins, Ky.
Pat Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky.
James Mahan	Burdine, Ky.
Arnold Kelly	Kent, Ohio
Arnold Kelly Jr.	Kent, Ohio
Eugene Adkins	Jenkins, Ky.

Big Creek Church

W.C. Aldridge (Pastor)	Hazard, Ky.
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Bolling Fork Church

Estle Mullins (Pastor)	Marrowbone, Ky.
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Dorton Church

Eddie Rose (Pastor)	Dorton, Ky.
Cecil Mullins	Jenkins, Ky.
Albert Damron	Pikeville, Ky.

Durham Church

Charles Gallion (Pastor)	Jenkins, Ky.
C.W. Ison	Jenkins, Ky.
Roosevelt Bentley	Jenkins, Ky.
Lloyd Addington	Dunham, Ky.

Happy Church

William Aldridge (Pastor)	Scuddy, Ky.
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.
Ira Harvy	Scuddy, Ky.
Robert Feltner	Scuddy, Ky.
Jasper Earls	Vicco, Ky.
John Aldridge	Scuddy, Ky.
Cleatus Garrett	Rt. 2, Box 102 Hawesville, Ky.

Hylton Chapel Church

Dallas Kelly. (Pastor)	Jenkins, Ky.
Homer L. Mullins	Shelby Gap, Ky.

Hemphill Church

Ralph Jones. (Pastor)..... Jackhorn, Ky.
 Glenn Miller..... Jackhorn, Ky.
 Johan Shoope..... Columbus, Ind.

Marshall Branch Church

Johnny Stoffer (Pastor)..... Jenkins, Ky.

Morris Chapel

Clyde Huff (Pastor)..... McRoberts, Ky.
 Robert Anderson..... McRoberts, Ky.
 Tinsley Stamper..... McRoberts, Ky.
 D.D. Moore..... McRoberts, Ky.

Franks Creek Church

Alonzo Fields..... Cumberland, Ky.

Neon Church

C.O. Caudill (Pastor)..... Dunham, Ky.
 Gordon Fields..... 15½ N. 4th St., Miamisburgh, Ohio
 Layton Hughes..... Neon, Ky.
 George Adams, Jr..... Ermine, Ky.
 Tommy Pike..... Jenkins, Ky.

Payne Gap Church

Erza Johnson (Pastor)..... Jenkins, Ky.
 Herman Bates, Jr. (assistant)..... Payne Gap, Ky.
 Elsel McPeck..... Payne Gap, Ky.
 Vardney Bolling..... Payne Gap, Ky.
 Martin Green..... Payne Gap, Ky.
 Bill Crawford..... Pound, Va.
 L.D. Mahan..... Erlinger, Ky.

Pine Chapel Church

Lloyd Pike..(Pastor)..... Mayking, Ky.
 Percy Elkins..... Jenkins, Ky.
 George Lester Able..... Jenkins, Ky.
 Caleb Hoolbrook..... Dorton, Ky.
 Lawrence Shelby..... Jenkins, Ky.
 MoaresDotson..... Jenkins, Ky.

Rock House Church

Darwin Mullins..... Dean, Ky.

Seco Church

Woodrow Phillips..... Seco, Ky.

Whitesburg Church

Herbert Adans..... Burdine, Ky.

Thornton Church

Bob Adams (Pastor)..... McRoberts, Ky.

LETTER FROM NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Name of quarterly meeting reporting: New Durm Conference

Moderator's name and address: Bro. Kyle Hubbard, Box 662, Honaker, Va. 24260; Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Mose Napier, P.O. Box 682, Honaker, 24260.

Letter To The

John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists meeting Valley View Honaker, Va. on September 22, 13, 14, 1969.

List of delegates:

Mary Artrip	Mona Teller
Ruth Dye	E.R. Rasnake
Leonard Dye	Henry Robinette
Maryin Honaker	May Robinette
Hattie Hubbard	Roger Fife
Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Nuckles	Judy Rife
Ada, Juanita and Alice Farmer	Floyd Childress
Linkous Ray	Dorothy Childress
Roy Farmer	Frazier Hall
Thomas Ruby Mitchel	Eula Hall
Marcella Rasnake	J.C. Artrip

Period of time covered in this report: June to August.

