

Minutes

of the

JOHN - THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING

of

Freewill Baptists

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

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Held With

MEADES CHAPEL

Herald, Va.

September 11, 12, 1970

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969-1970

Amount brought forward from 1969	\$ 521.78
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Received in letters for 1970:

Hamilton County	50.00
Dickenson County	345.30
Pike County	167.10
Letcher County	186.15
New Durm Conf.	60.75
New Durm Engraving	7.50
Letcher Co. Engraving	7.50
Total Rec'd 1970	\$ 824.30
Total in Treasury	\$1346.08

Expenses to September 21, 1970:

Clerk	\$ 50.00
Typewriter for clerk	99.97
Total	\$ 149.97
Amount on hand September 21, 1970	\$1196.11

The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting will convene with the Virgie Church, Virgie, Ky. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1971, unless called together by the Moderator. The introductory message will be given by the pastor of the Virgie Church at 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1970

Dickenson County	1000
Mr. Clinton Lambert, Clintowood, Va.	
Letcher County	550
Mr. Edwin Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 29, Jenkins, Ky.	
Hamilton County	300
Mr. Charles McKinley, R. R. 1, Box 95A, Guieford, Ind.	
Pike County	450
Rev. Bobby Varney, Box 21, R. R. 2, Pinsonfork, Ky.	
New Durm Conf.	300
Mrs. Mose Napier, Honaker, Va.	
Total	2600

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HERALD, VA.

CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS

DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

	1969	1969	1970	1970	T
Name of Church	July	October	January	April	Total
Castlewood Community	0	10.00	0	10.00	20.00
Clinchco	33.04	33.08	30.00	30.00	126.12
Counts Chapel	8.65	23.56	10.30	38.31	80.82
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
Fergie Chapel	20.00	20.00	0	40.00	80.00
Flemingtown	2.50	2.50	3.00	2.50	10.50
Fremont	15.00	15.00	0	45.00	75.00
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Georges Fork	0	0	0	0	0
Hill Ridge	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	42.00
Honey Camp	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork S. S.	24.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	129.00
Manassas	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Martin's Chapel S. S.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	32.00
McCoy's Chapel	5.00	4.00	0	4.00	13.00
Mead's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	60.00	150.00
Mill Creek	15.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	70.00
Middle Branch	52.50	43.00	37.25	40.00	172.75
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	0	20.00	40.00
Pine Creek S. S.	35.00	16.00	11.00	21.00	83.00
Pine Groove 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.	16.90	12.07	12.47	25.00	66.44
Splashdam S. S.	7.27	5.00	0	5.46	17.73
Straight Hollow S. S.	15.00	15.00	10.00	25.00	65.00
Tarpon	10.00	10.00	0	5.00	25.00
Valley View S. S.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates Chapel S. S.	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	35.00
Special Offerings					
Totals	454.86	452.21	347.02	579.27	1,833.36

MRS. C. E. REEDY, TREASURER

CHURCHES OF FREEWILL BAPTIST DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Church Memb.	SS Enroll.
Castle Wood	Howard Reynolds Emmitt Lampkins	Samuel Helbert Pete Puckett	35	30
Clinchco	C. E. Reedy	Raymond McCarty	131	35
Counts Chapel	Goble Rose Everett Smith	Kermit Greene	85	36
Davis Chapel	Jim Lee Meade Rufus Kieth	Thomas Mullins	88	20
Duncan Gap	Tommy Large	Elmer Mullins Cecil Mullins	25	55
Dyers Chapel	Joe Johnson	Sam Sutherland Bill Hale Tivis Counts	135	75
Ferbie Chapel	C. E. Reedy	James Sawyers	52	75
Flemingtown	Joe Johnson Hie A. Mullins	Ervie Dutton Lee Artrip	104	40
Fremont	Everett Smith Goble Rose	Harry Carty Hershel Mullins	45	
Frying Pan	Hie A. Mullins	Holt Rice Bob Rasnick	23	
George's Fork	Carl Rose Bill Mack Mullins	Herbert Mullins Walton Beverly	33	65
Hill Ridge	Wythe Saylers	Early Rose Ranel Withrow	85	47
Honey Camp	Marvin Killen Josh Rose	Charles Rose	19	
Hubbard Chapel	Howard Reynolds Charles Baker	Fred Lane Webster Hubbard	42	50
Lick Fork	C. W. Isom Derwood Yates	Welford Stanley Edgar Edwards Connie Browning	91	65
Martin Chapel	Joe Johnson	Basil Rasnick Beecher Long Stuart Amburgey	92	56
Meades Chapel	James Rose	Covey Kiser Hershal Stallard	69	73
McCoy Chapel	Jim Lee Meade	Slemp McCoy	45	43
Middle Branch	C. E. Reedy Joe Johnson	George Lambert Simon Sutherland	103	
Mill Creek	J. T. Hartsock		57	
Mills Chapel	Paul Fields	Thurman Sproles Troy Holbrook Roy Patrick	86	70
Peuther Chapel	C. E. Reedy Paul Fields	Francis Mullins Claude Carty	103	63
Phillips Chapel	E. M. Rose J. T. Hartsock		48	64
Pine Creek	Marvin Killen Ayres Kennedy	Elsie Mullins Holiday McFall	85	25
Pine Grove	Jim Lee Meade Rufus Kieth	Arnold Gouge Cecil Kiser	82	60
Pyles Memorial	Roy Vanover Derwood Yates	Everett Mullins Edward Mullins	54	56

Rachel Chapel	E. M. Rose	Rufus Keith	63	22
	Ted Mullins			
Rugby	E. M. Rose	Eckele Mullins	122	53
	Ted Mullins	Emory Dingus		
Splashdam	Bill Mack Mullins	Jim Mullins	47	45
	B. M. Moore	Emory Hamons		
		Bruce Sutherland		
Straight Hollow	Hasting Ward	Finis Deskin	22	52
		Clint Castle		
Tarpon	Charlie Miles	Joe Potter	95	36
	Wythe Sayers	Ralph Dingus		
Valley View	Asa Hughes	Burley Moore	75	90
	Derwood Yates	Fred Roberts		
		George Kendrick		
Yates Chapel	Wythe Sayers	Roy Bise		
	Ayres Kennedy	John Yates		
Manassas	Jerry Slemp		31	40
			2304	1442

OFFICERS

Officers of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1970-1971.

