

Minutes
Of The
**JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING**
Of
Freewill Baptists
VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Held With
OWSLEY FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Owsley, Kentucky

September 7 - 8, 1979

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1978-1979

Amount brought forward 1978	\$347.34
Amount Received in 1979	
New Durm	135.00
New Durm for Engraving	6.00
Pike County	355.50
Pike County for Engraving	25.00
Hamilton County	54.00
Letcher County	398.75
Letcher County for Engraving	5.00
Dickenson County	900.00
Dickenson County for Engraving	25.00
Mid-Ohio	150.00
Mid-Ohio Children's Home	50.00
Special Gift	5.00
Total Received	<u>\$2,108.25</u>
Amount in Treasure	\$2,455.59

EXPENSES FOR 1978-1979

Minutes	\$1,297.38
Clerk	50.00
Children's Home	50.00
Total Paid Out	\$1,397.38
Balance in Treasure	\$1,058.51

The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting will convene with the Fletcher Ridge Free-will Baptist Church at Fletcher's Ridge, Va. on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1980 at 11:00 a.m. unless called together by the Moderator.

Directions to Fletcher Ridge Church: From Rt. 460 - At Vansant take Rt. 83 for about 1 mile, turn left on Rt. 620 go approximately 12-15 miles to church. From Rt. 80 to Council, turn left on Rt. 620, approximately 6 miles to church.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1979

Dickenson County	1450
Oval W. Hillman, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228	
Pike County	650
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney, Rt. 2, Box 21, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Letcher County	650
Homer Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 16-A, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Hamilton County	100
Rev. J. M. Davidson, Rt. 3, Box 493, Brookville, Ind. 47012	
New Durm	300
Claude H. Rose, Box 374, Honaker, Va. 24260	
Mid-Ohio Conference	100
Randolph Gregory, 5179 Lincoln Hwy., Bucyrus, Ohio 44820	
Total Minutes	3200

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 1979 YEARLY MEETING

Dickenson County Delegates

Arthur O'Quinn
Lloyd Hillman
Ivil Hay
Tessie Wallace
Ruby Phipps
Susan Hill
Clara McClain
Laura Kiser
Dorothy Owens

Clint Owens
Anna Lee Bartley
Ruby Hay
Kathleen Hill
Lilis Mullins
Virgie Kennedy
Audrey Stanley
Lawerence Kiser
Maxie Sluss

Alpha O'Quinn
Qonda Mullins
Virgie Wright
Ada Wallace
Inis Counts
Joyce Stanley
Shirley Stanley
Leon Ownes

Dickenson County Deacons

Earet Rose

Gary Mullins

Dickenson County Ministers

Joe Johnson
Bill Mack Mullins

Franklin Hall
Roy C. Vanover

Sherman A. Whitaker

New Durm Delegates

Ada Farmer
G. C. Dye
Brady Farmer

Virgil Childress
Troy Harris

Fannie Dye
Helen Harris
Hattie Hubbard

New Durm Deacons

Roy Farmer

New Durm Ministers

Kyle Hubbard

Leonard Farmer

Letcher County Delegates

Tom Trinkle

Sarah Trinkle

Cora Abel

Letcher County Deacons

Milford Craft

Letcher County Ministers

Albert Dingus

John DePriest

Tommy England

Mid-Ohio Ministers

Ronnie Kendrick

Hamilton County Ministers

James D. Bohley

Pike County Delegates

Erma Skeens
Flo Buckley
Mark Daniels
Christine Daniels
Susie Abbot
Lena Hamilton
Jessie P. Osborne

Lena Slone
Suda Slone
Denise Blackburn
Kay Blackburn
Marie Stevens
Sarah E. Mullins
Orville Hamilton

Dolly C. Adkins
Marietta Blackburn
Janalene Nichols
Mildred Varney
Erma L. Anderson
Sandra L. Varney
Sarah Hamilton

Pike County Deacons

Everett Gannon

Pike County Ministers

Benny F. Slone
Homer Adkins
Morgan Chapman

Robert Varney
Dwight Buckley
Velon Burgess

Jimmy Skeens
Crit Justice

Visiting Ministers

J. D. O'Donnell
Don Sexton

James E. Raper

Roger C. Reeds

OFFICERS

Officers of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist were elected for the year 1979-1980:

Rev. Benny F. Sloane, Meta, Ky. 41537 Moderator
 Rev. Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Ky. 41537 Assistant Moderator
 Robert (Bobby) Varney, Rt. 2, Box 21, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555 Clerk
 Phone 606-353-7704
 Oval W. Hillman, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. Treasurer

ORDAINING COUNCILS

Dickenson County		
Wythe Salyers, Chairman	E. Rose	Joe Johnson
Pike County		
Robey Kendrick, Chairman	Benny F. Sloane	Curtiss Wellman
Letcher County		
Herman Bates, Chairman	Robert Hampton	Ezra Johnson
New Durm		
Harley Dye, Chairman	Edward Perkins	Kyle Hubbard
Mid-Ohio		
Emory Smith, Chairman	Boyce C. Franks	Frank Tyree
Hamilton County		
James Bohley	Arlo Smith, Sr.	Jay Davidson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Dickenson County		
N. B. Lambert, Chairman	Earet Rose	Everett Mullins
Earnest Secton	O. T. Smith	
Pike County		
Robert Varney, Chairman	Benny F. Sloane	Robey Kendrick
Alternates		
Gerria Reynolds	Homer Adkins	
Letcher County		
Earl Smith, Chairman	Milford Craft	Caleb Holbrook
New Durm		
Brady Farmer, Chairman	Jess Shell	Frazier Hale
Clive Dye	John Ray	Elbert Rasnake
Virgil Childress		
Mid-Ohio		
Emory Smith, Chairman	Boyce C. Franks	Frank Tyree
Hamilton County		
James S. Bohley, Chairman	Arlo Smith, Sr.	Jay Davidson

INTRODUCTION

Friday Morning Service 11:00

The John-Thomas Association met and convened at the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church Owsley, Kentucky in Pike County on September 7-8, 1979.

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Rev. Benny F. Slone the pastor of the church took charge of the devotions. Congregation sang, "Jesus Hold My Hand". Prayer was led by Rev. Onis Varney. Special singing was by Bro. Earett Rose, Bro. and Sis. Enoch Rose. Then Bro. Slone read Ecclesiastes, chapter 12, verse 9 for a scripture and brought a short message.

Brother Slone called upon Rev. Ronnie Kendrick from the Mid-Ohio Conference to preach the introductory sermon. He read from St. John, chapter 14, verse 27 both brought good messages. WE had congregational singing and passed the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Albert Dingus called the benediction and blessing over the food. The service was dismissed until 1:30 Friday afternoon.

Friday Afternoon Service 1:30

Rev. Robert Varney called the Association to order by the reading of Collosions, chapter 3, verses 1-14. Congregational singing and prayer was led by Rev. Albert Dingus. Rev. Benny F. Slone was elected moderator and given power to appoint necessary committees. He appointed Rev. Albert Dingus as assistant moderator. Motion made to retain the same clerk Bro. Robert Varney and the same treasurer, Brother Oval Hillman. The following committees were appointed:

Audit Committee	Pulpit Committee
Tommy England	Milford Craft
Earett Rose	Brady Farmer
Franklin Hall	Orville Hamilton

After the appointing of the committees the moderator asked Bro. J. D. O'Donnell from the Bethel Bible Institute at Paintsville, Kentucky. He reported that it was an institution set up to give our churches a better training program for Sunday School teachers and ministers. He gave a good report wishing to expand their program. Rev. John DePriest to accept his report seconded by Rev. Roy Vanover, motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

The moderator called for the auditing committee to audit the treasurer's books.

