

Minutes

Of The

JOHN - THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING

of

Freewill Baptist

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

FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

Held With

Hylton Freewill Baptist Church

SHELBY GAP, KENTUCKY

September 6-8, 1974

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1974

Balance in treasury September, 1974	\$ 660.01
Received in 1974:	
Dickenson County	575.00
Letcher County	352.00
Hamilton County	50.00
New Durm Conference	73.20
Pike County	351.50
Pike County Engraving	5.00
New Durm Engraving	6.00
Total in Treasury	\$2,072.71
Clerk	50.00
Balance	\$2,022.00

The Yearly Meeting will convene with the Mt. Zion Church, Honaker, Va., between Haysi, Va., and Honaker, Va. at the top of Big A mountain, on the right of road, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1975 unless called together by the Moderator, at 11:00 A.M. The pastor of the Mt. Zion Church will be bringing the message.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1974

Dickenson County	1050
Oval W. Hillman, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228	
Letcher County	650
Edwin Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 29, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Pike County	450
Rev. Bobby Varney, Box 21, Rt. 2, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41543	
Hamilton County	250
J. M. Davidson, Rt. 3, Box 493, Brookville, Ind. 47012	
New Durm Conference	250
Mrs. Loella Napier, Box 372, Honaker, Va. 24260	
Total	2650

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CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS — DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE					
FLORA REEDY, TREAS. DICKENSON CHILDREN'S HOME FUND					
	1973 July	1973 October	1974 January	1974 April	Total
Annandale	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Castlewood	0	0	0	15.00	15.00
Clinchco	34.10	36.40	36.10	37.56	144.00
Counts Chapel	31.57	45.00	30.00	30.00	136.57
Davis Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer's Chapel	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	40.50	42.00	50.00	54.00	186.50
Frying Pan	0	0	0	5.00	5.00
Georges Fork	0	0	0	0	0
Hill Ridge	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Honey Camp	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork	105.00	105.00	115.00	115.00	440.00
Manassas	25.00	25.00	0	0	50.00
Martin's Chapel	8.00	12.00	12.00	0	32.00
McCoy's Chapel	12.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	46.00
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Middle Branch	45.00	48.50	50.00	55.00	198.50
Mill's Chapel	75.75	62.99	40.35	90.86	269.95
Peuther Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Phillips' Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	40.00
Pine Creek	11.60	13.00	18.00	21.00	63.00
Pine Groove	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	14.00	0	15.00	15.00	44.00
Rugby	17.85	52.72	35.22	55.23	161.02
Splashdam	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Straight Hollow	20.00	24.00	35.00	27.00	106.00
Tarpon	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	35.00
Valley View	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Lick Creek	0	0	5.00	5.00	10.00
Bearwallow	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Crest	0	0	0	0	0
Special Offering from Quarterly Meeting					159.86
Special Offering from Fleming Haven Church					131.49
Total					\$3,349.65

CHURCHES OF DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Memb.	S.S.
Annandale	Noble Wright	Patterson F. Moffett	23	
Bearwallow	J. T. Hartsock	Glenn Hale, Jimmy Hall and Arthur Phillips	21	54
Clinchco	C. E. Reedy	Garland Mullins, Raymond McCarty and Johnny Forish	124	33
Castlewood	Howard Reynolds	Sam Helbert, Newton Bailey	23	28
Count's	Carl Rose Evertt Smith	Garman Edwards, Darrell Greene and Kermit Greene	107	
Davis	Jim Lee Meade Keith Quentin	Estel Hale, Thomas Mullins	49	24
Duncan	Tommy Large	Elmer Mullins, Cecil Mullins	35	60
Dyers	Joe Johnson B. M. Moore	Bill Hale, Tivis Counts	135	68
Ferbie	Roy Vanover	Bro., Sis., Hurley Collins	51	60
Felmingtown	Hie Mullins B. M. Moore	Ervie Dutton, Leonard Sluss	34	30
Fremont	Evertt Smith	Hurshel Mullins,	34	
Frying Pan	Goble Rose Hie A. Mullins	Harry Caply, Holt Rice Bob Rasnick	31	
George Fork	Hasting Ward Glenn Richie	Gene Hay Walton Beverly, Herbert Mullins, Fred Lane	47	25
Hubbard	Charles Baker Earl Slemp Jr.	Roy Hubbard, Webster Hubbard	44	33
Hill Ridge	Whythe Salyers	Earet Rose, Ranel Withrow, Larry Mullins	72	40
Honey Camp	Josh Rose Ayers Kennedy	Charles Rose, David Mullins	20	21
Lick Fork	Derwood Yates Carter Boyd	Edgar Edwards, Connie Browning, Robert Stanley, Albert Large, Tollie Robinson, Otis Vanover	96	68
Lick Creek	Evertt Smith Goble Rose	Ray Fuller	24	16
Manassas	Billy Smith Jerry Slemp	Raymond Crabtree, Dale Vanover James Jenkins	40	54
Martin Chapel	Joe Johnson	Theo Hicks, Beecher Long	89	99
Meades Chapel	Glenn Richie	Claude Markland Kiser Covey	53	84

McCoy Chapel	Bill Dixon Wallace Sexton	Slemp McCoy	33	50
Middle Branch	C. E. Reedy Joe Johnson	George Lamber, Simon Sutherland	99	
Mill Creek	J. T. Hartsock	Charlie Lambert, Ray Edwards	54	
Mills Chapel	Paul Fields	Roy Paterick, Gene Flanary	87	60
Peuthers Chapel	C. E. Reedy Paul Fields	Claude H. Carty, Francis Mullins, Lynn Vanover, Henery B. Sutherland	73	91
Phillips Chapel	Howard Reynolds Joe Johnson	James Barnes, Robert Culbertson, Arthur Salyers, C. A. Long	64	62
Pine Crest	H. S. Shelton	Clarence Eagle, Kipling Gates, Hubert Stanky	13	
Pine Grove	Jim Lee Meade Keith Quentin	Cecil Kiser, Arnold Geouge	85	50
Pine Creek	Ayers Kennedy Wyth Salyers	E. E. Mullins, Carol Dotson	110	49
Pyles Memorial	Lester Hampton	Evertt Mullins, Edward Mullins, Howard Marshall	56	56
Rachel's Chapel	Enoch M. Rose Ted Mullins	Rufus Keith, Voda Blevins	77	37
Rugby	Enoch M. Rose Ted Mullins	Eckel Mullins, Emory Dingus, Bruce Sutherland	133	68
Splashdam	Lonzo Edwards	Jim Mullins, Emory Hammons	79	74
Straight Hollow	Harry Whittaker	Fines Deskins	27	40
Tarpon	Carter Boyd	Joe Potter, Ralph Dingus, Sam Anderson	63	43
Valley View	Derwood Yates Asa Hughes	Fred Roberts, Burley Moore	101	90
Yates Chapel	Wyth Salyers	Bro., Sis., Delbert Boggs	45	45
Totals		Bro., Sis., Roy Bise Bro., Sis., John Yates	2331	1528