BOBBY VARNEY, Pinsonfork, Ky. Moderator
 CLYDE REEDY, Clintwood, Va. Assistant Moderator
 EVERETT W. JOHNSON, 140 W. Home St., Westerville, O. 43081. . . . Clerk
 BOBBY VARNEY, Pinsonfork, Ky. Treasurer

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

DICKENSON COUNTY

Ministers: B. M. Moore, Alanzo Edwards, C. E. Reedy, Alva Dingus, Emory Cook, Jim Lee Meade, Joe Johnson, Everett Johnson, Steward McFall, (Carter Boyd, Licensed)

Delegates

Harry Nash	Teresa Nash	Agnes Bise	Bertha Salyers
Ruby Puckett	Henry Carty	Dock Bastic	Virgie Bostic
Mertie Boggs	Alta Boggs	Gilbert Arrowood	Goldie Kiser
Macy Damron	Flora Keith	Georgia Smith	Bryon Stanley
Norma Large	Lola Long	Robert E. Stanley	Juanita Johnson
Ritter Lambert	Zella Lambert	Ernest Sexton	Hassie Martin
Munsie Bostic	Martha Amburgey	Claude Markland	Bonnie Sexton

Deacons

Garland Mullins	Earet Rose	Emory Dingus	Emory Hamm
Slemp McCoy	Covey Kiser	C. C. Lambert	

LETCHER COUNTY

Ministers: Ezra Johnson, Clyde Huff, Lawrence Shelby, Albert Dingus, Lester Able, (David L. Shook, under watch care of Burdine F.W.B. Church)

Delegates

Bonnie Pritchard	Evelyn Rose	Arlie Rose	John D. Shook
Ruth Craft	Maxine Shook	Vanda Greene	

Deacons

Jonah D. Wright	Milford Craft	William Greene
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NEW DURM COUNTY

Ministers: Kyle Hubbard, John Massie, James M. Hutchinson

Delegates

Mamie Bostic	Carl Wallace	Mary E. Wallace	J. B. Tiller
Mona Tiller	Ada Farmer		

Deacons

A. B. Farmer

PIKE COUNTY

Ministers: Leonard West, Robert Varney, Edgar West, Woodrow Mullins, Albert Damron, Bennie Slone

Delegates

Georgia Mullins	Holla Brewer	Sara E. Mullins	Woodrow Chapman
Rosetta Williams	Milton Williams	Daniel Coleman	Suda Slone
Bunice Bryant	Crystaline Ratliff	Alice Fleming	Donald Bentley
Rebecca Bentley	Jessa Casey	Lum H. Tackett	

Deacons

Troy Bryant	Press Brewer	Monis Ratliff	Orville Hamilton
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VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Ray Goode, Wise, Va., South West Va. Association
 Rev. N. R. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., P.O. Box 1088. 37202 F.W.B.S.S. Department
 Rev. James Rose, Wise, Va., Wise Co. Conference

ORDAINING COUNCILS

LETCHER COUNTY

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

PIKE COUNTY

BENNY SLONE, Chairman	Meta, Ky.
ROBEY KENDRICK	Belfry, Ky.
WOODROW MULLINS	Esco, Ky.

DICKENSON COUNTY

JOE JOHNSON, Chairman	Clinchco, Va.
E. M. ROSE	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
WYTH SALTER	Wise, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY

ROBERT MATNEY, Chairman	416 E. Main St., Crestline, O.
CHARLES MCKINLEY	R. R. 1, Box 95, Guilford, Ind.
CLYDE TYREE	25 Maple St., Tiffin, O.

NEW DURM

HARLEY DYE, Chairman	Swords Creek, Va.
KYLE HUBBARD	Honaker, Va.
EDWARD PERKINS	Oakwood, Va.

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	Coeburn, Va.
EVERETT MULLINS, Treas. of Emergency Fund	Pound, Va.
MRS. C. E. REEDY, Treas. of Childrens Home Fund	Clintwood, Va.

LETCHER COUNTY

J. D. SHOOK, Chairman	
MILFORD CRAFT	Jenkins, Ky.
EARL SMITH	

PIKE COUNTY

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

NEW DURM

CLEVE DYE, Chairman	Swords Creek, Va.
JESSE SHELL	Oakwood, Va.
FRAZIER HALE	Honaker, Va.
BRADY FARMER	Council, Va.
LEONARD DYE	Honaker, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY

FLOYD STEWART	R. R. 1, Butlerville, Ind.
DAVE PHILLIPS	
JOE POE	

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

Service opened with Bro. Claude Markland leading the singing. A wonderful Spirit abounded at the very beginning of the service. Song entitled, "Where The Soul Never Dies." Prayer by Bro. Jim Lee Meade.

In the absence of the pastor, Bro. James Rose, Bro. Alva Dingus read for a lesson five verses of the 15th Chapter of St. John. Bro. Dingus using for a text "Abide in Me." The message was very inspiring and was wonderful to hear Bro. Dingus again.

The congregation to gather back around 1:00 P.M. to organize the conference.

PROCEEDINGS

The 48th session of the John-Thomas Yearly meeting of Freewill Baptist convened with the Meads Chapel Church, Herald, Va., Sept. 11-12, 1970.

Clerk having charge of the meeting read for a lesson from the 4th Chapter of Matthew, beginning with the 18th through and including the 20th verse. A motion was made that Bro. Bobby Varney serve as moderator. No other nominations. Bro. Varney was elected to serve. Bro. Bobby taking the chair proceeded with the business. Next item was electing of the Clerk. Everett Johnson was elected as Clerk. The electing of a Treasurer was the next item of business. Bro. Bobby Varney was elected as treasurer. The Conference gave the Moderator power to appoint such committees as needed to assist him in the work. They were as follows: Assistant Moderator was appointed. Bro. Clyde Reedy was to be the Assistant Moderator. Pulpit Committee: William Green, Chairman, Gilbert Arrowood and Woodrow Chapman. Auditing Committee: Milford Craft, Chairman, Joe Johnson and Alva Dingus. Next item was enrolling of delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers.

Reports from those that had visited other bodies was called for at this time. Everett Johnson reported from Ohio State Association. Bro. Kyle Hubbard reported from Southern Ohio Conference. These reports were accepted. Motion made to receive these reports. Motion carried.

Rev. N.R. Smith gave a report on the Sunday School Literature that was being published and used by Freewill Baptists Churches. He stressed the need to work for the betterment of teaching the Bible. Motion to receive Bro. Smith's report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

The Auditing Committee gave this report as follows: The Treasurer's books were found to be in order.

The Pulpit Committee gave their report. Bros. Kyle Hubbard and Joe Johnson for the evening services. Motion made to adjourn by Bro. Alva Dingus. Seconded. Motion carried.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:30 P.M.

Bro. Hubbard reading for a lesson from 116th Psalm, 1st. and 2nd. verses. Prayer by Bro. Bennie Slone. Bro. Hubbard used for a text, "what shall I render unto The Lord, for all of His benefits." Bro. Joe Johnson concluded the services. Both these Brothers did a wonderful job with this text. Wonderful Admonition and a wonderful Spirit abounded.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

B. S.
The committee appointed Bros. Lonzo Edwards and Ezra Johnson for the night service. Congregational singing. A special song, "Pilgrim of Sorrow," by Bro. Enoch Rose. Bro. Edwards read for a lesson the 15th through the 25th verses of the 27th Chapter of Matthew. Bro. Albert Dingus led the prayer. Bro. Edwards text was, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ." Bro. Ezra Johnson concluded the service. This was a very inspiring message and a challenge to everyone.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Joe Johnson. Moderator read for a lesson Titus 2nd Chapter.