Statistics

Number of churches.....	11
Church membership	399
Number of ordained ministers.....	17
Number of licensed ministers.....	1
Enrolment of Sunday Schools.....	11
Average attendance of Sunday School.....	50%
Mid-week service average attendance.....	Fair

Financial Report

Spent for local causes:

Building and repair.....	\$ 647.00
Literature.....	\$ 130.00
Total spend for local causes.....	\$ 750.00

Spent for outside causes:

Foreign missions.....	\$ 45.56
Home Missions.....	\$ 18.00
orphanage.....	\$ 109.14
Total spent for outside causes.....	\$ 172.70
Value of church property.....	\$93,500.00

This finishing the work of the Ministers Conference same was adjourned untill Ssturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1970. When it will convene with the Meads Chapel Church, Herald, Va.

We wish to thank the people in and around Honaker, Va. for their kindness in taking care of the Association. For the food that was prepared and brought to the Church.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 2:00 P.M.

Bros. John Oliver and Eddie Rose brought the evening message. Prayer by Sister Ellen Dye. Bro. Oliver read for a lesson a part of the 19th Chapter of St. Luke, 1st through the 13th verse. Text, "Occupy Till I Come." Service concluded by Bro. Rose. This was a wonderful message.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Service open by singing. Prayer by J.W. Hubbard. Scripture lesson 11 Peter, 2nd Chapter. Text, 5th verse of lesson read. The Clinch Valley Gospel Quartet was with us and sang for the service. Message was by Bro. Howard Bostic. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jess Shell.

Ministers' Report

EZRA JOHNSON

Box 286 Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	12
No. Baptized	10
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	27
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$75.00

CLETTES GARRETT

Rt. 2, Hawesville, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	80
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	28
No. Baptized	23
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	2

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE

Highland Hgts. Honaker, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	95
Conversions Witnessed	7
No. Baptized	1
Burials Attended	6
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	3

EDWARD DYE

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	62
No. Baptized	9
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	24

CARL NOEL

Rt. #2 Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$29.00

LEONARD E. FARMER

Rt. 2, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	4
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
No. Baptized	2
Burials Attended	1

EMORY SMITH

420 E. Main St.

Crestline, Ohio

VESTAL HUTSON

3783 Ebenezer Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	52
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	4
No. Baptized	4
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Services	52

C.R. MILLER

No. Sermons	40
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	7
No. Baptized	4
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	5

JAMES M. HUTCHINSON

Box 361, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	40

James Short..... Rt. 1, Pound, Va.
 Robert Saylor..... Castlewood, Va.
 Wythe Saylers..... Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
 Fred Taylor..... Wise, Va.
 Luther Taylor..... Rt. 2, Pound, Va.
 James Wright..... Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.
 Luke Wright
 Noble Wright
 Hastine Ward..... Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va.
 Emory Vanover..... Pound, Va.
 Jim Lee Meade..... Coeburn, Va.
 Charlie Miles..... Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.
 B.M. Moore..... Nora, Va.
 Everett W. Johnson..... 140 W. Home St., Westerville, Ohio, 43081
 Joe Johnson..... Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.
 Ersel Johnson..... Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va.
 Alonzo Edwards..... 510 W. Alexander, Royal Oak, Mich.
 Derwood Yates..... Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
 Ayers Kennedy..... Clintwood, Va.
 Cecil Mullins..... Box 22, Splash Dam, Va.
 Carl Rose..... Clinchco, Va. Rt. 1,
 Richard Stapleton..... Marion, Ohio
 Lee Mullins..... Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va.

THE PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greeting,

To the John-Thomas Association convening with the Valley View Chapel at Honaker, Virginia on September 12 and 13, 1969.

The Ministers Conference met at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church on August 22, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Bobby Varney Bro. John Oliver was elected moderator.

A motion was made and second to prepare a letter to the Association. A motion was made and second to give the clerk permission to send in the names of any new minister that was ordained on the following Saturday at the Quarterly Conference.

Ministers attending the meeting: Leonard West, William G. King, John T. Oliver, Phillip Hackney, Bennie Slone, Bobby Varney, O.H. Greer, John Cline, Herbert Goff, Jake Shadd, Willard Ray, Curtis Wellman, Lawrence Ball, Garland Ray.

The following Ministers reported by letter: Wilson Justice, Jr. Harrington, Ervin Bently, Ernest P. Murphy, Richard Hughes, Onis Varney, Noah Chapman.

A motion was made to adjourn until the next regular meeting on Friday before the fourth Saturday in February at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. Done by the order of the Ministers Meeting August 22, 1969.