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE YEARLY MEETING

LETCHER COUNTY

Dora Castle	Pearl Collins	William N.	Sarah Trinkle
Luemmie Johnson	Enos Corbett	Smallwood	David Russell
Ruth A. England	Lawrence England	Alberta Elkins	Mona Kilgore
Vernon Sanders	Rhoda Sanders	Geraldine Calhoun	Homer B. Johnson
Charley H. Martin	Tom Trinkle	George W.	Gusta Reynolds
James Tucker	Leona Tucker	Reynolds	Doris Anderson
			Clarence Tolliver

Deacons

James H. Whitaker	Russell Boggs	Milford Craft Ed. Anderson	Russell Fleming
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Ministers

Lawrence Shelby	Clayton Swindall	Eugene Anderson	Edmon C. Maggard
Homer L. Mullins	Julian H. Gibson,	Tommy England	Ersel McPeeks
Albert Dingus	Licensed	Lester Able	Ezra Johnson
McCoy Tackett	Clyde Damron		Robert Anderson

PIKE COUNTY

Fannie Dye	Henry Hubbard	Roland Robertson	Sarah E. Mullins
Suda Slone	Julis Willis	G. C. Dye	Gerlene Martin
	Laura C. Morsiuthe		

Deacons

Orville Hamilton	Troy Bryant
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Ministers

Garland Ray	Woodrow Mullins	Robie L. Kendrick	Bennie F. Slone
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HAMILTON COUNTY

Marion Stewart	Lula Stewart	Frances Davidson
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Ministers

Floyd Stewart	J. M. Davidson	David L. Phillips	Frank Tyree
Gary, Dale Davis			
<i>Licensed</i>			

DICKENSON COUNTY

Donna Bevins	Gilbert Arrowood	Mrs. Ivil Hay	Kathleen Hill
June Kilgore	Virgie Wright	Nadean Belcher	Virginia Turner
F. C. Raines	Norma Large	Sarah M. Raines	Billy Darrell Willis
	Debbie Hay	Maxie Willis	

Deacons

Emory Hamon	Everett Mullins	Albert Large	Earet R. Rose
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Ministers

Roy C. Vanover	Enoch M. Rose	Joe Johnson	Everett W. Johnson
C. E. Reedy	Franklin Hall	B. M. Moore	Clayton Hay

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Stella Shell	Hattie Hubbard	Loella Napier	Mamie Bostic
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Deacons

Jess Shell

Ministers

Kyle Hubbard

Mose Napier

VISITING MINISTERS

Dempsey Adkins, Elkorn City, Ky. Ky. State Association
 Harlan L. Rose, R.F.D. 1, Clintwood, Va. Northern Virginia Conference
 James Earl Raper, F.W.B. Child. Home, Rt. 10, Box 327, Greenville, Tenn. 37743

Officers

Officers of The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists who were elected for the year 1974-1975.

EZRA JOHNSON, Jenkins, Ky. Moderator
 HOMER L. MULLINS, Ash Camp, Ky. Assistant Moderator
 EVERETT W. JOHNSON, 316 S. State, Westerville, Ohio 43081 Clerk
 OVAL W. HILLMAN, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228 Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

PIKE COUNTY

ROBEY KENDRICK, Chairman
 BENNIE SLOAN
 CURTIS WELLMAN

DICKENSON COUNTY

JOE JOHNSON, Chairman
 WYTH SALYERS
 ENOCH M. ROSE

LETCHER COUNTY

HERMAN BATES JR., Chairman
 LAWRENCE SHELBY
 VARDNEY BOLLING

HAMILTON COUNTY

FLOYD R. STEWART, Chairman
 JAY M. DAVIDSON
 DAVID PHILLIPS

NEW DRUM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, Chairman
 EDWARD PERKINS
 KYLE HUBBARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES PIKE COUNTY

BENNIE SLONE, Chairman
 ROBERT VARNEY
 JOHN T. OLIVER

LETCHER COUNTY

VARDNEY BOLLING, Chairman
 LONNIE MULLINS
 ALBERT DINGUS

HAMILTON COUNTY

FLOYD R. STEWART, Chairman
 DAVID PHILLIPS
 BOYCE FRANKS

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

LEONARD DYE, Chairman
 ELBERT RASNAKE
 BRADY FARMER
 FRAIZER HALE
 CLEVE DYE
 JOHN RAY
 JESSE SHELL
 BURA DYE

DICKENSON COUNTY

N. B. LAMBERT, Chairman
 O. T. SMITH
 OAKLEY MULLINS
 EARET ROSE

EVERETT MULLINS

CHARLES LAMBERT, Treasurer Quarterly Meeting
 EVERETT MULLINS, Treasurer Emergency Fund
 MRS. FLORA REEDY, Treasurer Children's Home Fund

Introduction

Service was opened with singing by the congregation led by Bro. Ezra Johnson. Special singing by The Rose Duet; Rose Quartet, Bro. Floyd Stewart, Bro. Homer Johnson, Sis. Calhoun and others. Had prayer by gathering around the altar. Bro. Homer L. Mullins, pastor, read two verses from 1st John, 1st chapter, 28th and 29th verse. Text the 29th verse.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-second session of The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting convened with the Hylton F.W.B. Church, Shelby Gap, Ky., September 6-8, 1974.