The Pulpit committee reported that Rev. Kyle Hubbard and Rev. Enoch Rose would bring the afternoon message and that Rev. Sherman Whittaker and Rev. Albert Dingus would preach tonight.

The moderator read the report of the auditing committee, we had a balance of \$347.34 in treasure. Motion made by Bro. Albert Dingus seconded by Bro. Tommy England to accept their report, motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. Roy Vanover and seconded by Bro. Milford Craft to adjourn from business until Saturday Morning at 9:30, motion carried.

Special songs were by Rev. Dwight Buckley and his singers. Rev. Onis Varney, Bro. Kyle Hubbard came forward using for a text, "Earthly House" followed by Bro. Enoch Rose using for a text, "Work of the Holy Spirit" both brothers preached a wonderful message. Bro. Tommy England was called upon to dismiss congregation and to ask blessing over the food.

Friday Night 7:00 Worship Service

Service was opened by congregation singing, "I Never Shall Forget the Day" prayer was led by Bro. Velon Burgess. Special singing by Sister Christine Daniels, Brother Dwight Buckley, Sister Flo Buckley, Sister Dolly Adkins. Then the young people from the Owsley Church sang. The Blackburn singers and Mark Daniels sang several songs and the Lord richly blessed in the service. Brother Sherman Whittaker came forward using for a text, St. John 3, verses 14-16. Brother Albert Dingus used "Jesus" as a subject and both brought wonderful messages. Congregation sang and had handshakes, then was dismissed by Brother Velon Burgess.

Saturday Morning 9:30

Saturday morning service was opened by congregation along with the singers from the Lick Creek singing, "I Never Shall Forget the Day" and prayer was led by Rev. Jimmy Skeens. Moderator called the Association to order by reading Timothy 2, chapter 4, verses 1-4.

Moderator asked Bro. James E. Raper from the Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn. to give a report of his work there at the children's home. He reported that their needs were being met as God sees fit and thanked all the churches for their support. He reported that this is the 40th year of the home. Motion made by Bro. Joe Johnson and seconded by Bro. Crit Justice, to accept his report, motion carried.

The moderator then asked Rev. Don Sexton our missionary to France to give a report of his work in France. He said that they were not going back to France now but is going to work with the foreign mission board out of Nashville, Tenn. Motion made by Bro. Joe Johnson and seconded by Bro. John DePriest to accept his report, motion carried.

Moderator called upon the clerk to read the letters from the quarterly conferences. All of the conferences reported to the association and motion was made by Bro. Albert Dingus and seconded by Bro. Earet Rose to accept the reading of the letters. The letters accepted reads as follows.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Owlsey Freewill Baptist Church at Owlsey, Kentucky, September 8 & 9, 1979.

Greetings:

We, the Dickenson County Conference convened with the Meade's Chapel Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1979. Brother Derwood Yates, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Brother Lee Rose, Clerks Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming, Quarterly Meeting Treasurer; Sister Vona Mullins, E. M. G. Treasurer Everette Mullins, Children Home Treasurer, Sister Beverly Wallace, Executive Committee Brothers N. B. Lambert, Earet Rose, O. T. Smith, Everette Mullins, Earnest Sexton, Ordaining Council, Brothers Joe Johnson, E. Rose, Chairman Wythe Salyers. The Conference voted to buy 1400 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes \$900.00.

Our statistics are as follows:

Churches	40
Church Membership	2652
Sunday Schools	34
Enrolled in Sunday Schools	1770
Ministers	87
Women's Auxiliaries	4

The following are Delegates to the Yearly Meeting:

Bear Wallow - PASTOR REV. J. H. HARTSOCK and REV. BILL DIXON - Delegates - Brother Johnny Wright and Sister Powers.

Burke Freewill Baptist - PASTORS DONALD MULLINS and PARKIS MULLINS - Delegates - Brother Anthony Mullins, Sisters Marie Mullins and Naomi Mullins.

The Clinchco Freewill Baptist - PASTOR Brother Lee Rose - Delegates - Muncey Mullins, Margie Mullins, Flora McCarty, Mary Bradley and Dorothy Dotsun.

Counts Chapel - PASTOR CARL ROSE - Delegates - Brothers Alfred Green and Walter Puckett, and Sister Anna Bell Puckett.

Castlewood Community - Laid over as last reported.

Davis Chapel - PASTORS REV. ESTEL HALE and REV. QUINTIN KEITH - Delegates - Brother Russel Bevins, Sister Maureen Bevins and Sister Martha Dotson.

Duncan Gap - PASTORS TOMMY LARGE and DONNIE JOE MULLINS - Delegates - Brother Doug Strough.

The Dyers Chapel Freewill Baptist - PASTOR REV. JOE JOHNSON - Delegates - Rev. Early Rose, Sister Amy Rose, H. L. Kiser.

Ferbie Chapel - PASTOR REV. LESTER ROBINSON - Delegates - Sister Marquita Slemp, Brother Donald Elkins, Sister Barbara Elkins, Sister Ada McCoy.

The Flemingtown F.W.B. - PASTOR HIE A. MULLINS - Delegates - Ella Mae Rose, Donnie & Kaye Tipton, Vona Mullins, Nancy Fleming, Velva & Kenny Smith, Verlan & Nora Lea Moore.

Fremont Freewill Baptist - PASTORS REV. EVERETT SMITH and REV. GOBEL ROSE - Delegates - Bernice Buchanan, Elwood Buchanan, and Timmy Carty.

Frying Pan Freewill Baptist - PASTOR HIE A. MULLINS - Delegates - Frances Mullins, Gene Hay, Rose and Kathy Powers.

George's Fork Freewill Baptist - PASTOR FRANK HALL - Delegates - Sisters Shirley Reed, Virgie Kennedy, Beulah Moore, Effie Browning, Vonda Mullins and Brother Dennis Mullins.

Gladys Fork Freewill Baptist - PASTOR ROBERT MULLINS - Delegates - Arlena Pilkenton, Elgie Stallard and Vivian Stallard.

Hill Ridge - PASTOR WYTHE SAYLERS - Delegates - Brother W. C. Rose, Sister Pearly, Sharon Hillman, Virgie Dingus.

Honey Camp Freewill Baptist - PASTOR AYERS KENNEDY and LEWIS MULLINS - Delegates - Nancy Rose, Gerald Rose, Ruby McCowan, John Stanley, Alta Moore.

Hubbard Chapel - PASTOR REV. CHARLES BAKER - Delegates - Jess Slemp and Jo Robinson.

Lick Creek Freewill Baptist - PASTORS CLAYTON HAY and EVERETTE SMITH - Delegates - Sister Ruby Hay, Brother Ira Hay, Sister Ivel Hay, Brother Arthus and Sister Alpha O'Quinn.

Lick Fork - PASTOR BROTHER ROGER BEVINS - Delegates - Sisters Norma Large, Audrey Stanley, Brenda Price, Lena Dotson, Clara McClain, Donna Bevins.

Light House Freewill Baptist - PASTORS CLAYTON HAY and E. B. LEE, JR. - Delegates - Juanita Johnson, Norma Whitlow, Clarabelle McCoy, Alice McCoy.

Martin's Chapel - PASTOR JOE JOHNSON - Delegates - Sisters Hassie Martin, Gay Martin, Brother Gilmer Martin.

Meades Chapel - PASTOR BROTHER LLOYD ROSE - Delegates - Brother Vermont Richardson, Sister Reda Jo Richardson, Sister Carolyn Stout, Sister Evie Whisenhunt, Sister Louise French, and Sister Viola Meade.

Middle Branch - PASTOR REV. JOSEPH JOHNSON and REV. VESTER McKINNEY, JR. - Delegates - Brothers Vince Lambert and Issac Lambert, Sisters Rassie Lambert and Sadie Deel.