Bro. John Oliver - Moderator
 Bro. William G. King - Clerk

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH BELONGING TO
Leonard West	McAndrews, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
Jess Mosley	McAndrews, Ky.	Belfry F.B.C.
Wardy May	McAndrews, Ky.	Meathouse F.B.C.
V.E. Helms	McAndrews, Ky.	Belfry, F.B.C.
William G. King	McAndrews, Ky.	Octawa J. F.B.C.
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky.	Bluesprings F.B.C.
Tommy Skeens	Ransom, Ky.	Blue Springs F.B.C.

W.M. CRAWFORD

Pound, Virginia

No. Sermons	35
Conversions Witnessed	10
No. Baptized	25
Burials Attended	7
Memorials	6
Prayer Services	25
S.S. Organized	1

JOHNNY CLAIR

Rt. 1 Sunman, Ind.

Churches Pastored	2
No. Sermons	125
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
Prayer Services	25
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	\$80.00

IRA HARVEY

Day, Ky.

No. Sermons	125
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	6
No. Baptized	1
Prayer Services	35

LLOYD PIKE

Mayking, Ky.

No. Sermons	150
Revivals	7
Conversions Witnessed	55
No. Baptized	29
Prayer Services	35
Couples Married	2

FLOYD R. STEWART

Rt. #1 Milan, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	240
Revivals	8
Conversions Witnessed	41
No. Baptized	27
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	52
Churches Organized	1
D S. Organized , ...	2
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$180.00

OBITUARY

OBITUARY OF JOHN NEWTON WALLACE

Born in 1886 and departed this life in 1969. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Nancy J. Wallace, four daughters, three sons, and a host of relatives and friends but, our loss is Heaven's Gain.

He was a member, trustee, deacon and Sunday School Teacher of the Valley View Free Will Baptist Church at Hickory Junction near Honaker, Virginia. He also was a member of the Executive Board of the New Duram Quarterly Conference. He will be greatly missed by the Church and all who knew him.

OBITUARY OF MRS. ROSSIE BISE

Mrs. Rossie Bise was born in 1908 and departed this life in 1969. She leaves to mourn her loss, four daughters and five sons and two brothers. Her husband preceded her in death nine months ago.

She was a member of the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church at Hickory Junction near Honaker, Virginia. She was faithful to the church and will be greatly missed by the church and her many friends. Our loss, we feel, is Heaven's gain.

OBITUARY OF MRS. AUDREY COMPTON

Mrs. Audrey Compton, 41 of Rt. 1, Honaker, Virginia died Friday night in a Richlands, Virginia hospital following a long illness.

Born in Dickenson County, Virginia. She was the former Ruby Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Rachel Fletcher Vanover of Clintwood, Virginia and late Milton Fletcher. She was a member of the Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to her Mother, survivors include her husband, one daughter Cynthia Compton of the home and one brother, Belden Fletcher of Coeburn, Virginia. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Honaker Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Efford Adams, Rev. Clyde Lambert and Rev. B.F. Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the Russell Memorial Cemetery at Lebanon, Virginia. She was a clerk of Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church and a clerk of Freewill Baptist Conference.



Whereas God in his Wise Providence has taken from our midst our beloved Sister and clerk of our Conference Sister Ruby Compton.

Be it resolved that we thank God for the years that she was with us and for her life and influence in the Church and Community, and that a copy be placed in the minutes of our conference and a copy be sent to the clerk of our association along with her obituary to be placed in the minutes of our Association.

Done by order of the New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Valley View Church, Honaker, Va.

Harley Dye, Moderator

Kyle Hubbard, Assistant Moderator

Loella Napier, Clerk



OBITUARY OF ALTIA BRANHAN GIBBITTS

Altia Brahhan Gibbitts was born April 17, 1900 at Clintwood, Va. Making her stay on earth 68 years, 2 months and 24 days. She

was married to Wayne Hibbitts May 30, 1911. She was married to Wayne Hibbitts May 30, 1916. To this union was born Edith, Luther, Ponzela, Hazel, James Earl, Mary, Billy June, Rita Jean and Robert Dale. She is survived by 20 grandchildren. She belonged to the Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church for many years. She was a faithful church member and is missed by all. Sleep on Mother for thou art resting from thy labors and thine works follow thee. You are missed by all but Heaven has gained another Flower. You were a sweet Mother who always had love for everyone. You were our loss but heaven's gain.