Clerk, having charge of the Meeting read for a lesson, 1st Thessalonians, 5th chapter, 1-11 verses. Meeting was declared open to receive such legal business that may be brought before it. The first item was enrolling of delegates, ministers, deacons, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers. This was done by cards. Next item was electing of a moderator. By regular move of Bro. Lester Able and second by Bro. Ersel McPeeks, Bro. Ezra Johnson was elected to serve. The Moderator was given power to appoint such committees as needed to help with the work. Bro. Homer L. Mullins was appointed as Assistant Moderator. Moderator taking the chair proceeded with the business by electing a clerk. Move by Bro. Albert Dingus and seconded by Bro. Kyle Hubbard that Everett Johnson serve as clerk. Motion carried. Also by move and second Bro. Oval Hillman was elected to serve as Treasurer.

Pulpit committee: Bros. Gilbert Arrowood, Chairman. Russell Fleming, Jack Whitaker.

Auditing committee: Tommy England, Chairman. Clyde Reedy, Kyle Hubbard.

Bro. Milford Craft gave his report on visiting with the South West Va. Association reporting a warm welcome among the Brethren. By regular move and second this report was received.

The following Brethren volunteered to visit with them at their next Association: Bros. Albert Dingus, Milford Craft and Ezra Johnson.

At this time the auditing committee gave their report on the books as in good order. The letter of request by The Clinch River Quarterly Meeting which was tabled last year was taken at this time to be taken care of. Request lifted from table by motion of Bro. Lester Able, seconded by Bro. Robinson. Motion carried. Their request was for admission into the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting. The report of the Committee was as follows:

To The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists convened with the Hylton F.W.B. Church, Shelby Gap, Ky.

After careful study, consideration and much prayer, the committee appointed to study the petition for admission of The Clinch River Quarterly Conference into The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting makes the following recommendation:

#1 — We feel that said Quarterly Conference cannot qualify for membership in the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting according to our conference By-Laws Article 1.

#2 — The committee agrees that we would recommend that any of our Quarterly Conferences would welcome all these churches with all their members into any one of our Quarterly Conferences.

Signed: C. E. Reedy, Kyle Hubbard, N. B. Lambert, Milford Craft, J. T. Hartsock and Ezra Johnson.

Clerk was informed to notify said Quarterly Conference of the Committees report and same was approved by Yearly Meeting.

Bro. Albert Dingus made motion to adjourn, second by Bro. Lester Able. Motion carried. Convene Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed with prayer and blessing on food by Bro. Russell Fleming.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bro. Joe Johnson brought the evening message. Had congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Jack Whitaker. Lesson read, 7 verses of the 22nd chapter of Matthew, 1 through 7.

Text "Without an Excuse." Romans 1-20.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Woodrow Mullins and Tommy England for this hour of service. Congregational singing also The Hylton Trio and Gospel News Quartet. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Damron. Bro. Tommy England opened the service and Bro. Woodrow Mullins concluded the service by using the thought "Unbelief." The Hylton Trio singing the church had a time of fellowship. Bro. Clayton Swindall dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Had congregational singing. Moderator opened the service by reading from the Book of Exodus, 20th chapter 1 through 5, also 2nd Chronicles, 7th chapter, 14th verse. Prayer by Bro. Woodrow Mullins. Enrolling of delegates, deacons, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers was the first item of business. Next item was calling for the letters from the Quarterly meetings. They responded as follows: Dickenson County; Letcher County; Pike County; Hamilton County and the New Durm Conference. Letters were read and passed on as a whole, by regular move and second. Motion carried.

LETCHER COUNTY

Greetings to The John Thomas Association at Hylton Chapel Church.

The Letcher County Conference convened with the Dorton Freewill Baptist Church, September 24, 1974.

Brother Leon Tackett leading the singing, "O They Tell Me of a Home." Scripture reading: Matthew 17, verse 1 to 8. Prayer by Brother I. T. Stallard.

The following delegates were enrolled: Tom Trinkle, Sarrah Trinkle, Polly Ann Cook, Alberta Elkins, Bertha Tucker, Manuel Grace, Carolyn Grace, Alpha Taylor, Anna Lee Davis, Pearl Collins, Mollie Miracle, Harold McPeck, Spice McPeck, Stella Hampton, Willard Greer, David Russel, Rebecca Graham, Rosco Bentley, Emma Wilson, Delores Mullins, Ethel Dixon, Ethel Sumpter, Homer Johnson, Gerldine Calhoun, George Reynolds, Gusta Reynolds, Frances Greer, Gerldine Robinett, Reba Hall, Janie Sexton, Leona V. Hughes, Troy Osborn, Minnie Mullins, Arthur Mullins, Retia Gal Jones, Dixie Harmon, Enos Cornett, Sarrah Phillips, Lady Bentley, Olive Overbee, Verna Williams, Hester Banks, Stella Hampton, Booker Holbrook, Juanita Fleming, Ollie Sanders, Leona Tucker, Linda Potter, Everett Potter, Vernon Sanders, Rhoda Sanders, Monrow Kilgore, Dessa Doyle, Polly Noles, Pansy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John Blevins Jr., Charley Martin, Freddy Miracle, Lloyd Damron, Garnett Mullins, Dollie Evanoff, Christine Williams, Casey Turner, Linda Damron, Lloyd Damron, Connie Wooten, Douglass Wooten, Dorse Anderson, Grace Huff, Luemmie Johnson, Dortha Whitt, Jo Ann Bentley and Betty Belcher.

Brother Ezra Johnson was elected by majority votes as Moderator. Brother Albert Dingus made a motion to give the Moderator all power to appoint all committees, this was second by usual vote.

Brother Jonah Wright was chosen as an assistant moderator.

The Church letters were read and approved by usual vote. Brother Jonah Wright made a talk on the Home Mission Board. The Executive Committee re-

ports the next conference will be at Hemphill Free Will Baptist Church beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November 1974.

A motion was made to adjourn until our next conference and second by the majority.