Mill Creek - PASTOR J. T. HARTSOCK - Delegates - Brother and Sister Delman Farmer, Brother Ellis Adkins, Sister Cretia Mullins, Sister Lella Lambert.

Mill's Chapel Freewill Baptist - PASTOR REV. BILL DIXON - Delegates - Marie Hileman, Sharon Smith, Ernest Sexton, Glen Powers and Thurman Sproles.

Peuther Chapel - PASTORS REV. PAUL FIELDS and REV. JOE GLEN SLUSS - Delegates - Brothers Lawrence Kiser, Lynn C. Vanover, Sisters Frankie Vanover, Lura Kiser and Rhonda Lee Sluss.

Phillips Chapel - PASTOR REV. JOE JOHNSON and REV. EMORY COOK - Delegates - Nova and Earnist Minton, Adeline Phillips, Hazel Culbertson, Gaynell Cook, Beulah Culbertson, Celia Culbertson and Sue Asbury.

Pine Creek Freewill Baptist - PASTOR BROTHER BILL MACK MULLINS and HONORARY PASTOR MARVIN KILLEN - Delegates - Brother Leonard Hill, Sister Susan Hill, Sister Joann Hall, Brother Guy Mullins, Sister Lelia Mullins, Sister Marie Mullins, Sister Shirley Stanley, Sister Ruby Phipps.

Pine Crest Freewill - PASTOR - none - Delegates - Kipling Yates and Louzella Yates. Tabled till next Conference.

Pine Grove Freewill Baptist - PASTOR MACK MULLINS and QUENTIN KEITH - Delegates - Clara and Hobart Lee, Paul and Mattie Ella Hill, Sandy and Madge Kiser.

Pyles Memorial - PASTOR LESTER HAMPTON - Delegates - Brother Richard Mullins, Brother Luther Belcher, Jr., Sister Goldie Mullins.

Rachel's Chapel - PASTOR WYTHE SALYERS and WAYNE KEITH - Delegates - Arvil Rose, Jr., Kathy Stanley, Gary Stanley, Iretta Salyers and Alta Mullins.

Reeds Valley Freewill Baptist - PASTOR JIM WENTRO - Delegates - Shirley Chafin, Lois Patrick, Marie McReynolds and Carnation Cantrell.

Rugsby Freewill Baptist - PASTOR REV. ENOCH ROSE and REV. MASTON ROSE - Delegates - Edra Dotson, Edford Dotson, Brenda Hill, Harold Mullins, Georgia Smith.

Ramsey Ridge - PASTORS CLYDE HALL and VESTER MCKINNEY, JR. - Delegates - Lura McKinney, Pearl Perrigan and Emma McKinney.

Splashdam Freewill Baptist - PASTOR CARTER BOYD - Delegates - Virgie Wright, Steve Wallace, Tessie Wallace, George Wallace, Ada Wallace, Clint Owens, Leon Owens, Dorothy Owens, Finas Hill, Kathy Hill, Maxie Sluss, Anna Lee Bartley.

The Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist - PASTOR REV. HARRY WHITAKER - Delegates - Sister Donna Cook, Sister Fay Ervin, Sister Daisy Cook and Sister Donna Twoey.

Tarpon Freewill Baptist - PASTOR GLENN SYKES - Delegates - Winford Large, Jay Oaens, Janice Wampler, Linda Sykes.

Valley View Freewill Baptist - PASTOR DERWOOD YATES - Delegates - Inis Counts, Janice Stanley, Nell Hawkins, Red Ervin, Ruth Ervin, Karen Stone, Alice Phipps, Lois Lawson.

Yates Chapel - PASTOR REV. WYTHE SALYERS - Delegates - Sisters Patty Mullins, Kathy Stanley, Lillian Hay, Pearl Jones and Brother Merdia Boggs.

Done by Order of the Dickenson County Conference while in session with the Meade's Chapel Church, July 20 and 21, 1979. Moderator Brother Derwood Yates, Assistant Moderator Brother Lee Rose. Clerks, Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Alva Lee Fleming.

CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS . . . DICKENSON CONFERENCE

Church	July	Oct.	Jan.	April	Total
Annandale	0	0	0	Dropped	0
Bear Wallow	0	0	0	0	0
Castlewood	10.00	0	0	10.00	20.00
Clinchco	46.21	45.82	41.60	42.37	176.00
Counts Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Davis Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Denver Chapel	0	0	25.00	25.00	50.00
Duncan Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbie's Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Flemingtown	4.00	75.00	64.00	50.00	193.00
Fremont	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
George's Fork	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Gladey Fork	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Hill Ridge	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Honey Camp	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Lick Fork	165.00	165.00	165.00	165.00	660.00
Light House	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Martin's Chapel	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	70.00
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Middle Branch	45.00	30.00	30.00	33.00	138.00
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Mill's Chapel	128.93	146.75	178.72	102.01	556.41
Peuther Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Phillip's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Pine Creek	24.60	24.78	25.00	30.88	105.26
Pine Crest	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Grove	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	35.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	110.00
Reed Valley	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Rugsby	36.08	25.00	58.78	35.00	154.86
Splashdam	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Straight Hollow	53.00	47.00	54.00	43.00	197.00
Tarpon	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Valley View	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	320.00
Yates Chapel	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
	1277.82	1314.35	1402.10	1296.26	5290.53

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Bro. Franklin Anderson and Bro. Ezra Johnson reported enjoyable visits to both Pike County Conference and the East Wise County Conference. Bro. Milford Craft reported of his visit to the Dickenson County Conference. Bro. George Reynolds the West Wise County Conference.

The pulpit committee reported that the Temperance talk would be given by Bro. Charles Gallion. Bro. Joe Burke would give the Sunday School talk. Bro. Ezra Johnson made a motion to receive both TALKS and was seconded by Bro. Dean Fields.

During a congregational song a conference donation was given.

The eleven o'clock message was given by Bro. Don Sexton our missionary to France. All enjoyed the message. Bro. Don spoke of his call to serve in the States.

Bro. Enoch Rose gave the evening message. Bro. Millard Bates, Jr. and Bro. Ezra Johnson were to give the night message.

Bro. Albert Dingur made a motion for dismissal until the one thirty session. This was seconded by Bro. Bill Crawford.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Dorothy Tucker
Tom Trinkle
Roy Caudull
Georgie Fleenor
Vivian Spangler
Sereda Boggs
Sadie Hall
Richard Mullins
Beulah Potter
Frudis Bailey
Alice Hall
Carrie Hall
Irene Johnson
Rebecca Fulton
Rebecca Cuddy
Ersell Sargent
Ethel McCuiston
Songia Wright
Cora Able
Ethel Mullins
Darlene Hall
Macie Warf
Tommy Damron

Sarah Jane Trinkle
Doris Anderson
Margie Caudill
Edith Hall
Lady Bentley
Norma Phillips
Mildred Wilder
Robert Potter
Reba Hall
Mary Elkins
Willie Hall
Dean Bentley
Shelia Church
Hazel Kiser
Elisa Ratliff
Dolores Mullins
Joe McCuistin
Cheryl McCarty
Emma Lee Hunt
Beulah Mullins
Gary Hibbitts
Lawerence England
Joan Damron

Mrs. Reed Potter

Letcher Quarterly Conference
General Conference

Greetings to The John Thomas Yearly Conference while in session with Owlsey Church.

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist convened with Seco Church at Seco, Kentucky, August 25, 1979.

Bro. Herman Bates opened the conference with song, leading the congregation in singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On". The clerk read the scripture lesson from Acts 2:16-21 verses. Bro. Millard Bates, Jr. came forward and led in prayer.