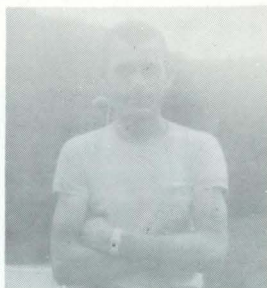
OBITUARY OF SEMON H. WATSON

Esmon Hubert Watson, son of Charlie Watson and the deceased Mary Jane Duncan, Watson. Born August 16, 1932 in McCreary County, deceased from this life September 27, 1968. Making his stay on earth 36 years, one month and eleven days.

He was married to Joyce Evelyn Hatties January 29, 1955. To this union was born five children, Danny 13, Vickie 11, Melissa 2, and baby, Libby and a son who preceded him in death.

Brother Watson was saved and joined the Community Baptist Church of Silver Grove on October 11, 1967. He had declared his calling into the ministry and served his church faithfully until his death.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Joyce Evelyn Watson. Four children, one son, Danny Ellis, three daughters Vickie Lynn Melissa Gwynn and Libby, his father and step mother. Charlie Watson and Julie Watson of Jamestown, Tennessee. Three brothers. Elmer of Smithtown, Ky. E.B. of California, Ky. and Lee Hasten also of California, Ky. Two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Gentry of California, Ky. and Mrs. Helen Mae Bowlin of Cincinnati, Ohio and a host of friends and relatives.



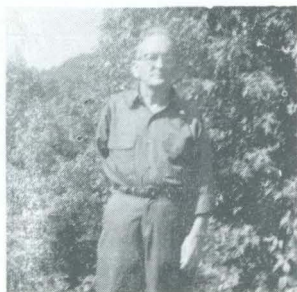
He is missed in this life
And no doubt he will always be
But I would trade worlds with him
If he would trade worlds with me.

He was in my world and
Knows what it is all about
I know he likes his world
much better than mine
Why? I have no doubt

But he is waiting on me in his world
Till I get my work all done
Then we can be together for my world
Will be passed away, and there will be just the one

He passed away from this life
Though nothing but tears, pain and strife.
His reward, we must say is truly grand
For now he sits at God's right hand.
We believe he fought a faithful fight
And his light was always shining bright
His passing away left a lot of tears
From all the friends he made throughout the years.
Now that he has sailed his ship across this life's sea
He can truly ask . . . "Oh death where is your sting
Oh grave where is your victory?"

IN MEMORY OF BRO. GAINES VANOVER



Born October 31, 1897. Deceased March 30, 1969. He is survived by his wife Cora Vanover and three children. All who knew Bro. Gaines loved him. He united with Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, Clintwood, Virginia September 1928 and served as Deacon for many years.

OBITUARY OF LAURA FULLER RASNAKE

Laura Fuller Rasnake was born January 4, 1904. Deceased August 18, 1969. Making her stay on earth 65 years, 7 months, and 14 days.

She was married to James Rasnake on June 23, 1920. To this union was born eight children. Delatus Madeline and Susie Edna who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband James Rasnade, one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Ray of Swords Creek, Va. Five sons, Earl and Mike of Drill, Va. J.C. of Oakwood, Va. and Fred of Canton, Ohio. Two half brothers, W.T. Fuller of Elizabethton, Tenn. and Elijah Stocy of Richlands, Va. Twenty eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of 16 and lived faithful to the end.

She was a life long member of Fullers Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She will be missed by her church, her friends, and relatives but, we feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her Son, Ralph Rasnake

OBITUARY OF JAMES RASNAKE

James Rasnake was born March 25, 1898. Deceased August 27, 1969. Making his stay on earth 71 years, 5 months, and 2 days.

He was the son of the late Jonas and Mary Presley Rasnake. He was married to Laura Fuller on June 23, 1920. To this union was born eight children. Delatus Madeline and Susie Edna who preceded him in death. His wife also preceded him in death on August 18, 1969.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Ray of Swords Creek, Va. Five sons, Earl and Mike of Drill, Va. Ralph of Honaker, Va. J.C. of Oakwood, Va. and Fred of Canton, Ohio. Six sisters, Emily Nelson of Baltimore, Md. Rosie Skeens of Scatsville, Va., Bertha Stevens of Cleveland, Va., Howard of Richlands, Va., Walter of Cedar Bluff, Va. and Ellis of Bucyrus, Ohio. Twenty eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He professed faith in Christ and lived faithful until death. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss but, we feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his Son, Ralph Rasnake



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 mover 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.—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 impress 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;

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.:

Dickenson	1970
Letcher	1971
Pike	1972
Dickenson	1973
Letcher	1974
New Durm	1975
Pike	1976
Dickenson	1977
Hamilton	1978
Letcher	1979
Pike	1980
New Durm	1981

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.