Ezra Johnson, Moderator
Jonah Wright, Assistant Moderator
Edwin Johnson, Clerk
Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

CONFERENCE REPORT

Church Fund	\$372.25
Home Mission	115.50
Orphans Home	171.50
Don Sexton	85.00
Foreign Mission	15.00
Total	\$759.25
Conference Donation	86.23
Total to Treasurer	\$845.48

CHURCH STATISTICS

No. Churches	20
Ministers	65
Membership	1,108
No. enrolled in Sunday School	1,416
Average Attendance	935
Auxiliary Members	156
Little League	33

DICKENSON COUNTY

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting while in regular session with the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, September 7, 1974. We the Dickenson County Conference Of Freewill Baptist met on Friday before the Fourth Sunday July 1974 with the Yates Church. Brother Joe Oval Hillman, Lloyd Hillman, and Alva Lee Fleming, Clerks; Charles Lambert, Q.M. Treasurer; Everett Mullins, Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Reedy, Orphan Home Treasurer; and N. B. Lambert, O. T. Smith, Earet Rose, and Everett Mullins, Ernest Sexton, Executive Committee. The Pine Crest Church, Fisherville, Va., was received into our Conference.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of Churches	38
Church Membership	2,331
Number of Sunday Schools	30
Membership in Sunday Schools	1,528
Ordained Ministers	78
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	3

The following are delegates to the Association:

Annadale—Dallas Conley.
Bearwallow—Magdalene Dishman, Charolette Phillips, Nettie Hallway, Cora Hale and Ellen Hale.
Clinchco—Bro. Jim Thomas, Sisters Bertha Thomas, Mrs. May Bradley, Dorothy Dotson and Darrel Thomas.
Castlewood Community—Myrtle Milton, Trula Jessee and Newton Bailey.
Counts Chapel—Annadale Puckett.
Davis Chapel—Maude Stanley, Desta Davis, Manilla Davis, Margaret Stair.
Duncan Gap—Mary Jean Mullins, Emma Large.
Dyers Chapel—Bro. and Sister Roy Hubble, H. L. Kiser.

Ferbie Chapel—Ada McCoy, Cynthia Boggs and Barbara Elkins, Hurley Collins, Rufus Strange.

Flemingtown F.W.B.—Mamie Wright, Francis Mullins, Emory and Anceline Dutton.

Fremont F.W.B.—Kathleen Hill, Eda Patton, Ed Greer, Jimmy Smith.

Frying Pan F.W.B.—Gene Hay, Rose Powers, Mark Mullins, Esthes Rasnick, Trinkle Fuller, Irene Hay.

Georgesfork F.W.B.—Hester Swindall, Virgie Kennedy, and Jess Browning. Walton Beverly, Eura Beverly.

Hubbard Chapel—Garland McCarthy, Lorene McCarthy, Woodrow Boggs, Viola Boggs, Elizabeth Freeman.

Hill Ridge—Alva Dingus, Clarence Boyd, and wife, Bro., Sister Palmer Sweeney.

Honey Camp—Charles and Eva Rose, David and Easter Mullins and Aleta Moore.

Lickfork—Burness Powers, David Addington, Lucille Powers, Audrey Stanley, Norma Large, Janice Addington, Cathy Addington, Nell Edwards, Donna Blevins.

Lickcreek F.W.B.—Ival Hay, Ira and Ruby Hay, Debbie Hay.

Manassas F.W.B.—Stephen Roop, Marcella Smith.

Martin Chapel—Reba Counts, Williard Counts, Smith Phillips, Nancy Phillips.

Meades Chapel—Goldie Kiser, Viola Meade, Mary Kaylor, Brenda Rose.

McCoy Chapel—Carson McCoy, Minnie McCoy, Daisy McCoy, Clarabelle McCoy.

Middle Branch—Gaines Lambert, Corene Sutherland, Katherine Calo, Rassie Lambert.

Mill Creek—Stella Lambert, Bro. and Sister Ellis Adkins, Bro. and Sister Wesley Edwards.

Mills Chapel—George Long, Lola Long, Marie Hillman, Ernest Sexton, Bannie Sexton.

Peuther Chapel—Ray Puckett, Taulbee Carty, Frankie Vanover, Ruby Puckett, Mary Yates.

Phillips Chapel—Dixie Mitchell, Louise Palmer, Lorraine Holbrook, Rita Mullins, Adeline Phillips, Rachel and Elmer Williams, J. C. Hill.

Pinecrest—Kipling Yates, Louzella Yates, Roy Kendrick.

Pine Grove F.W.B.—Arnold George, Cecil Kiser, Hubert Stanley, Maxine Stanley, Annalee Culbertson.

Pine Creek F.W.B.—Monroe Beverley, Franklin Hall, LaBurn Mullins, Louise Beverley.

Pyles Memorial—Joyce Stanley and Kate Mullins.

Rachels Chapel—Samantha Mullins, Cowan Mullins, Harlis Yates, Evelyn Stanley, Iretta Salyers, Arlena Mullins.

Rugsby Chapel—Sue Salyer, Frankie Mullins, Nita Ratcliff, Trula Kennedy, Harold Mullins.

Splashdown F.W.B.—June Kilgore, Nadean Belcher, Billy D. Willis, Danny Sluss, Virginia Turner, Vergie Wright, Ethel Puckett.

Straight Hollow—Fred Ervin, Faye Ervin, Donna Cook.

Tarpon F.W.B.—Ruby Deel, Juanita Rose, Lucille McCowan, Roger Vance, Julia Vance.

Valley View—Fred Raines, James Tickle, Hie Mullins, Sarah Raines, Goldie Tickle, Macy Damron, Edna Moore, Tennessee Kendrick.

Yates Chapel—Theresa Large, Patty Mullins, Faye Stanley, Merdia Boggs, Frank Stanley.

Done by Order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session with the Yates Freewill Baptist Church, July 26-27, 1974.

Moderator, Joe Johnson
Clerk, Lloyd Hillman

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Hylton F.W.B. church at Shelby Gap, Ky., September 6-7, 1974.