The conference being without a moderator, motions were made and Bro. Tommy England was unanimously elected. The moderator appointed Bro. Millard Bates, Jr. as his assistant.

Bro. Ezra Johnson made a motion to give the moderator power to appoint all committees. This was seconded by Bro. Albert Dingus.

Appointed For The Pulpit Committee

1. Bro. Eldridge Hayes
2. Bro. Jack Whitaker
3. Bro. Grover Butler

Appointed For The Executive Committee

1. Bro. Milford Craft
2. Bro. Herman Bates, Jr.
3. Bro. Ralph Profit

Visiting Ministers From Other Conferences Were:

1. Bro. Joe Johnson and Bro. Enoch Rose of the Dickenson County Conference.
1. Bro. Jeffery Reynolds from the West Wise County Conference.

Letters from Corresponding messengers were read. Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion to receive letters and was seconded by Bro. Ralph Profit.

Delegates To Visit Other Conferences:

1. West Wise Conference
 - A. Kalton Robinett
 - B. Bill Crawford
 - C. George Reynolds
2. Wise East Conference
 - A. Bro. Milford Craft
 - B. Bro. Ezra Johnson
 - C. Bro. Clarence Tolliver
3. Dickenson County Conference
 - A. Bro. Milford Craft
 - B. Bro. Ezra Johnson
 - C. Bro. Albert Dingus
 - D. Bro. John DePriest
 - E. Bro. Dean Fields
 - F. Bro. Ralph Profit
 - G. Bro. Millard Bates, Jr.
 - H. Bro. Franklin Anderson
 - I. Bro. Herbert Stallard

The evening session began with Sister Reba Hall leading the congregation in song. Bro. Roy Vanover led in prayer. The clerks read the minutes. Bro Millard Bates made a motion to receive letters pending the letter from Happy Church. Bro. Ralph Profitt seconded the motion.

Bro. and Sister Enoch Rose sang some songs that were enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed Bro. Rose's sermon.

The executive committee reported that the next Quarterly conference would go to Virgie Church.

Bro. John Depriest spoke of the need to involve the youth in our churches. Announcements were made concerning The Home Mission Board. They are to meet each third Sunday at Burdine Church.

Motions were made and seconded for the conference to order 650 minutes.

Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion to adjourn the conference until it convened with Virgie Church. Motion was seconded by Bro. Herbert Stallard.

Moderator -----	Bro. Tommy England
Assist. Moderator-----	Bro. Millard Bates, Jr.
Clerk -----	Bro. Homer B. Johnson
Assist. Clerk -----	Mrs. Homer B. Johnson

CHURCH STATISTICS

Missions
Churches — 18
Membership — 1595
Ministers — 70
Ladies Aux. — 11
Members — 160
Sunday Schools — 18
Membership — 1285
Youth Leagues — 1
Youth Members — 12

FINANCIAL REPORT

Church Conf.	—	\$431.75
For. Mission	—	75.00
Home Mission	—	295.00
Orphanage	—	594.00
		<u>\$ 1195.75</u>

Checks —	\$ 875.25
Cash	<u>320.50</u>
	\$1195.75
Conf. Donation	95.18
To Treasurer	<u>\$1290.93</u>

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association; The Pike County Quarterly Conference convened with the Caney-Creek Freewill Baptist Church on August 25, 1979 at Esco, Kentucky. Rev. Morgan Chapman was in charge of the devotions. Prayer was led by Rev. Edward Lee Adkins. After prayer, Rev. Chapman read Romans 12: 1-5 for a scripture. Rev. Crit Justice was elected to serve as moderator of the conference for the next three months.

After the ordinary business was taken care of, motion was made and passed to letter up to the John-Thomas Association. Motion made and passed to send \$355.50 to the Association for membership fees. The following delegates were appointed to attend the Association.

Sister Louvina Kinny	Pikeville, Kentucky	Grassy
Brother Curtiss Branham	Racoon, Kentucky	Grassy
Sister Betty Jo McGuire	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Brother Terry Lee May	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Sister Emma Anderson	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Sister Jessie Osborne	Meta, Kentucky	Grassy
Sister Flo Buckley	Owsley, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Erma Skeens	Pikeville, Kentucky	Manna
Sister Lena Hamilton	Harold, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Authelia Adkins	Sookey's Creek, Kentucky	Fellowship Chapel of Faith
Sister Dolly Adkins	Owsley, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Louvella Gross	Pikeville, Kentucky	Grassy
Sister Lena Slone	Meta, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Christine Daniels	Pikeville, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Sarah Mullins	Pikeville, Kentucky	Caney Creek
Sister Suda Slone	Meta, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Teresa Blackburn	Pikeville, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Cleatta Justice	Gulnare, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Kim Buckley	Pikeville, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Roelyn Adkins	Pikeville, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Marie Stevens	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Sister Susie Abbot	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Sister Sandra Varney	Kimper, Kentucky	Edo
Sister Denise Blackburn	Gulnare, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Janalene Nichols	Gulnare, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Marietta Blackburn	Gulnare, Kentucky	Owsley
Brother Martin Daniels	Pikeville, Kentucky	Owsley
Sister Kay Blackburn	Gulnare, Kentucky	Owsley
Brother Orville Hamilton	Virgie, Kentucky	Caney Creek
Sister Mildred Varney	Pinsonfork, Kentucky	Octavia
Sister Sarah Hamilton	Virgie, Kentucky	Caney Creek

We pray that they may sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS

Churches -----	18
Membership -----	1422
Ministers -----	70
Licensed Ministers -----	6
Sunday School enrollment -----	636
Mid-Week Avg. Att. -----	160
C. T. S. Membership -----	60
Woman's Aux. Membership -----	119

FINANCIAL REPORT

Don and Billie Sexton -----	\$ 676.41
Children's Home -----	575.00
Pastor's Salary -----	1,850.00
Literature -----	878.51
Evangelistic work -----	4,000.00
Building and Repair -----	23,809.14
Other Local Causes -----	2,205.96
Value of Church Property --	16,000.00

We are enclosing \$355.50 for minutes and \$15.00 for engraving. Please send us 650 minutes. Done by the order of the Pike County Conference.

Moderator—Rev. Crit Justice
Clerk—Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Robey Kendrick -- Chairman
Rev. Bennie Slone
Rev. Curtiss Wellman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Robert Varney -- Chairman
Rev. Benny Slone
Rev. Robey Kendrick

ALTERNATES

Rev. Gerria Reynolds
Rev. Homer Adkins

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings from the Hamilton County Conference:

We send as delegates, our beloved bretheren—Rev. James S. Bohley and Bro. Fred Wesley, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

STATISTICS

Membership -----	216
Ministers -----	10
Sunday School Membership -----	105
Spent for Building and Repairs -----	\$1000.00
Enclosed for Minutes -----	\$ 54.00

Done by order of Hamilton County conference assembled this 11th day of August 1979.

Moderator -- Rev. James S. Bohley
Clerk -- Rev. Jay Davidson

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Owsley, Kentucky on September 7-8, 1979.

We the New Durm Quarterly Conference met with the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church at Garden Creek, Virginia. Rev. Kyle Hubbard was elected moderator, Rev. Edward Dye, his assistant. Saturday morning service opened by prayer by Rev. Carter Boyd from Dickenson County Conference. After reading of Church letters and other business; we discussed the Yearly meeting in 1980, which will meet with our conference. Fletcher's Ridge Church was chosen to be host to the yearly meeting

The following were appointed delegates:

Sister Hattie Hubbard
 Brother and Sister G. C. Dye
 Brother and Sister Virgil Childress
 Brother and Sister Brady Farmer
 Sister Loella Napier

STATISTICS

Number of Churches.....	11
Membership.....	540
Ministers	28
Deacons	33
Sunday Schools	10
Sunday School Attendance	454
Mid-Week Service Attendance.....	65

FINANCIAL REPORT

Evangelistic work	\$ 1,104.34
Building and repair	5,511.43
Literature	1,011.25
Other	<u>1,999.63</u>
Total	\$ 9,626.25

Spent for outside causes

Orphanage	\$ 1,357.25
Total expenditures	\$ 10,983.50
Value of church property	\$216,672.00
Amount enclosed for fees	\$ 135.00

Please send us 300 minutes.