Moderator called meeting to order for business. Proceeded by enrolling delegates, ministers, corresponding messengers and visiting ministers. This business was completed. The moderator called for letters of the different quarterly conferences. They responded as follows: Dickenson County, Pike County, Hamilton County, New Durm and Letcher County.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association. While in regular session with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Va., September 11, 12, 1970.

We the Dickenson County Conference met with the Lick Fork F. W. B. Church, July 24, 25, 1970.

Our conference was organized by electing Bro. J. T. Hartsock moderator: Bro. Derwood Yates Assistant moderator. Clerk, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming, Q.M. Treasurer, 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.

Conference voted to buy one thousand minutes for this year.

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

Castelwood—Donald Reynolds, Myrtle Milton, Debbie Allen.

Clinchco—Munsy Mullins, James Thomas, Bertha Thomas, Pinkie Wallace, Dorothy Dotson.

Counts Chapel—Mary Greene, Darrel Greene, Richard Greene, Lucille Greene.

Davis Chapel—Emory Taylor, Maureen Bevins, Russell Bevins, Desta Davis.

Duncan Gap—Emma Large, Maggie Mullins, Gay Mullins, Herald Osborne, Elmer Mullins.

Dyers Chapel—Harry Nash, Willie Delph, Anna Delphie, Emma Slagle, Eresa Nash, Lizzie Dotson.

Ferbie Chapel—Gracie Baker, Rufus Strange, Edith Cantxell.

Flemingtown—Llonard Emma, Jim Sluss, Bonnie Dutton, Elsie Seldon, Guy Fleming, Ethel Sluss, Francis Mullins.

Fremont—Berniece Stanley, Norma McClain, Mary Oquin, Rita Oquin.

Fryingpan—Esther Rasnick, Leota Vires, James E. Vires, Rose Powers.

Georges Fork—Dollie Hibbitts, James Yates, James Oquin.

Hill Ridge—Oval Hillman, Clarence Boyd, Pal Sweeney.

Honey Camp—Fallie Rose, Clara Smith, Easter Mullins, David Mullins.

Hubbard Chapel—Garland McCarthy, Lome McCarthy, Andrew Strouth, Desta Strouth.

Lick Fork—Robert Stanley, Audrey Stanley, Noma Large, Emma Brownjing, Clercie Robinson, Janice Addington.

Burke Freewill Baptist—Betty Slomp, Lois Barber.

Martin Chapel—Martha Amburgey, Hassie Martin, Maxie Rose.

McCoy Chapel—Hedher McCoy, Hazel McCoy, Carrie McCoy.

Middle Branch—Snoda Sutherland, Rassie Lambert, Dorothy Austin, Ritter Lambert.

Mill Creek—Ellis Adkins, Delmon Farmer, Betty Edwards.

Meades Chapel—Claude Markland, Goldie Kiser, Covey Kiser.

Mills Chapel—Lola Long, Bannie Sexton, George Long, Ernest Sexton, Sallie Castle.
 Peuther Chapel—Mary Yates, Ruby & Cherly Puckett, Vergie Bostic, Henry Carty,
 Dock Bostic.
 Phillips Chapel—Arthur Salyer, Juanita Johnson, Adeline Phillips, Lorene Holbrook.
 Pine Creek—Minnie Phipps, Opal Phipps, Gail Vanover, Betty Mullins, Julia McFall,
 Grace Beverly, Bill Beverly.
 Pine Grove—Mr. & Mrs. Dayton Stidham, Ramona & Orlena Hamilton.
 Pyles Memorial—Kate Mullins, Molly Mullins, Golden Vanover, Flora Stallard, Lois
 Shortt, Frank Mullins.
 Rachel's Chapel—Alta Mullins, Martha June Hamilton.
 Rugsby Chapel—Bertha Salyer, Georgia Smith, Goldia Kennedy, Ella Horne, Peggy
 Salyer.
 Splasdam—Ethel Puckett, Reeve Mullins, Nadean Belcher, Tennessee Mullins.
 Straight Hollow—Darrel McCowan, Mary McCowan, Phobie Sexton, Dora Deskins.
 Tarpon Freewill Baptist—Ruby Deel, Rosemary Willis, Dora Burchett.
 Valley View Freewill Baptist—Flora Keith, Iris Jo Rakes, Edd Henson, Ivory Hill,
 Tennessee Kendrick, Bryon Stanley, May Vanover.
 Yates Chapel—Delbert Boggs, Bro. & Sis. Harlen Deel, Bro. & Sis. Merida Boggs.

Our Standing as follows:

No. of Churches	34
Membership	2304
No. of Sunday Schools	29
Enrollment	1442

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session
 with the Lickfork Church, Clintwood, Va., July 25, 26, 1970.

J. T. Hartsock, Moderator

Derwood Yates, Assistant Moderator

Clinton Lambert & Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming, Clerks.

LETTER FROM PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

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

Moderator's name and address: Rev. Bennie Slone, Meta, Ky.

Clerk's name and address: Rev. Robert Varney, Box 21, Rt. 2, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Letter To The

John-Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist meeting at Meade's Chapel,
 Coeburn, Va. on September 11, 12, 1970.

List of Delegates:

Woodrow Chapman	Rebecca Bentley	Holley Brewer
Jesse Casey	Wilson Fleming	D. Damron
Rosetta Williams	Crystaline Ratliff	Troy Bryant
Georgia Mullins	Monis Ratliff	Donald Bentley
Lum H. Tackett	Milt Williams	Alice Fleming
Orville Hamilton	Sarah Mullins	Daniel Coleman
Buncie Bryant		

Period of time covered in this report: From August, 1969 to August, 1970.

Statistics

Number of churches	16
Church Membership	1114
Number of Parsonages	0
Number of ordained ministers	49
Number of licensed ministers	8
Number of ordained deacons	51
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	714
Average attendance of Sunday School	591
Enrollment of Church Training Service	0
Average Attendance of Church Training Service	0
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	53

Average Attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries	28
Enrollment of Master's Men	0
Average attendance of Master's Men	0
Mid-week service average attendance	289

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for local causes:	
Pastor's salaries	\$ 40.00
Evangelistic work	
Building Repair	18,015.46
Literature	542.43
Other	798.55
Total spent for local causes	\$19,399.41
Spent for outside causes:	
Home Missions	\$ 63.00
Orphanage	632.15
Total spent for outside causes	\$ 695.13
Total expenditures	\$20,094.56
Value of church property	\$225,000.00
Amount enclosed for fees:	\$ 167.10

LETTER FROM HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Name of quarterly meeting reporting: Hamilton County.