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference send the following to represent us at your Meeting: Loella Napier, Hattie Hubbard, Mamie Bostic, Stella Shell, Ada Farmer, Veva Meadows and Hurley Meadows. Our statistics:

Churches	11
Membership	488
Ordained Ministers	25
Licentates	3
Executive Board	7
Church Property	\$122,000.00

Churches, Pastors and Addresses:

Tunnel Hill	Kyle Hubbard	Honaker, Va.
Ephesus	Harley Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Drill Chapel	Truel Brown	Swords Creek, Va.
	Leonard Farmer	Honaker, Va.
Fletcher Ridge	Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.
Valley View	Howard Bostic	Swords Creek, Va.
	David Perkins	Gardner, Va.
Fuller's Chapel	Eugene Miller	Swords Creek, Va.
Mt. Zion	Russell Harris	Honaker, Va.
	Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.
Guiding Light	Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.
	Clarence Miller	Swords Creek, Va.
Mt. View	Willie Compton	Council, Va.
East Lebanon	Harley Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Clinch View	Willie Compton	Council, Va.
	Earnest Crabtree	Honaker

Children's Home Offering:

Tunnel Hill Church	\$ 95.39
Valley View Church	144.71
Total	240.10

Kyle Hubbard, Moderator
 Willie Compton, Assistant Moderator
 Loella Napier, Clerk

PIKE CONTY CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John Thomas Association:

The Pike County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist convened on August 24th, 1974, with the Sookey's Creek Church, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky.

Rev. Robey Kendrick, Belfry, Ky., was elected as moderator, opened conference with scripture reading, Rev. 22:12. Prayer was led by Brother Arvin Kendrick.

Motion was made and carried to prepare a letter to the John Thomas Association; when convened with the Hylton Church, Hylton, Ky., on Sept. 6, 1974. Our statistics are as follows:

Churches	18
Membership	1,406
Ministers	59
Sunday School Enrollment	895

We are sending as our delegates the following members whom we pray to sit with you in your Godly deliberation.

Name	Address	Church
G. C. Dye	Forrest Hills, Ky.	Leckieville
Roland Robertson	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octavia
Orville Hamilton	Virgie, Ky.	Caney Creek
Sarah Hamilton	Virgie, Ky.	Caney Creek
Sudie Slone	Meta, Ky.	Ovsley
Lena Slone	Meta, Ky.	Ovsley
Bill Gose	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Belfry
Lassie Gose	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Belfry
Georgie Mullins	Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.	Caney Creek
Sarah Mullins	Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.	Caney Creek
Troy Bryant	Robinson Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek
Buncy Bryant	Robinson Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek
Anthony Charles	Zebulon, Ky.	Grassy
Oma Charles	Zebulon, Ky.	Grassy
Wilson Fleming	Eddy, Ky.	Caney Creek
Jess Casey	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octavia
Edith Casey	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octavia
Henry Hubbard	McViegh, Ky.	Octavia

Done by the Pike County Quarterly Conference, while in regular session with the Sookey's Creek Church.

Moderator: Rev. Robey Kendrick

Clerk: Rev. Robert Varney

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Hylton F.W.B. church, Shelby Gap, Ky., September 6, 1974.

We send as delegates to the Yearly Meeting the following: Brother Marion Stewart, Sisters Lula Stewart and Frances Davidson.

Statistics:

Churches	7
Membership	350
Ministers	14

By order of the Hamilton County Conference while in regular session with the Pipe Creek F.W.B. church, August 10, 1974.

Rev. Floyd R. Stewart, Moderator

Rev. J. M. Davidson, Clerk

At this time Brother Reedy gave a very inspiring talk on the work as a whole for all concerned and doing the work of the Master.

The work of Brother Donald Sexton was discussed, he and his wife being the adopted family of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting being in France. After the talk a Love offering was received to be sent to Brother Donald to help in his expense. This being in the sum of \$105.00. May this be a reminder of our responsibility to Bro. Donald and wife. We would like to hear of all churches in the Yearly Meeting supporting this work in France. **THINK ABOUT THIS AND LET GOD LEAD YOU IN THIS.**

Bro. James Earl Raper, Superintendent of the Greenville Home for Children, gave a talk at this time concerning the work at the home and the home in general. Move by Bro. Floyd Stewart to accept the report and seconded by Bro. Lester Able. Motion carried.

A love offering was given at this time in the amount of \$89.83. The churches are asked to remember the home in your prayers and help in giving for the support of the home.

This finishing the work of the Yearly Meeting a motion was made to adjourn to convene with the Mt. Zion Church, Honaker, Va., on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1975 unless called together by the Moderator. This motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

This church is on Route 80 about 5 miles from Honaker between Honaker, Va. and Haysi, Va. on Big A mountain.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 P.M.

Congregational singing, prayer was omitted. Bro. Floyd Stewart brought the morning message. Lesson read from 4th chapter of Colossians. Bro. Stewart used for a text 6th verse of lesson read. Dismissed with prayer and blessings on food by Bro. Clyde Reedy.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Service opened with singing by the choir from the church. Clerk read from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter the first 8 verses. Prayer by Bro. Kyle Hubbard. The conference was organized by retaining the same moderator and clerk. Moderator called for the letters. They responded as follows: Dickenson County; Letcher County; Pike County; Hamilton County and New Durm. The letters were read and voted on as a whole. Motion by Bro. Kyle Hubbard. Seconded by Monroe Mullins.

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly meeting when convened with the Hylton F.W.B. church, Shelby Gap, Ky., September 7, 1974.

Greetings:

We the New Durm Ministers Conference while in session transacted the following:

Voted to retain the same moderator and clerk as of the quarterly conference. Voted by conference to grant Bro. Carl Noel a letter of recommendation to the Hamilton County conference by his request. The conference voted to retain the same ordaining council. Namely, Harley Dye, Chairman, Edward Perkins and Kyle Hubbard. Ministers in good standing: Harley Dye, Howard Bostic, Truel Brown, Kyle Hubbard, Earnest Crabtree, Edward Perkins, Edward Dye, Leonard Farmer, Gonian Kelly, Russell Miller, Austin Fields, James Hutchinson, Everett Rasnake, James Lambert, Claud Rose, Clarence Miller, Allen Stevens, Eugene Miller, Curtis Hubbard, Willie Compton and Jerry Rasnake. David Perkins, Mose Napier, Russell Harris, Charlie Keen.