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in session with the Guiding Light Church in August of 1979.

Rev. Kyle Hubbard, Moderator
 Rev. Claude H. Rose, Clerk

Mid - Ohio Conference

MID - OHIO CONFERENCE

Moderator - Boyce C. Franks
Assistant Moderator - Micky Kindrick
Clerk - Randolph Gregory
5179 Lincoln Hwy.
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Letter to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, meeting at Owsley, Kentucky, Free Will Baptist Church on September 7-8, 1979.

List of delegates:

Rev. Ronnie Kindrick

STATISTICS

No. of Churches 3
Total membership 109
Members received 15

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for local causes:
Evangelistic work..... \$ 154.00
Building and repair 15,254.80
Literature 635.18
Other 757.38

Total spent for local causes \$16,801.36

Spent for Outside causes
Orphanage \$448.33
Other 294.58
Total spent for outside causes \$742.91

Total expenditures — \$17,544.27

Value of church property — \$85,000.00

Amount enclosed for Conference — \$150.00

We request 100 minutes.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Moderator called for a report of the pulpit committee, they reported that Rev. Don Sexton would preach first and Rev. James E. Raper would follow him. Bro. Earet Rose made motion and seconded by Bro. Homer Adkins to adjourn from business until 1:30.

Bro. Earet Rose sang a special song and then Rev. Don Sexton came forward using for a text 1 Samuel, chapter 17, verse 29, "Is there not a cause" and then Rev. Raper used "Who Jesus was, What He did and What He said" from St. John, Chapter 7, Verse 43, Chapter 9, Verse 16 and chapter 10, verse 19. Both brought very inspiring messages for duties of all christians. Dismission and blessing over the food was said by Rev. Woodrow Mullins.

Saturday Afternoon 1:30

After enjoying a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the church, we had congregation sing, "I'll Fly Away" and prayer was led by Brother Earet Rose. Business session was opened by moderator reading from the book of Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 39.

An offering was lifted for the Children's home at Greenville, Tenn., received \$93.27. Rev. Raper thanked the association for the offering. Brother Albert asked a blessing over the offering. Pulpit committee reported Rev. John DePriest bring evening message. Brother Varney gave a talk concerning the cost of printing the minutes. Seems as though everyone was in agreement with him on trying to save as much as possible on printing the minutes.

Motion made by Rev. Crit Justice, seconded by Rev. Ezra Johnson to adjourn from business until September, 1980, unless called together for a special session by the proper authorities, motion carried by vote.

Saturday Afternoon 2:00 Minister's Conference

The Moderator of Association called for the clerk to come forward to organize the yearly minister's conference.

Motion made and carried to use the same moderator and clerk as the association. Bro. Benny Slone, Moderator asked the clerk to read the minutes of the previous minister's meeting. Minutes were received as read. The clerk read the letters from the minister's conferences. All were received as read. All letters were in except Hamilton County, they had only sent minister's reports. Motion was made and passed for the clerk of that conference to go ahead and send a letter to Bro. Varney to be inserted in the minutes. The letters are as follows:

THE DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference convened with Meade Chapel at 7:30 P.M., July 19, 1979 with 43 ministers and 42 deacons and visitors present.

Meeting called to order and congregation welcomed by Bro. Lloyd Rose (the Pastor) and a song led by Bro. Claud Marcum, Bro. Durwood Yates led us in prayer.

Bro. Franklin Hall elected as moderator. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Congregation asked to register. Bro. Alex Tompkins and Bro. James C. Kiser reported by letter. Bro. Bruce Pilkenton and Bro. Earlist Mullins joined ministers conference. Bro. Homer Richardson was reinstated to ministers conference. Roy C. Vanover reelected clerk. Bro. Joe Johnson, Bro. Enoch Rose and Bro. Wyth Salyers, reelected to ordaining council. Bro. Durwood Yates, Bro. Wyth Salyers and Roy C. Vanover elected to committee for life time cards.

The following ministers were dismissed for not reporting, Glen R. Castle, Dallas Conley, Ersel Johnson, Elmer McCoy, Jr., Guy Mullins and George Patrick. Wallace Sexton was dismissed by request.

Business session closed and Bro. Charles Baker preached. Bro. Carter Boyd will preach in October conference. Speakers are selected alphabetically from the list of ordained ministers. Bro. Claud Marcum led the song, "When I Shall Ride the Clouds" as we shook hands and gave hand of fellowship to our new members.

Moderator — Roy C. Vanover
Clerk — Franklin Hall

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS
ARE IN GOOD STANDING
(July, 1979)

Boyd, Carter
Route 1
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Hill Ridge

Brown, George
Route 2, Box 329-C
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Honey Camp

Bevins, Roger
Route 2, Box 325
Pound, Va. 24279

Cantrell, Coy M.
Route 3, Box 132
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Hill Ridge

Carico, Alden
Route 3, Box 161
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631 Pine Creek

Chafin, Ralph
Box 206
Castlewood, Va. 24224 Reed Valley

Cook, Emory
Box 321
Dante, Va. 24237 Phillips Creek

Crabtree, Tennie B.
Route 1, Box 90-A
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Georges Fork

Deloach, Paul
Route 1, Box 130
Clintwood, Va. 24229 Dyers Chapel

Dingus, Alva
Route 1
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Hill Ridge

Dingus, Ralph
General Delivery
Clinchco, Va. 24226 Tarpon

Dixon, Bill
Route 1, Box 17-C
Castlewood, Va. Mills Chapel

Dotson, Vaughn
Route 1, Box 51
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Pine Grove

Edwards, Lonzo
Route 3, Box 246
Abingdon, Va. 22410 Yates Chapel

Fields, Paul
Box 306
McClure, Va. 24269 Peuther Chapel

Hale, Estol
Route 2
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Davis Chapel
Hale, Glynn

Dante, Va. 24237 Bear Wallow

Hall, Franklin
Route 2, Box 310-D
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Pine Creek

Hampton, Lester
Route 1, Box 33
Pount, Va. 24279 Pyles Memorial

Hartsock, J. T.
Route 1
Castlewood, Va. 24224 Phillips Chapel

Hay, Clayton
Route 1
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Yates Chapel

Hay, Clyde
Box 341
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Lick Creek

Hobbs, Doyle
Box 193
Castlewood, Va. 24224 Mills Chapel

Hobbs, James
1711 Central Avenue
Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643 Rugby

Johnson, Joe
Route 4, Box 223
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Middle Branch

Keith, Harold Wayne
Route 2, Box 336
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rachels Chapel

Richardson, Homer
Rt. Stony Rd., Box 309-A
Sandusky, Oh. 44870 Meade Chapel
Robinson, Lester

Pound, Va. 24279 Ferbie Chapel
Rose Carl
Rt. 1
Clinchco, Va. 24226 Counts Chapel
Rose, Early

McClure, Va. 24269 Dyers Chapel
Rose, Enoch
Rt. 2
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rugsby

Rose, Goble
Rt. 1
Clinchco, Va. 24226 Counts Chapel

Rose, Harlan L.
Rt. 1, Box 446
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Hill Ridge

Rose, Lloyd
Rt. 4, Box 163
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Meade Chapel

Russ, David
Rt. 2, Box 272
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Lick Fork

Salyers, Wythe
Rt. 2
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rachels Chapel