Moderators name and address: Carl Noel.

Clerk's name and address: Charles McKinley, Rt. 1, Box 95A, Geulford, Ind.

Letter To The

John-Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Meade's Chapel, Coeburn, Va., September 11, 12, 1970.

List of Delegates:

Boyce Franks

Carl Noel

Charles McKinley

Floyd Stewart

Period of time covered in this report: From September, 1969 to September, 1970.

Statistics

Number of churches	7
Church membership	360
Number of ordained ministers	18
Average attendance of Sunday School	242

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for local causes:	
Evangelistic work	\$ 700.00
Building and repair	1,662.65
Literature	275.00
Total spent for local causes	\$ 2,637.65
Spent for outside causes:	
Education	\$ 275.00
Total spent for outside causes	\$ 275.00
Total expenditures	\$ 2,912.65
Value of church property	\$52,000.50
Amount enclosed for fees	\$ 50.00

LETTER FROM NEW DURM COUNTY CONFERENCE

Name of quarterly meeting reporting: New Duram.

Moderator's name and address: Bro. James M. Hutchinson, Honaker, Va.

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Mose Napier, Honaker, Va.

Letter To The

John-Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Meade's Chapel, Coeburn, Va. on September 11, 12, 1970.

List of Delegates:

Aubrey Compton	Cynthia Compton	Ezra Johnson
Bura Dye	Thomas Mitchel	Ruby Mitchel
Mr. & Mrs. Frazier Hale	J. C. Artrip	Elbert Rasnake
Ellen Dye	Mamie Bostic	Brady Farmer
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Tiller	Ada Farmer	

Period of time covered in this report: From August, 1969 to August, 1970.

Statistics

Number of Churches	11
Church membership	428
Number of ordained ministers	20
Number of licensed ministers	2
Number of ordained deacons	23
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	9
Average attendance of Sunday School	60%

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for outside causes:

Home missions	\$ 33.15
Orphanage	145.70
Bible College	33.59
Total spent for outside causes	\$ 212.44
Value of church property	\$89,000.00

LETTER FROM LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association.

We the Letcher County Conference met with the Virgie Church at Virgie, Ky. on Saturday, August 22, 1970.

The Conference opened by Bro. Andy Timblin leading the singing. Scripture reading: St. John, 19th Chapter, Verse 28. Prayer by Bro. I. T. Stallard.

List of Delegates:

Sarrah Trinkle	Evelyn Rose	Ruth Craft
Hassel Cable	Elsie Anderson	Grace Huff
Burma Blevins	Christine Williams	Margaret Gibson
Doris Anderson	Maudie Short	Cora Cable
Alma Mullins	Vonda Greer	Willard Greer
Bertha Tackett	Mary Elkins	Ethel McKnight
Mollie Bates	Ray & Alberta Blevins	Alpha Taylor
Bro. & Sis. Evanoff	Pearl Short	Ortha Adkins
Juanita Fleming	Russel Fleming	John Blevins, Jr.
Garnet Mullins	Leona Hughes	Acie Rose
Margaret Phillips	Chester D. Simpkins	Mollie Miracle
Torency Whitaker	Eugene Anderson	Amos Gray
Dave Shook	J. D. Shook	Draxie Smith
Georgia Maynard	Dave Maynard	Grant McCown
Mollie McCown	Bobby Hopson	Maxine Shook
Judy Shook	Milford Craft	Elizabeth Wright

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Pulpit Committee: Bro. Osborn, Ray Blevins, Junior Blevins.

Executive Committee: Russel Fleming, Milford Craft, John Blevins, Jr.

Visiting Minister: Bro. I. T. Stallard, Wise County Conference.

A motion was made to receive all brothers and letters from other Conferences.

Visiting Deacon: Emory Hampton, Haysi, Virginia.

The minutes from last Conference were read and approved. Bro. Milford Craft visited Dickenson County Conference and had a wonderful time.

Bro. Albert Dingus went to Dickenson County Conference and also had a wonderful time and enjoyed the conference.

Bro. Bill Green went to Wise County Conference and reported that the people gave them a wonderful welcome.

Bro. Bill Crawford also went to Wise County Conference.

The brothers made a move and second to receive all reports.

The Moderator appointed delegates to visit other Conferences.

Dickenson County Conference:

Albert Dingus	Ezra Johnson	Bro. Dave Shook
Torrence Whitaker	Bill Green	Milford Craft
Wilson Hall	Lester Able	Sherman Whitaker
	C. W. Ison	

Wise County Conference:

Bill Crawford	Wilson Hall	Albert Dingus
Dave Shook	Torrence Whitaker	Clyde Damron
Homer Lee Mullins	Sherman Whitaker	Bill Green
Russel Fleming	C. W. Ison	Lester Able

The Sunday School talk was given by Bro. Alvie Dingus.

The Temperance talk was given by Bro. Joe Johnson.

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

Bro. Albert Dingus announced the John-Thomas Association would be coming to Letcher County next year. Bro. Wilson Hall made a motion to have the Association at Virgie Church, Virgie, Ky. This motion was seconded and also by usual vote to have the association at Virgie Church in 1971.

A motion was made that we request 550 minutes for Letcher County Conference. Bro. Blevins said his 3 years on the Executive Committee was up and the moderator appointed Bro. J. D. Shook to replace Bro. Blevins.

The Pulpit said that Bro. Cletus Garrett will be bringing the 11:00 message.

The afternoon message will be by Bro. Estle Mullins and Bro. Charles Gallion.

The night service - Bro. Ezra Johnson and Bro. Wilson Hall.

Sunday service will be Bro. Eddie Rose.

The Executive Committee recommends the next Conference will be at Payne Gap Church at Payne Gap, Ky.

The Conference opened at 1:30 P.M.:

Prayer by Bro. Albert Dingus.

Bro. Richard Shelby of the Youth Conference made a talk on the Youth Conference.

Bro. Clyde Huff made a motion to adjourn until our next Conference which will convene with the Payne Gap Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1970.

The Conference reported:

Church Fund	\$ 184.20
Home Mission	122.00
Orphan Home	108.00
Foreign Mission	35.00
Youth Conference	2.00
Bro. Hall paid for Obituary	7.50
Total	\$458.41
Conference Donation	66.41
Total	\$525.11
Mailing Minutes	5.00
To The Treasurer	\$520.11

Done by the order of Letcher County Conference while in session at Virgie Church on the 22nd of August, 1970.

Herman Bates, Jr. - Moderator
Edwin Johnson - Clerk
Henry Whitt - Assistant Clerk

Churches reported 18 Membership 1,241

We wish to thank the people in and around Virgie, Ky. for their kindness shown the people of the Conference and especially thank the ladies for the wonderful food.