Kyle Hubbard, Moderator
Loella Napier, Clerk

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Hylton F.W.B. church, Shelby Gap, Ky., September 7, 1974.

Greetings:

We the Hamilton County Ministers Conference met with the Pipe Creek F.W.B. church, August 10, 1974. Opened with prayer by Bro. James Bohly. Called conference to order. Proceeded by electing Bro. Floyd Stewart, assistant, Bro. James Bohly, moderator. Bro. J. M. Davidson as clerk.

Ministers to receive cards of good standing:

Floyd R. Stewart, Jay M. Davidson, Emory Smith, Rosco Burns, Robert Matney, Robert McQuire, Herman Young, Boyce Franks, Carl Noel, Jeff Carrol, Charles Sallie, Arlo Smith, Frank Tyree, L. D. Mahan. The following are recommended for ordaining council: Floyd R. Stewart, David Phillips and Jay M. Davidson. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Assistant Moderator Floyd R. Stewart
Clerk, Jay M. Davidson

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Ministers Conference at Dorton Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins, Assistant Moderator called the meeting to order.

The following ministers were present:

Homer Lee Mullins, D. C. Hughes, Albert Dingus, Larry R. Jones, Edmond Maggard, George Lester Able, McCoy Tackett, Clayton Swindall, Corbett Overbee, Tommie England, Jonah D. Wright, Dean Fields, Leon Boden, Fred Coleman, Roger Belcher, Ira Harvy, Herman Bates Jr., Ezra Johnson and Lawrence Shelby.

The minutes of last conference were read and approved by usual vote. A motion was made that Brother Herman Bates Jr., be elected for another three years on the ordaining Council. This was seconded by all members present.

A motion was made for the Clerk to notify all Ministers away to report in person or by letter each year to receive their good standing cards.

Brother Clyde Damron, Moderator of the ministers conference term ended at this conference. Brother Homer Lee Mullins was elected for one year as Moderator of the ministers Conference.

Signed by:

Edwin Johnson, Clerk

Homer Lee Mullins, Moderator

Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers convened at Yates Chapel Thursday night at 7:30, July 25, 1974. Meeting called to order by the clerk. Opening song "Standing On The Promises." Bro. Wyth Salyers led us to the Lord in prayer. Bro. Joe Johnson was elected moderator, minutes of past meeting were read and approved. Those present were enrolled, 25 ministers, 17 deacons, 1 licentiate were present, 3 ministers reported by letter.

Present ordaining council was reelected: Chairman Joe Johnson, Wyth Salyers and E. M. Rose. Roy C. Vanover was reelected clerk for the ministers conference.

At our ministers conferences we have been discussing and studying the articles of faith, the church covenant and the duties of the officers of the church, Bro. Derwood Yates read and discussed the duties of the pastor, at this meeting. The discussions have been real enlightening in the past, we invite you to come and be with us.

Meeting closed with song led by Bro. Areat Rose, "When I Shall Ride the Clouds," and hand shake. Dismissed in prayer by: Roy Vanover.

Moderator: Joe Johnson

Clerk: Roy C. Vanover

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE OF THE PIKE CO. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Minister's conference of the Pike Co. Quarterly Conference met and convened at the Belfry Church, Huddy, Ky., Aug. 23, 1974. Rev. Woodrow Mullins, moderator was in charge of meeting for the electing of a moderator. Group sang "Won't it be Wonderful There." Prayer was led by Rev. John T. Oliver.

Rev. Curtis Wellman read the 5th chapter of 1st Thessalonians for a scripture reading.

Rev. Robey Kendrick was elected to serve as moderator until our next meeting the last Friday in February. Rev. Edgar West was appointed assistant moderator.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read by Rev. Robert Varney the clerk, they were approved as read.

Motion was made and carried that the conference would meet on the 4th Friday night in Aug. Rev. Jimmy Skeens reported that Brother Alfred Ray had taken membership with another denomination. Motion was made and carried to cancel good standing cards of Alfred Ray, Junior Harrington and Dencil May.

A discussion was carried on concerning article 6 of the ministers by-laws. Rev. Benny Slone is to take this to the association for an explanation and bring back a report.

A discussion was held on water baptism, it was established that the only mode was by being immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

Motion was made and carried to accept the letters from Rev. Jake Shadd and Rev. Luther Boyd.

Motion made to adjourn until last Friday in February at the Grassy Church Ministers attending the conference:

Curtis Wellman, Noah Chapman, William Akers, Johnny Cline, Homer Atkins, William G. King, Dock Hunt, Edgar West, Philip Hackney, Garland Varney, Woodrow Mullins, Garland Ray, Richard Hughes, Jimmie Skeens, Gerria Reynolds, Benny Slone, O. H. Greer, Frank Rich, Joe Hackney, Herbert Goff, Robert Varney, Edward Lee Atkins, Dwight Buckley, Robey Kendrick, Dennis Hinkle, Sonny Hatfield, John T. Oliver, Lawrence Ball and John C. Hatfield.

Ministers reporting by letter: Jake Shadd and Luther Boyd.

Trustees: Robert Varney, Robey Kendrick and Woodrow Mullins; Executive Committee: Bennie Slone, Robert Varney and John T. Oliver; Ordaining Council: Robey Kendrick, Bennie Slone and Curtis Wellman.

Moderator: Rev. Robey Kendrick

Clerk: Rev. Robert Varney

Bro. Benny Slone making the motion and seconded by Bro. Clyde Damron. Motion carried. A motion was made that a letter of dismission be granted to Bro. Cameron Whitaker at his request. Motion made by Bro. Albert Dingsus to grant his request and this was seconded by Bro. Jack Whitaker. Motion carried.