Sluss, Joe Glenn
Rt. 1
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Flemingtown

Smith, Everett
Rt. 1
Clinchco, Va. 24228 Fremont

Spriggs, Gaylord
VI Ranch Rd., Rt. 3, Box 570-C
Bristol, Tenn. 37620 Splash Dam

Sproles, Kenneth
Rt. 5, Box 175
Abingdon, Va. 24210

Stallard, I. T.
Rt. 1, Box 23
Pound, Va. 24279 Gladly Fork

Strouth, Manie W.
Rt. 2, Box 272
Clintwood, Va. 24228 Pine Creek

Sturgill, Ulis
Rt. 1, Box 104
Pound, Va. 24279 Gladly Fork

Sykes, Glenn
Rt. 1, Box 195
Haysi, Va. 24256 Tarpon

Taylor, Fred

Wise, Va. 24293 Pyles Memorial

Tompkins, Alex
P. O. Box 412
Blue Ridge, Va. 24064 Fleming Town

Vanover, Roy C.
P. O. Box 382
Pound, Va. 24279 Pyles Memorial

Ventro, Jimmy
Rt. 2, Box 184
Pound, Va. 24279

Ward, Hasting
Rt. 1
St. Paul, Va. 24283 Meade Chapel

Whitaker, Harry
Box 361
Dante, Va. 24237 Straight Hallow

Wright, Luke
14514 EL RIO Court
Woodbridge, Va. 22191 Anna Dale
Wright, Richard
7095 Spring Garden Dr. Apt. 203
Springfield, Va. 22150 Denver Chapel

Yates, Derwood
Rt. 2, Box 299
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Valley View

Keith, Quinton

Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rachels Chapel

Kennedy, Ayers

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Pine Creek

Kiser, James C.

Rt. 2, Box 87-B

Grundy, Va. 24614

Large, Tommy

Wise, Va. 24293 Duncan Gap

Layne, Garcia B.

7412 Garrison Street

Manassas, Va. 22110

Layne, Hollis

Rt. 2

Coeburn, Va. 24230 Davis Chapel

Lee, E. B., Jr.

Rt. 1

Nora, Va. 24272 Light House

McKinney, Vester

Rt. 1, Box 3003

Clinchco, Va. 24226 Counts Chapel

McKinney, Vester, Jr.

Rt. 1, Box 184

Clinchco, Va. 24226 Counts Chapel

Moore, B. M.

Rt. 1, Box 179

Nora, Va. 24272 Dyers Chapel

Moore, Kermit

P. O. Box 21-A

Pound, Va. 24279 Pyles Memorial

Mullins, Bill Mack

Box 271

Clintwood, Va. 24229 Pine Creek

Mullins, Bobby

Rt. 2, Box 387-B

Coeburn, Va. 24230 Honey Camp

Mullins, Donald D.

Rt. 3, Box 512-C

Stafford, Va. 22554 Denver Chapel

Mullins, Earlist

7140 Barry Road

Alexandria, Va. 22310 Denver Chapel

Mullins, Harold D.

Rt. 3, Box 73-A

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Frying Pan

Mullins, Hie

Rt. 3, Box 84-C

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Fleming Town

Mullins, Lewis V.

Rt. 3, Box 202-F

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Honey Camp

Mullins, Mack

Rt. 2

Coeburn, Va. 24230 Duncan Gap

Mullins, Mark

Rt. 3, Box 84-C

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Frying Pan

Mullins, Parkis

6720 Harrison, La

Alexandria, Va. 22306 Denver Chapel

Mullins, Robert

Rt. 2, Box 180

Pound, Va. 24279 Pyles Memorial

Mullins, Ted

Rt. 2

Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rachels Chapel

Mullins, Wayne

Rt. 1, Box 317

Pound, Va. 24279 Gladly Fork

Phipps, James R.

Rt. 1, Box 392-A

Clintwood, Va. 24228 Valley View

Pilkenton, Bruce

P. O. Box 191

Pound, Va. 24279 Gladly Fork

Reedy, Clyde E.

Rt. 2

Madisonville, Tenn. 37354 Peuther Chapel

Reynolds, Howard

Box 67

Sowards Creek, Va. 24649 Castlewood

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS HAVE LIFE TIME CARDS

Barrett, Homer	Killen, Marvin
Rt. 1	Rt. 2
Clinchco, Va. 24226 Counts Chapel	Coeburn, Va. 24230 Pine Creek
Dotson, Earl	Shortt, James D.
R 995 5th Ave.	P. O. Box 224
Mansfield, Ohio 44905 Counts Chapel	Pound, Va. 24279
Keith, Rufus	
Rt. 2	
Coeburn, Va. 24230 Rachels Chapel	

THE PIKE COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association Minister's conference when in session with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Owsley, Kentucky, on September 8th, 1979.

We the Ministers of the Pike County Quarterly Conference met and convened at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church at Racoon, Kentucky on August 24th, 1979. Rev. Curtiss Wellman taking charge of the devotions, we sang, "When we all get to Heaven" and then Rev. Jimmy Skeens led us in prayer. Brother Wellman called the conference to order by reading of Psalm 133.

Rev. Jimmy Skeens was elected to serve as Moderator and Rev. Buford Thacker was appointed as the assistant moderator.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and accepted as read.

Motion made that these Brothers be dropped from our conference for failing to live up to the by-laws; Frank Rich, Noah Chapman, Onis Varney, Perry Kendrick, Craig Barthlemas, Arnold Lee Damron, Walter Sullivan, and Eugene E. Ellison.

Brother Paul Oquin made motion to have two conferences in a year, motion carried. One conference will be in March at Grassy and on at Belfry in August. They will be held on the 4th Friday night.

Motion made and carried that the clerk read all letters at the next conference.

Motion made and carried to letter up to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting. Dismissed by Rev. Garland Varney.

Rev. Jimmy Skeens — Moderator

Rev. Robert Varney — Clerk

The following is a list of Ministers belonging to the Pike County Conference.

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Benny F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert (Bobby) Varney	Rt. 2, Box 21, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Octavia
Sonny Hatfield	Box 108, Inez, Ky. 41224	Turkey Creek
Ray Williams	Rt. 4, Box 820, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel

Garland Varney
 John C. Hatfield
 William G. King
 Richard Hughes
 Wilson Justice
 Mike Carter
 Gerria Reynolds
 Luther Boyd
 Robey Kendrick
 Johnny Cline
 Herbert Goff
 Willard Ray
 Curtiss Wellman
 Joe Hackney
 Miles Casey
 Dennis Hinkle
 Homer Adkins
 Jimmy Skeens
 William Akers
 Walker Smith
 Buford Thacker
 Phillip Bostic
 Estil P. Adkins
 Edward Lee Adkins
 Tom Carrol
 Bud Ross
 Goble Thacker
 David G. Varney
 Harold Brewer
 Jackie Diles
 Dwight Buckley
 Velon Burgess
 Barry Robertson
 Morgan Chapman
 William J. Browning
 Harold Anderson
 Donnie Williamson
 Ronald Coleman
 Thomas Epling
 Dempsy Adkins
 Albert Damron
 Ray Leedy
 Harold Helvy
 Sid May
 Palmer Thompson
 Crit Justice
 Don Ratliff
 Clarence Robinson
 William Harrison

Kimper, Ky. 41539
 Ransom, Ky. 41558
 McAndrews, Ky. 41543
 Box 66, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570
 Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560
 Box 135, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570
 McAndrews, Ky. 41543
 Owsley, Ky. 41501
 Belfry, Ky. 41514
 Box 65, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570
 Racoon, Ky. 41557
 Box 33, Hatfield, Ky.
 Hardy, Ky. 41531
 Belfry, Ky. 41514
 Phelps, Ky.
 McAndrews, Ky. 41543
 Owsley, Ky. 41501
 Rt. 5, Box 267, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Sidney, Ky. 41564
 Goody, Ky. 41529
 Shelbyana, Ky. 41562
 Meta, Ky. 41501
 Owsley, Ky. 41501
 Owsley, Ky. 41501
 Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Box 1123, Williamson, W. Va. 25661
 Greasy Creek, Ky. 41562
 Kimper, Ky. 41539
 Elkhorn City, Ky.
 Greasy Creek, Ky. 41562
 Owsley, Ky. 41501
 Rt. 3, Box 871, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Route 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Meta, Ky. 41501
 Ransom, Ky. 41558
 Kimper, Ky. 41539
 Huddy, Ky. 41535
 Rt. 1, Box 424, Elkhorn City, Ky.
 Rockhouse, Ky. 41561
 Rockhouse, Ky. 41561
 Route 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Stone, Ky. 41567
 Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555
 Hardy, Ky. 41531
 Zebulon, Ky. 41501
 Gulnare, Ky.
 Route 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Route 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501
 Chatteroy, W. Va.