The letters were read and voted on as a whole. Motion made to receive letters as read. Motion carried. A motion was made by Bro. Albert Dingus that the Yearly Meeting pay the Clerk \$50.00 per year. Motion carried. Motion made by Bro. Ezra Johnson that the clerk be empowered to buy a new typewriter, also the needed supplies that are needed to operate and carry on the work. Motion was seconded by Bro. Joe Johnson. Motion carried.

This finished the work of the meeting of this hour. Motion was made by Bro. Ezra Johnson and seconded by Bro. Joe Johnson that the meeting adjourn until Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1971, where it will convene with the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church, Virgie, Ky. unless called together by the moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Floyd Stewart and Woodrow Mullins for this hour. Requested that Sister Bonnie Pritchard lead

Bro. Stewart read for a lesson part of the 13th Chapter of Proverbs. Bro. Woodrow Mullins closed the service with the thought, "Ye must be Born again." With these wonderful messages, service was concluded with singing and invitation given. Bro. Mahan dismissed service with prayer and blessings on the food.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:00 P.M.

Session opened with singing. Clerk having charge organized the ministers conference. Prayer by Sister Goldie Kiser. Regular move and seconded. The conference voted to retain Everett Johnson as Clerk, and Bobby Varney as Moderator.

Moderator called for letters from the Ministers Conferences. They responded as follows: Letcher County, Pike County, Dickenson County, Hamilton County, New Dum's letter to be put in minutes when received by clerk.

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The ministers conference opened with prayer by Bro. Ralph Jones.

The minutes of last conference were read and approved.

The list of ministers in good standing were approved to receive good standing cards for the year.

The brothers from Pike County Conference reported they could not come to the conference as this was the same time for their conference.

Bro. Ezra Johnson suggested we have a meeting on Saturday, August 29, 1970 at Pine Chapel Church at 4:00 P.M.

Bro. Percy Elkins made a move to drop the subject on the minister's treasure. This was seconded by the ministers present.

Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion to adjourn until the next Ministers Conference which will convene with Pine Chapel Church.

Bro. Wilson Hall made a motion that Bro. Ezra Johnson serve on the Ordaining Council replacing Bro. Dingus.

Signed by: Herman Bates, Jr.
Edwin Johnson, Clerk
Henry Whitt, Assist. Clerk

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

- ✓ **Alleghany Church:**
 Roy Sykes(Pastor), Helier, Ky. Paul G. Hopson, Helier, Ky.
 Clyde Damron, Shelby Gap, Ky.
- ✓ **Burdine Church:**
 Albert Dingus (Pastor), Burdine, Ky. Pat Whitaker, Jenkins, Ky.
 James Mahan, Burdine, Ky. Arnold Kelly, Kent, O.
- ✓ **Big Creek Church:**
 W. C. Aldridge (Pastor), Hazard, Ky.
- ✓ **Bolling Fork Church:**
 Estle Mullins (Pastor), Marrowbone, Ky.
- ✓ **Dorton Church:**
 Eddie Rose (Pastor), Dorton, Ky. Cecil Mullins, Jenkins, Ky.
 Albert Damron, Pikeville, Ky.
- ✓ **Dunham Church:**
 Charles Galloin (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 Harvey, 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:**
 Homer L. Mullins (Pastor), Shelby Gap, Ky.
- ✓ **Hemp Hill Church:**
 Ralph Jones (Pastor), Jackhorn, Ky. Glenn Miller, Jackhorn, Ky.
 Jonah Shoope, Columbus, Ind.
- ✓ **Marshall's Branch Church:**
 Johnny Stoffer (Pastor), Jenkins, Ky.
- ✓ **Clover Lick Church:**
 Richard McFarland Clarence Hall
- ✓ **Moore's Chapel Church:**
 Clyde Huff (Pastor), McRoberts, Ky. Robert Anderson, McRoberts, Ky.
 Robert Anderson, McRoberts, Ky. Tinsley Stamper, McRoberts, Ky.
 D. D. More, McRoberts, Ky.
- ✓ **Franks Creek Church:**
 Alonzo Fields, Cumberland, Ky.
- ✓ **Neon Church:**
 C. O. Caulille (Pastor), Dunham, Ky. Gordon Fields, Miamisburgh, O.
 Layton Hughes, Neon, Ky. George Adams, Jr., Ermine, Ky.
 Tommie Pike, Jenkins, Ky.
- ✓ **Payne Gap Church:**
 Ezra Johnson (Pastor), Jenkins, Ky. Herman Bates, Jr.(Assistant),
 Ersel McPeck, Payne Gap, Ky. Payne, Gap, Ky.
 Vardney Bolling, Payne, Gap, Ky. Bill Crawford, Pound, Va.
- ✓ **Pine Chapel Church:**
 Lloyd Pike (Pastor), Mayking, Ky. Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.
 George Lester Able, Jenkins, Ky. Caleb Holbrook, Dorton, Ky.
 Lawrence Shelby, Jenkins, Ky. Morse Dotson, Jenkins, Ky.
- ✓ **Rock House Church:**
 Darwin Mullins, Denne, Ky.
- ✓ **Seco Church:**
 Woodrow Phillips, Seco, Ky.
- ✓ **Whitesburg Church:**
 Tinsley Stamper (Pastor), McRoberts, Ky.
- ✓ **Thornton Church:**
 Bob Anderson (Pastor), McRoberts, Ky.
- ✓ **Virgie Church:**
 Wilson Hall, Robinson Creek, Ky.

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist meeting at Meades Chapel,
Coeburn, Va. on September 11, 12, 1970.

Greetings:

We, the Ministers of Pike County met and convened at the Belfry Church, August 21, 1970, with congregation singing. Prayer by Rev. Luke Boyd. Rev. Robey Kendrick called conference to order by reading I Timothy, 3rd Chapter for a scripture.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Jake Shaad be elected Moderator for the next three months. Motion carried.

Clerk read minutes of previous meetings and they were accepted as read. Moderator appointed Rev. Robey Kendrick as Assistant Moderator.

Motion was carried that no one be allowed to attend Ministers Conference only Ministers of the Pike County Quarterly Meeting.

Moderator called clerk to read the charges against Rev. Philip Hackney by Rev. Sonny Hatfield. Charges are as follows: Rev. Philip Hackney not being a member of the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church, was interfering with the business affairs of the church. This question of charges against Rev. Philip Hackney were settled and both of these brothers agreed.

Motion made and seconded that we prepare a letter to the John-Thomas Association. Motion carried.

Clerk read letters from Brothers unable to attend Conference. All letters received as read. Motion carried to adjourn from business until next Conference. Dismissed by Rev. Luke Boyd.