This finishing the work of the ministers conference, same was adjourned when it will convene with the Mt. Zion Church, Honaker, Va., 1975 unless called together by the moderator. Move for adjournment by Bro. Albert Dingsus, seconded by Bro. Roy Sykes. Motion carried.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bro. Benny Slone brought the message Saturday evening.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Clyde Damron brought the Message Saturday night. Lesson read from the 18th chapter of St. Luke, 35th verse through 42nd verse. Text "Jesus gives sight to blind man then saves him."

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Bro. Clayton Swindall brought the message Sunday morning. Matthew, 22nd chapter, 11 through 14th verse. Prayer by Bro. Russell Boggs, Bro. Swindall.

Ministers' Report

HOWARD BOSTIC

Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	87
Revivals	6
Conversions Witnessed	8
No. Baptized	12
Funerals Attended	16
Prayers Services	6
Am't Received	\$300.00

CLARENCE MILLER

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	60
Revivals	1
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	6

FRANK TYREE

Rt. 1, Box 76, Clyde, Ohio

No. Sermons	60
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
No. Baptized	2
Funerals Attended	2
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	118
Churches Organized	1

CARL NOEL

Rt. 9, Mansfield, Ohio

Revivals	2
No. Baptized	1

FLOYD R. STEWART

8878 Harrison Rd., Cleves, Ohio 45002
Evangelist of Hamilton County

No. Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	8
No. Baptized	8
Funerals Attended	2
Couples Married	5

BOYCE FRANKS

R.F.D. 2, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	140
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	3
Baptized	2
Prayer Services	48
Couples Married	1

DAVID PHILLIPS

Rt. 1, Sunman, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	70
Revivals	1
Couples Married	3

EMORY SMITH

416 S.T. James St., Crestline, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	78
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptized	1
Funerals	1
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	10
Am't Received	\$163.00

WILLIE COMPTON

Council, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Revivals	4
Baptized	20
Funerals	4

EDWARD PERKINS

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
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EDWARD DYE
Box 304, Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	63
Revivals	1
Conversions	2
Baptized	1
Funerals	2
Am't Received	\$287.45

CURTIS J. HUBBARD

Rt. 1, Box 20, Swords Creek, Va.

Sermons	119
Revivals	4
Conversions	14
Baptized	15
Funerals	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	59
Am't Received	\$31.25

TRUEL BROWN

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

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	175
Revivals	3
Conversions	12
Baptized	15
Funerals	24
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	35
Am't Received	\$200.00

RUSSELL F. HARRIS

Venias, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	30
Conversions	1
Baptized	2
Funerals	1
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	6
Am't Received	\$75.00

C. R. MILLER
Rt. 2, Lebanon, Va.

Sermons	104
Revivals	3
Conversions	23
Baptized	23
Funerals	3
Memorials	5
Couples Married	2
Am't Received	\$150.00

LEONARD FARMER

Rt. 2, Box 221, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Conversions	1
Baptized	1
Funerals	2

DAVID PERKINS

P.O. Box 108, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	40
Conversions	3
Baptized	8
Funerals	1
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	51

EUGENE MILLER

Box 161, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	1
Conversions	9
Baptized	14
Funerals	2
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	27

HARLEY DYE

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	70
Conversions	12
Baptized	7
Funerals	10
Couples Married	18
Am't Received	\$330.00

ALBERT DINGUS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	40
Conversions	25
Funerals	9
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	25

ARNOLD NOLES

Neon, Ky.

Sermons	272
Conversions	9
Baptized	7
Funerals	5
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	28
Am't Received	\$180.00

JOHNNY CLAIR

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	200
Revivals	2
Conversions	3
Baptized	2
Funerals	8
Prayer Services	80
Churches Organized	1
Couples Married	2

EZRA JOHNSON

P.O. Box 283, Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	165
Revivals	4
Conversions	15
Funerals	10
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	29
Couples Married	1
Am't Received	\$35.00

CASH EVERSOLL

Rt. 1, Box 249, Hazard, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	60
Conversions	2
Baptized	2
Funerals	2

JASPER EARLS

Vicco, Ky. 41773

Sermons	24
Revivals	4
Conversions	14
Prayer Services	9

RALPH E. PROFITT

Box 93, Fleming, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversions	60
Baptized	50
Funerals	10
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	148
Couples Married	1
Am't Received	\$600.00

EDMON C. MAGGARD

Jonancy, Ky.

Sermons	23
Conversions	12
Baptized	1
Funerals	3
Memorials	3

PAUL WOOTEN

Rt. 1, Box 7, Scuddy, Ky.

Sermons	73
Revivals	3
Conversions	4
Baptized	2
Prayer Services	50

W. M. CRAWFORD

Box 393, Pound, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	2
Conversions	14
Funerals	6
Memorials	3
Am't Received	\$80.00

OBITUARY

OBITUARY OF REV. LINDON CLAIR COMBS



Rev. Lindon Clair Combs was born December 27, 1907, departed this life June 13, 1973 making his stay on earth 65 years, 5 months and 17 days. He was a member and minister of the Valley View Free Will Baptist Church of Honaker, Va.

On March 1, 1930 he was married to Mary Ellen Baugh. To this union 13 children were born, one preceding him in death. There are 7 girls, Mrs. Kathleen Overcash, Mrs. Naoma Bender, Mrs. Voneva Brady all of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Norma Sampson of California, Mrs. Betty Jean Yates and Mrs. Sandra Robinson of Lebanon, Va. and Mrs. Ella Sue Smith of Cleveland, Va. Five boys, Robert F. Combs, George, Ben and Billy Jack of Baltimore, Md. Dwaine and L. C. Jr. of Cleveland, Va. Also 3 sisters and 4 brothers. He was a devoted husband and father to the family and loyal and faithful to his church. We are assured that our loss is Heavens gain.

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OBITUARY OF JOHN A. JUSTICE



John A. Justice, 73, of Owsley, Kentucky passed away March 2, 1973. Born March 23, 1899, he was the son of the late John and Nancy Sword Justice.

A retired miner and a native of Pike County, he was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Owsley. He had also been a member of the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge for fifty years.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Bertha Adkins Justice; two daughters — Mrs. Dona Blair, Dayton, Ohio and Mrs. Shirley Valencia, Lexington, Kentucky; two grandchildren — Randall and Sheila Blair; and two sisters — Mrs. Alice Stevens of Harold, Kentucky and Mrs. Cora Lynch of Betsylayne.