Edo
 Bluespring
 Octavia
 Turkey Creek
 Unity
 Turkey Creek
 Octavia
 Owsley
 Belfry
 Turkey Creek
 Grassy
 Mt. Zion
 Bluespring
 Belfry
 Meathouse
 Octavia
 Owsley
 Island Creek
 Mt. Zion
 Leckiville
 Greasy Creek
 Grassy
 Owsley
 Owsley
 Island Creek
 Turkey Creek
 Greasy
 Edo
 Fellowship Chapel
 Greasy Creek
 Owsley
 Owsley
 Island Creek
 Grassy
 Bluespring
 Meathouse
 Belfry
 Unity
 Unity
 Unity
 Caney Creek
 Bluespring
 Bluespring
 Bluespring
 Grassy
 Owsley
 Caney Creek
 Island Creek
 Mt. Zion

Paul Quine	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Millard
Kermil Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
David Calhoun	Millard, Ky.	Millard
Robert Charles	Racoon, Ky.	Grassy
Joe Slone	Toler Creek, Ky.	Toler's Creek

The following is a list of Ministers belonging to the Pike County Conference that has life-time cards.

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Phillip Hackney	Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Turkey Creek
O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn. 38313	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W. Va.	Octavia
Emmet McPeck	Rt. 1, Box 259, Grundy, Va. 24614	Unity
E. P. Murphy	Hatfield, Ky.	Mt. Zion
George Pickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dock Hunt	Rt. 3, Box 64, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist.

Greetings:

To The John Thomas Yearly Meeting while in session with Owlsey Church September 8-9, 1979.

We the Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist Ministers convened with Seco Church, August 24, 1979. The conference opened with Bro. Ezra Johnson leading the congregation in singing, "Will Jesus Find us Waiting".

Bro. Herman Bates, the moderator discussed the need of pastors in churches that needed one. Temperance was cautioned in the orderly conduct of the conference. Bro. Bates read the scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Proverbs, Verse 14.

Bro. Dean Fields came forward and led in prayer.

Bro. Ezra Johnson, Bro. Darwin Mullins, and Bro. Ralph Profit of the Arbitration Committee gave a report on their visit to the Thornton Church. A lengthy report was read by the clerk. The Committee noted a lack of Christian fellowship and brotherly love. Discussions were given by those of the church present.

Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion that the Thornton church be set aside until the next Quarterly Conference, thereby giving the church time to get itself in order and fellowship. The motion was seconded by Bro. Ralph Profit.

Bro. Jess Campbell of Big Creek Church requested that someone come and pastor their church. Bro. Paul Wooten volunteered to go. Bro. Bill Crawford and Bro. Lloyd Addington spoke of the church and its needs.

Bro. George Reynolds spoke of his calling to pastor the Dunham Church.

The clerk read a letter of dismission of Bro. Woodrow Mullins from the Pike County Conference and his good standing. The Ministers Conference unanimously agreed to accept Bro. Mullins into the Letcher County Conference. The clerk was to prepare a letter of confirmation to the Pike County Conference.

Bro. Lloyd Addington suggested a revision of the 18 article of Faith. It was to be carried over to the next Quarterly Conference.

Bro. Ezra Johnson was appointed on the Arbitration Committee with Bro. Darwin Mullins and was instructed to select a third person to help them.

Bro. John DePriest was appointed to replace Bro. Herman Bates on the Ordination Council. Bro. Tommy England was to replace Bro. Robert Hampton.

Bro. Herman Bates explained that someone offered to buy the Neon Church and property. He asked if any of the conference were interested. No one responded.

Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion for adjournment until the next Quarterly Ministers Conference. The motion was seconded by Bro. Herbert Stallard.

36 Ministers were in attendance.

Moderator — Bro. Herman Bates, Jr.

Clerk — Homer B. Johnson

Letcher County Ministers for good Standing Cards.

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Eddie Rose	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
McCoy Tackett	Myra, Ky.	Dorton
Lelton Robinett	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Michael Wright	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Caleb Holbrook	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
George Reynolds	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
George Reynolds	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Andy Timblin	Jenkins, Ky.	Happy
Paul Wooten	Happy, Ky.	Happy
Jim McKnight	Cumberland, Ky.	Cloverlick
Don McKnight	Cumberland, Ky.	Cloverlick
Gomer Ray	Cumberland, Ky.	Cloverlick
Claude Miles	Cumberland, Ky.	Cloverlick
Millard Bates	Whitesburg, Ky.	Hemphill
Ralph Profit	Whitesburg, Ky.	Hemphill
Wendell Austin		
Earl Breeding		
Arnold Noles		
Darwin Mullins		
David J. Brewer	Jackhorn, Ky.	Moores Chapel
Elonzo Calwell	McRoberts, Ky.	
Eugene Anderson		
Glenn Miller		
Dennie Fleming		
Frank Dexon	Eolia, Ky.	Frank's Creek
Hoiner Lee Mullins	Ashcamp, Ky.	Hylton Chapel
Clayton Swindall		
Tommy England		
Clyde Damron	Shelby Gap, Ky.	Hylton Chapel
Edmond Maggard	Jonancy, Ky.	Hylton Chapel
Woodrow Mullins	Route 3, Pikeville, Ky.	Hylton Chapel
Raymond Hall	Thorton, Ky.	Thorton
George Adams		

Robert Hampton	Virgie, Ky.	Virgie
Leon Bolden		
Sonny Miracle		
Dean Fields	Jackhorn, Ky.	Seco
Tommy Fields	Payne Gap, Ky.	Whitesburg
Johnny Stoffer	Jenkins, Ky.	Marshall Branch
Bobby W. Elkins		
Randall Mullins		
Roy Sykes	Hellier, Ky.	Alleghany
Richard Gibson		
Stanley Tackett		
Albert Dingus	Jenkins, Ky.	Burdine
John DePriest		
Pat Whitaker		
Bill Preston		
Ralph Vickees		
Doyle Caudill		
Sherman Whitaker		
Bobby Fleming		
Herman Bates, Jr.	Jenkins, Ky.	Payne Gap
Ezra Johnson		
Bill Crawford		
Floyd Addington		
Jonah Wright		
Ersel McPeck		
Lollis Bevins		
Herbert Stallard		
Frank Anderson	Jenkins, Ky.	Payne Gap
Thomas Miller		
Ova Land	Hayner, Ky.	Haymond
Danny Mullins		
Larry Jones		
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky.	Pine Chapel
Percy Elins		
Lester Elkins		
Julian Gibson	Hellier, Ky.	Alleghany
Gordon Fields	Hellier, Ky.	Hemphill

MID OHIO MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist.