Ministers Attending:

Curtis Wellman	V. E. Helms	Philip Hackney
Robey Kendrick	Jake Shaad	Lawrence Ball
Joe B. Hackney	Ray Williams	Benny Slone
O. H. Greer	Mickey Maynard	Willard Ray
R. F. Hatfield	Luke Boyd	Bobby Vamey
Leonard West	Edgar West	Johnny Cline
J. T. Oliver	Perry Kendrick	Sonny Hatfield
Woodrow Mullins	Everette Mullins	Garland Ray
Albert Damron	Herbert Goff	

Executive Committee:

John T. Oliver	V. E. Helms	Bobby Varney
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Ordaining Council:

Benny Slone	Woodrow Mullins	Robey Kendrick
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Reporting by letter:

Ronnie Kendrick	Ernest P. Murphy	Onis Vamey
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Rev. Jake Shaad - Moderator

Rev. Robert Varney - Clerk

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Leonard West, McAndrews, Ky.	Jesse Mosley, McAndrews, Ky.
Wardy May, McAndrews, Ky.	V. E. Helms, McAndrews, Ky.
John T. Oliver, Ransom, Ky.	Tommy Skeens, Ransom, Ky.
Philip Hackney, Turkey Creek, Ky.	Bennie Slone, Meta, Ky.
Ray Williams, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky.	Garland Vamey, Meta, Ky.
Bobby Varney, Pinsonfork, Ky.	O. H. Greer, Belfry, Ky.
Sonny Hatfield, Sprigg, W. Va.	John C. Hatfield, Ransom, Ky.
Ernest P. Murphy, Hatfield, Ky.	Emmett McPeck, Rt. 1, Box 259, Grundy, Va.
George Bickford, Rockhouse, Ky.	William G. King, McAndrews, Ky.
Reford Justice, Owsley, Ky.	Richard Hughes, Aflex, Ky.
Ervin Bentley, Rockhouse, Ky.	Walter Sullivan, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Wilson Justice, Pikeville, Ky.	Luke Boyd, Island Creek, Ky.

James Potter, Lookout, Ky.
 Robey Kendrick, McAndrews, Ky.
 Jr. Harrington, Owlsey, Ky.
 Herbert Goff, Zebulon, Ky.
 Jake Shaad, Cinderella, W. Va.
 Onis Varney, 254 Jewett St., Elgin, Ill.
 Garland Ray, Virgie, Ky.
 John Layne, Williamson, W. Va.
 Ronnie Kendrick, Canton, O.
 R. F. Hatfield, Ransom, Ky.
 Joe B. Hackney, Belfry, Ky.
 Miles Casey, Phelps, Ky.

Dock Hunt, Owlsey, Ky.
 Johnny Cline, Turkey Creek, Ky.
 Noah Chapman, McViegh, Ky.
 Woodrow Mullins, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.
 Willard Ray, Hatfield, Ky.
 Albert Damron, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.
 Lawrence Ball, Switzer, W. Va.
 Curtis Wellman, Hardy, Ky.
 Mickey Maynard, Canton, O.
 Perry Kendrick, Jay St., Pikeville, Ky.
 Everett Mullins, Island Creek, Ky.
 Edgar West, McViegh, Ky.

CHURCHES OF PIKE COUNTY AND THEIR MINISTERS

Octavia, McAndrews, Ky.
 Island Creek, Island Creek, Ky.
 Owsley, Owsley, Ky.
 Belfry, Huddy, Ky.
 Edo, Kimper, Ky.
 Meathouse, Meta, Ky.
 Sookey's Creek, Yeager, Ky.
 Turkey Creek, Turkey Creek, Ky.
 Mt. Zion, Hatfield, Ky.
 Grassy, Zebulon, Ky.
 Blue Spring, Ransom, Ky.
 Rock House, Rockhouse, Ky.
 Leckieville, Leckieville, Ky.
 Toler Creek, Harold, Ky.
 Caney Creek, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.
 Community, Canton, O.

Bobby Vamey
 Willard Ray
 Bennie Slone
 Robey Kendrick
 Robey Kendrick
 Jake Shaad
 Clyde Damron
 Sonny Hatfield
 Ernest P. Murphy
 William C. King
 John C. Hatfield
 Wilson Justice
 R. F. Hatfield
 Reaford Justice
 Woodrow Mullins
 Mickey Maynard

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association. While in regular session with the Meades Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va., September 11, 12, 1970.

We the Dickenson County Ministers Conferences of Freewill Baptist met with the Lick Fork Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday, July, 1970.

Bro. J. T. Hartsock was elected Moderator.

Clerks: Clinton Lambert, Alva Lee Fleming; Ordaining Council: Joe Johnson, E. M. Rose, Wythe Salyer.

The following ministers were dropped as they joined a church of another denomination: Louis Allen Hill, Milburn Edwards, Bro. Edwards to receive no good standing card as he was laid over for further investigation.

Ministers Ordained by our Conference this year: Billy Smith, Roy Vanover, Gerald Osborne, Emmitt Lampkins, Bill Mack Mullins, Bro. Alva Dingus was reinstated in good standing to our conference. Bro. Jerry Slemph from the Maryland State Association was received into our Conference by letter.

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference ordered that the resolution passed on October, 1950, Yates Chapel Church, be printed in our minutes this year.

Resolution of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting. To all pastors and churches, as recommended by the ministers conference in called session with the Yates Chapel Church, October 21, 1950.

1. That all Freewill Baptist using our church houses must hold a card of good standing with their conference or otherwise be in good standing with their Freewill Baptist Conference.

2. That Pastors, Deacons, and Trustees must approve all appointments of none Freewill Baptist Ministers.

3. All funeral services be excepted from these resolutions.

4. All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.

N. B. Lambert, Chairman of Executive Committee

C. E. Reedy, Moderator

W. R. Bice, Assistant Moderator

Clinton Lambert, Clerk

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Charlie Baker, Rt. 2, Pound, Va.

Bill Dixon, 4005 Orchard Ln, Rockford, Ill.

Emory Cook, Box 321, Dante, Va.

Paul Fields, Box 306, McClure, Va.

Clayton Hayes, Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.

William E. Hale

Asa Hughes, Clintwood, Va.

Quinton, Keith, Coeburn, Va.

Tommy Large, Wise, Va.

C. B. Lane, Rt. 2, Box 96, Wise, Va.

Hie Mullins, Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.

M. C. Mullins, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

C. E. Reedy, Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.

E. M. Rose, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Maston Rose, Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.

Goble Rose, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Hubert Rowlett, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Early Rose, Nora, Va.

James Short, Rt. 1, Pound, Va.

Wythe Salyer, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Luther Taylor, Rt. 2, Pound, Va.

Noble Wright, Springfield, Va.

Emory Vanover, Pound, Va.

Charlie Miles, Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.

Everett W. Johnson, 140 W. Home St.,
Westerville, O. 43081

Alonzo Edwards, 510 W. Alexander,
Royal Oak, Mich.

Cecil Mullins, Box 22, Splashdam, Va.

Richard Stapleton, Marion, O.

Billy Smith

Gerald Osbome, Wise, Va.

Bill Mack Mullins, Clintwood, Va.