Funeral services were held at the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church with the Reverends Bennie Slone, Homer Adkins, Reefer Justice and James Harmon officiating. Solemn and beautiful Masonic Rites were also performed by members of the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375, F. and A.M.

He left behind many friends and loved ones who will miss him greatly, but we find comfort in our belief that this great loss is Heaven's gain.

OBITUARY OF OCTAVIA BLACKBURN



In loving memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Octavia Blackburn who passed away from this life April 3, 1974, at the age of 96. She was born in Pike Co., the daughter of John and Betty Whitt Blackburn. She was preceded in death by her husband James Blackburn, 1 daughter and 4 sons.

She was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church for several years.

She is survived by one son, Okey Blackburn of Detroit, Mich., two daughters, Leona Ball of Detroit and Dora Hackney of Romeoville, Ill. Several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

OBITUARY OF MRS. DELPHIA BRANHAM



Mrs. Delphia Branham passed away January 9, 1974. She was born in Pike County, at Zebulon, Ky., the daughter of Reganie Charles and the late Mack Charles. She was the wife of Curtis Branham and a member of the Grassy Creek Freewill Baptist Church for 24 years and 3 months.

Survivors include her husband, 5 sons, Lucian and Victor H. Branham of Zebulon, Ky., Tim E. Branham of Meta, Ky., Clay Branham of Rt. 1, Box 157B, Neosho, Missouri 64850, and Curtis Branham, Jr., 8571 Arnett Drive, Huntington Beach, California 92647, 2 daughters, Mrs. Ernestine Taylor, Meta, Ky., and Mrs. Jeffrey Reeves, 8 Today Drive, Fairfield, Ohio 45014, 5 brothers, 2 sisters, and 16 grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted from the Cline Street Freewill Baptist Church, January 12, 1974 with Herbert Goff and Roby "Buddy" Kendrick officiating. Burial was in the Bent Ridge Cemetery, Meta, Ky.

She leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. We feel her passing is our loss but her eternal gain. She is sadly missed by her family and many brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus and a host of friends and relatives.

OBITUARY OF MRS. GEORGIA SYCK CLEVENINGER



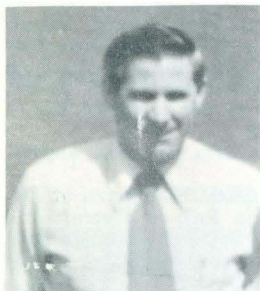
Mrs. Georgia Syck Cleveninger, born March 5, 1908, deceased this life December 6, 1973.

She was a member of the Octavia Free Will Baptist church for many years and was faithful in the Lord.

She is sadly missed by her husband and children she left behind to mourn her loss.

Sister Cleveninger is missed by the church, we feel that our loss will be her Eternal gain.

OBITUARY OF ARNOLD B. BAKER



Arnold B. Baker was born March 7, 1939 and departed this life December 14, 1973, making his stay on earth 34 years, 9 months, and 7 days. He was an ordained Deacon and a member of the Vine St. Free Will Baptist church of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a good husband and a devoted father. He had a great love for Gospel singing. When the redeeming that song the angels cannot sing surely Bro. Arnold will be found somewhere in that Heavenly Choir. Sadly missed by wife and children and those that knew and loved him.

OBITUARY OF HOMER KEEN



In memory of Homer Keen, born July 15, 1915, departed this life April 24, 1973. The son of the late Benjamin H. Keen and Molly Plymale Keen, he leaves his wife, Agnes Roberts Keen, one daughter Debby Keen and one son Lannie D. Keen, 4 brothers, 4 sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

He accepted Christ in his life Sept. 15, 1967, was baptized Sept. 17, 1967. He was a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church, and was ordained a deacon March 2, 1969. He served as Treasurer for the church. He was assistant superintendent for the Sunday School, and also a Sunday School teacher. He loved the church and loved to work for the Lord. He loved everyone, but seemed to have a special love for the ministers. He is sadly missed by his wife and children and all who knew him.

OBITUARY OF JAMES MELVIN KILGORE



It is with much sadness and a heavy heart I attempt to write of my dear grandfather, James Melvin Kilgore. Grandpa was born July 9, 1891, departed this life February 17, 1974 making his stay here 83 years, 7 months and 8 days.

He was married to Mellie Melvina Kilgore and to this union was born 3 sons, Bennett, Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va. Beecher, Rt. 1, Ora, Va. Denver who preceded him in death. Two daughters, Mrs. Toy Edwards, Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va. and Mrs. Emory T. McCoy, Rt. 1, Nora, Va. He also leaves 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren along with many friends and relatives. Grandpa was baptized in 1943 and was called into the ministry in 1944. Grandpa had been to prayer meeting Friday night and the Lord Blessed him wonderfully that night. He

went back to services on Saturday night and again on Sunday when he was blessed to preach. As he delivered the message the Lord said, "You have been faithful over a few things and I will make you ruler over many things." Jesus then stretched forth His loving Hands of mercy and took him to Paradise to await that great reunion day. Grandpa's children would like to thank Beecher for taking care of him in such a wonderful way. He will be missed and lots of hearts will be heavy but his memories will forever be with us.

Written by his grandson, David Kilgore

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 up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

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

THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Freewill Baptist Church, they are examined by one or more regular Freewill Baptist ministers in reference to their Christian Character, doctrine and ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory the applicants are organized into the church as follows: The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant shall be adopted. A prayer of consecration offered. The hand of fellowship is given. Then officers are elected.
2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, in order that a regular discipline may be kept up.
3. After being thus constituted they shall be a liberty, out of the number of regularly ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them. We recommend that the church elect their pastor by secret ballot, and this annually.

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 way. 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 or 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 the 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 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.

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YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 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 twenty-five cents (25¢) 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 in 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.

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

New Durm	1975
Pike	1976
Dickenson	1977
Hamilton	1978
Letcher	1979
Pike	1980
New Durm	1981
Dickenson	1982
Letcher	1983
Pike	1984
Dickenson	1985
Letcher	1986