Jerry Slomp, Manassas, Va.

Alden Carico, Gallipolis, O.

Earl Dotson, R 995 5th Ave, Mansfield, O.

Homer Barrett, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Estel Hale,

J. T. Hartsock

James Hobbs

Rufus Keith, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Marvin Killen, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Claude Large

Vester McKinney, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Ted Mullins

Guy Mullins, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Howard Reynolds, Rt. 1, Box 182A

Castlewood, Va.

Josh Rose, Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.

S. M. McFall, Rt. 2, Clintwood, Va.

Alex Tompkins, Manassas, Va.

Everett Smith, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Robert Salyer, Castlewood, Va.

Fred Taylor, Wise, Va.

Luke Wright

Hastine Ward, Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va.

Jim Lee Meade, Coeburn, Va.

B. M. Moore, Nora, Va.

Joe Johnson, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Ersel Johnson, Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va.

Derwood Yates, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.

Ayers Kennedy, Clintwood, Va.

Carl Rose, Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va.

Lee Mullins, Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va.

Roy Vanover, Pound, Va.

Emmitt Lampkins, Castlewood, Va.

Alvie Dingis, Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Saturday before the 4th Sunday, July, 1970.

J. T. Hartsock, Moderator

Clinton Lambert, Clerk

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Meads Chapel Church, September 11, 12, 1970.

We the New Durm Ministers Conference Convened with the East Lebanon Church, August 7, 8, 1970, and organized by electing Bro. Kyle Hubbard as Moderator and Loella Napier as Clerk.

Ministers present:

James Hutchinson, Honaker, Va.
Howard Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Edward Dye, Oakwood, Va.
John Massie, Honaker, Va.
James Lambert, Bee, Va.
Earnest Crabtree, Honaker, Va.
Truel Brown, Swords Creek, Va.
Leonard Farmer, Honaker, Va.
Clarence Miller,
Claude Rose

Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Va.
Edward Perkins, Oakwood, Va.
Harley Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Clyde Lambert, Honaker, Va.
Grover Lambert, Honaker, Va.
Russell Miller, Lebanon, Va.
Austin Fields, Lebanon, Va.
Goniam Kelley, Cleveland, Va.
Daniel Beam
Everett Rasnake, Honaker, Va.

Voted to issue good standing cards to the above named.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association, while in session with the Meads Chapel Church, Herald, Va., September 11, 12, 1970.

We the Hamilton County Ministers Conference met August 8, 1970 with the Adams Township Freewill Baptist Church, Tiffin, Ohio.

Clerk having charge of conference proceeded with the business by electing Bro. Charles McKinley as Clerk.

Bro. Stewart reported to the Conference that Bro. L. D. Mahan's name was dropped from the Letcher County Minister's Conference, as he was a member of Hamilton County Conference.

A motion was made by the conference that Bro. Floyd Stewart contact Bro. Johnny L. Claire concerning his credentials. Motion carried. Also motion made that Bro. Lawrence Stephen contact Bro. Dugan Hutson concerning the returning of his credentials. Motion carried. A motion was made that Bro. Douglas Quixsall to contact Bro. Roscoe Bums concerning his credentials. Motion carried. Letters to be given to these to carry from the conference who have joined other organizations. Motion was made to meet with the Silver Grove Community Baptist Church, August 29, 1970. Motion carried. Bro. Clyde Tyree was elected to the ordaining council. Bro. Johnson asked the conference to remember him in prayer as he labored in the ministry. Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Floyd Stewart, Moderator
Charles McKinley, Clerk

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Rev. Don Howard, 1067 Marshal Ave., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Vestal Hutson, 3783 Ebenezer Rd., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Robert L. Matney, 416 E. Main St., Crestline, O.
Rev. Robert McGuire, 1115 Central Row, Erlanger, Ky. 41018
Rev. Charles McKinley, Rt. 1, Box 95, Guilford, Ind. 47022
Rev. Carl A. Noel, Rt. 3, Fredericktown, O.
Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr., Rt. 3, Sunman, Ind.
Rev. Floyd R. Stewart, Rt. 1, Buttersville, Ind. 47223
Rev. Clyde Tyree, 25 Maple St., Tiffin, O.
Rev. Boyce Franks, Rt. 2, Mt. Gilead, O.
Rev. Frank Tyree, Rt. 2, Clyde, O.
Rev. Douglas Quixsall, Rt. 1, Lawrenceburg, Ind. 47025
Rev. Emory Smith
Rev. Lawrence Stephen, 103 5th St., Dayton, Ky. 47074
Rev. Orford Currington, 1117 Rosemont Ave., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Jay Davidson
Rev. Roger Hutson, 3783 Ebenezer Rd., Cincinnati, O. 45211
L. D. Mahan
Rev. Roy C. Johnson, 4 Peter G Nall Homes, Newport, Ky.

Letters were read. Motion was made to receive letters by Bro. Ezra Johnson and seconded by Bro. Woodrow Chapman. Motion carried.

This finishing the work of the ministers conference, same was adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1971, when it will convene with the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church, Virgie, Ky. unless called together by the moderator.

We take this means of thanking the people in and around Herald, Virginia for the kindness shown to and extended to the people of this Association. May the Good Lord continue to Bless.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES 2:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Albert Dingus and Ray Goode. Singing by Bro. and Sister Rose. Bro. Dingus opened the service. (Due to my leaving early this is incomplete.)

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Service opened with singing. Bro. James Rose bringing the message. He read from the Book of 1st Samuel 16th Chapter. Prayer by Sister Jean Ward. Bro. Rose used for a text "Coat of Armor". Service dismissed by Bro. Claude Markland.

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Congregational singing. Bro. James Rose bringing the message. He read from the 34th Chapter of Ezekiel 10 Verses. Prayer by Bro. Jim Lee Meade. Bro. Rose using for a text "The Good Shepherd." Service was dismissed by Bro. Roy Browning.

MINISTERS' REPORT

REV. DON HOWARD

1067 Marshall Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	136
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	11

REV. ROBERT L. MATNEY

416 E. Main St.

Crestline, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	1
Burials Attended	1

REV. LAWRENCE STEPHENS

Rt. 1, 172 4 & 12 Mile Rd.

Milbom, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	1
Conversions Witnessed	4

REV. FRANK TYREE

Rt. 1

Clyde, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Prayer Service	15

REV. BOYCE FRANKS

Rt. 2

Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	6
Prayer Service	6

REV. CARL A. NOEL

Rt. 3

Fredricktown, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	6
Prayer Service	6
Couples Married	2

REV. CLYDE TYREE

25 Maple St.

Tiffin, Ohio

Revivals	2
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REV. DOUGLAS QUICKSALL

Rt. 1

Lauranceburg, Ind.

Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	3
Baptized	3
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Service	40

REV. FLOYD R. STEWART

Rt. 1

Butlerville, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	8
Conversions Witnessed	Apprx. 40
Baptized	23
Burials Attended	1
Couples Married	5

REV. ROY C. JOHNSON

4 Peter Ct., Noll Homes

Newport, Kentucky

Revivals	11
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	5
Burials Attended	2
Couples Married	6
Amount Received	\$37.00

REV. CHARLES McKINLEY

Rt. 1

Guilford, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	3
Sermons	90
Baptized	3
Couples Married	4
Amount Received	\$166.00

REV. BOB McGUIRE

1115 Central Row

Erlanger, Kentucky

Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
Amount Received	\$10.00

EARNEST CRABTREE

Honaker, Virginia

Sermons	65
Revivals	19
Conversions	4
Baptized	19
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	2
Amount Received	\$75.00

JAMES M. HUTCHINSON

Box 361

Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	60
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptized	8

HARLEY DYE

Sword Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	70
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	10
Burials Attended	8
Couples Married	7
Amount Received	\$500.00

KYLE HUBBARD

Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	62
Revivals	2
Burials Attended	10
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	2
Couples Married	28

TRUELL BROWN

Swords Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	150
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	16
Baptized	16
Burials Attended	8
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	10
Amount Received	\$250.00

C. R. MILLER

Rt. 2

Lebanon, Virginia

Sermons	82
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	12
Baptized	6
Burials Attended	3
Memorials	6
Prayer Services	6

EDWARD DYE

Oakwood, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	79
Conversions Witnessed	1
Baptized	4

HOWARD BOSTIC

Swords Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75

Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	3
Baptized	4
Burials Attended	12
Prayer Services	15
Amount Received	\$265.00

EDWARD PERKINS
Oakwood, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
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JOHN MASSIE
Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	75
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	6
Baptized	4
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	4
Amount Received	\$39.20

REV. JASPER EARLS
Vico, Kentucky

Sermons	50
Burials Attended	35
Prayer Services	60

REV. CLARENCE HALL
Cumberland, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Conversion Witnessed	59
Baptized	30
Revivals	1

REV. WILSON HALL
Robinson Creek, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	30
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	11
Burials Attended	12
Memorials	6
Prayer Services	50

W. M. CRAWFORD
Pound, Virginia

Sermons	100
Conversions Witnessed	15
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	4
Prayer Service	20

REV. CLETES GARRETT
Hawesville, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	50
Baptized	35
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$160.00

REV. EZRA JOHNSON
Jenkins, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	3
Conversions	10
Baptized	4
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	48
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$210.00

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE
Hazard, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	95
Conversions Witnessed	9
Baptized	4
Burials Attended	5
Memorials	0
Couples Married	2
Prayer Services	45

BERT DIAMOND

Bert Diamond, 74, of Oakwood, Va. died, Saturday night, September 5, 1970, in a South Williamson, Ky. Hospital.

Born in Lawrence County, Ky., he was a son of the late John and Nannie Presley Diamond. His wife Mrs. Lina Phillips Diamond preceeded him in death in 1967.

He was a member of the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Oakey Thompson of Oakwood. Two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Welch and Miss Lizzie Diamond; three brothers, James John and Jeff, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's Gain.



CLYDE EARL LAMBERT

Clyde Earl Lambert, 57, of Rt. 1, Vansant, Va., died March 5th, 1970 in a Richlands, Va. hospital following a brief illness.

Born at Buchanan County, Va., he was a son of Marion and Maudie Fletcher Lambert of Vansant, Va.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church and U. M. W. of America, Jewell Valley local. Survivors are:

In addition to his father, include his widow, Mrs. Emma Fletcher Lambert; three daughters, Mrs. Madeline Rasnake of Rt. 1, Vansant, Va., Mrs. Wayne Owens and Mrs. Ellis Owens of Cedar Bluff, Va.; three sons, Hassell Lambert of Honaker, Harold Lambert of Alexandria, Va. and Darrell of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Burton Coleman of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Emory Boyd of Rowe, Va., Mrs. Dallas Ratcliffe of Davenport, Va., Mrs. Arthur Cook of Sterling, Va., and Miss Bonnie Lambert of Vansant. Four brothers, Clinton and George of Alexandria, Va., Bill and Wayne Lambert of Rt. 1, Vansant, Va. and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday at the residence with Rev. Howard Bostic, Rev. Clyde Lambert, and Rev. Ancil Childress officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the home. The Honaker Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Arthur Cook, Honaker, Va. Elmer Lambert, Sterling, Va.

God gave us strength to bear it, and courage to face the blow,
But what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know;
Greatly missed along life's way, quietly remember everyday
No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

The Old Pastor, Leonard Farmer



ATHELENE HALL GREEN



It is with love and precious memories, I try to write the Obituary of my darling daughter, Athelene Hall Green.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall.

She passed from this life, April 19, 1969, being 41 years, 7 months and 19 days old at the time of death. She was married to Martin Green.

To this union was born 7 children, Annette Yonts, Priscellia Green, Patricia Green, Clestina Green, Walter Green and Joe Green.

Three sisters; Evelyn White, Mary Whitaker and Naomi Proffitt. Three brothers; Junior Hall, Charles Hall and Fredy Wayne Hall.

She leaves behind a broken hearted mother and daddy and a husband. A grandmother who is 88 years old, also Aunts and Uncles that loved her so much.

She became sick several years ago with lung trouble and enlarged heart. The sickness she endured with patience.

She was converted and baptized 20 years ago and lived a faithful life until death.

The family could hear her pray and say "Lord if it's your will restore my health and let me live with my sweet family".

But I am willing for your will to be done, for I am ready to go when you call for me.

I know her suffering will not compare with the Joy God has waiting for her. It has now been 7 months since I heard her sweet voice and looked upon her sweet face.

The other night I was with her in a dream and she was so pretty and talked to me. She was a hard working mother and loved everyone. But the loss is heavens gain.

There were 5 of her oldest children Christians.

It won't be long by the Grace of God, till we meet her again and then there will be no good by and there will be no good night there.

We will be known as we are known and he will wipe all tears from our eyes, all the sickness will be no more.

The family reunion is broken down here but by Grace of God it will be complete one day.

Life is eternal, the good Lord said, "So don't think of loved ones as dead, for death is only a stepping stone to a beautiful life where our journey on earth is over. Trust in God and we will live forever". We cannot understand just let the Savior take your hand when the death angel comes to call.

God is so great and we are so small. We need not to fear for Faith in God makes all things clear.

Written by her broken hearted Mother and Daddy
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall

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 ~~omit~~ the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring ~~us~~ 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 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.

The schedule for the Associations
and the year is as follows: Friday be-
fore the 2nd Sunday in September at
11:00 A.M.

Letcher County Conference . . . 1971
Hamilton County Conference . . 1972
Letcher County Conference . . . 1973
New Durm Conference 1974
Dickenson County Conference . 1975
Letcher County Conference . . . 1976
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