The Mid Ohio Ministers Conference met at Bloomingrove Freewill Baptist Church on July 14, 1979.

Bro. Boyce Franks called a confreence to order by song and prayer. Rev. Robert Payne was elected to serve as moderator for the next year. Bro. Ronnie Kendrick was elected clerk for next year.

Eight ministers were present and two reported by letter.

Many subjects was talked about, including minister's conduct, visitation and others.

Done by the order of the Mid Ohio Ministers conference this 14th day of July 1979.

Dismissed by prayer and song.

Moderator — Rev. Robert Payne
Clerk — Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Ministers in good standing are as follows:

Boyce Franks	Frank Tyree	Robert Payne
Mickey Kendrick	Dorman Ixos	Emory Smith
Raymond Stanley	Ronnie Kendrick	Mickey Maynard
Paul Tyree		

NEW DURM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly meeting when convened with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Owsley, Kentucky on Friday, September 7-8, 1979.

The New Durm Ministers Conference met in regular session with the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church on August 10-11, 1979.

Bro. Kyle Hubbard took care of service. By regular move and second the conference agreed to retain their present moderator and clerk, being Rev. Kyle Hubbard moderator and Rev. Claude H. Rose clerk.

Bro. Brady Farmer made a motion to retain the present ordaining council, all in favor. Ordaining council is Harley Dye, Chairman, Edward Perkins and Kyle Hubbard.

The financial report was given by Bro. Farmer the treasurer. He reported a balance of \$512.11 as of August 11, 1979.

All minister and deacons were enrolled and in good fellowship with the conference. The New Durm Minister's Conference consists of 28 ministers of which all were recommended for good standing cards for the year of 1979-80. They are as follows:

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Harley Dye	Rt. 1, Box 92, Swords Creek, Va.	Ephesus
Howard Bostic	Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va.	Valley View
Truel Brown	Swords Creek, Va.	Valley View
Kyle Hubbard	Box 662, Honaker, Va.	Tunnell Hill
Earnest Crabtree	Route 1, Honaker, Va.	Mt. View
Edward Perkins	Oakwood Va.	Guiding Light
Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Leonard Farmer	Route 2, Honaker, Va.	Fletcher Ridge
Goanon Kelley	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Russell Miller	Route 2, Lebanon, Va.	Drill Chapel
Claude H. Rose	Box 314, Honaker, Va.	Tunnell Hill
Clarence Miller	Swords Creek, Va.	Guiding Light

Allen Stevens
 Eugene Miller
 Curtis Hubbard
 Willie Compton
 Carl Noel
 David Perkins
 Charlie Keene
 Kyle Brown
 Glenn Stevens
 Carson Walters
 Ray Hale
 Jess White
 B. F. Phillips
 James Hall
 Glenn Peck
 Ervin Penley

Star Rt., Box 55, Richlands, Va.
 Swords Creek, Va.
 Swords Creek, Va.
 Council, Va.
 Swords Creek, Va.
 Kopperston, W. Va.
 Council, Va.
 Lebanon, Va.
 Swords Creek, Va.
 Swords Creek, Va.
 Lebanon, Va.
 Canton, Ohio
 Drill, Va.
 Drill, Va.

Valley View
 Fullers Chapel
 Guiding Light
 Mt. View
 Ephesus
 Fullers Chapel
 Ephesus
 Ephesus
 Mt. View
 Tunnell Hill
 Fullers Chapel
 Fullers Chapel
 Mt. Zion
 Drill Chapel
 Drill Chapel
 Drill Chapel

With no other business by regular move and seconded this ministers conference now in session stands adjourned until the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1980. The Lord be willing we will meet along with the regular quarterly meeting.

Moderator — Rev. Kyle Hubbard
 Clerk — Rev. Claude H. Rose

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association.

The Hamilton County Ministers Conference met at the Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Pentown, Indiana on Sunday, August 11, 1979.

Rev. J. M. Davidson called conference to order and minutes of previous meetings were read and approved by majority vote. After regular business was taken of and doctrine was much discussed.

We had three ministers present. Ministers in good standing are as follows:

Rev. J. M. Davidson
 Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr.
 Rev. Arlo Smith, Jr.
 Rev. David Carpenter
 Rev. Robert Matney

Rev. Vestel Hutson
 Rev. Roger Hutson
 Rev. Douglas Quicksall
 Rev. James S. Bohley
 Rev. Howard Lawhorn

Ordaining Council
 Rev. James S. Bohley
 Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr.
 Rev. Jay M. Davidson

Done by order of Hamilton County Minister's Conference this 11th day of August 1979.

Moderator — Rev. James S. Bohley
 Clerk — Rev. Jay M. Davidson

Motion made by Bro. Albert Dingus, seconded by Bro. Tommy England to adopt resolution number one submitted by the Letcher County conference in 1978. Motion was passed by usual voting sign. Resolution is as follows, "Any Freewill Baptist Church belongin to the John-Thomas Association that reports to the Quarterly Conference three consecutive conferences without a pastor will be automatically dropped from the conference".

Bro. Ezra Johnson made motion, seconded by Bro. Crit Justice to adjourn from business of minister's until September 1980, unless called in special session by moderator.

Bro. John DePriest came forward using for a text, 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 1-10. Brought a good message on, "The Grace of God". Congregation sang a song and had a handshake. Dismissed by Brother Woodrow Mullins.

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 at liberty, out of the number of 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 meeting 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 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 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 makes 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 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 one year, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself from the Conference.
6. All ministers moving to another Quarterly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move.
7. 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 non-Free will Baptist Ministers.
- 3 - All funeral services be excepted from these resolutions.
- 4 - All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.
8. The Dickenson County Ministers Conference recommends to the Yearly Meeting that our older ministers, who would be approved by an appointed committee be given good standing cards for life. (This recommendation was accepted and passed by a vote of 20-2 by the Yearly Meeting, September 11, 1976.)

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 Baptist, 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 decision 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.
29. "Any Free Will Baptist Church belonging to the John Thomas Association that reports to the Quarterly Conference three consecutive conferences without a pastor be automatically dropped from the 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 Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, 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 Meetings.

Article 7. The Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws not consistent 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 commended 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 another, 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 in the gospel. — Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.
10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressive of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and change themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. — Matt. 11:17. St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12.
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." - 1 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.

—OBITUARIES—

WALTER SCOTT SALYER

Walter Scott Salyer passed away May 11, 1978 after a lingering illness.

He was born July 1, 1897, making his stay on earth 80 years, 10 months and 11 days. He was the son of Grant and Lila Salyer. He was married to Lelia Gouge who preceded him in death in 1932.

He was married to Euna Bartley in 1935. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and 8 children (Carson, Ray, Kenneth and Avery, four daughters, Marie Hamilton, Delores Martin, Oma Jean Hill, and Jeanette Davis. Nineteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.)

He was baptized September 26, 1930 and joined Rugsby Church.

He was a kind and loving person to all who knew him. He was sick for many years, but he was always an humble and patient man and we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his
brokenhearted family



SIMON SUTHERLAND

Simon Sutherland — Born June 15, 1894, died June 10, 1979. He belonged to the Middle Branch Church, Free Will Baptist, thirty odd years.

LEONARD D. KING



It is with much sadness we try to write a few words about our loving father, Leonard D. King, born July 1, 1905 and deceased this life, February 11, 1979. Thus, making his stay on earth 73 years, 7 months and 10 days.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Lena Mullins King and to this union was born 7 children, 3 boys and 4 girls. Two sons preceeded him in death, Russel and Junior. Julius Dane King lives in Dayton, Ohio, Cara Reba Gibson in Wyandott, Michigan, Olvie Lee Adkins, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Kentucky, Francis Lenoro Whitaker in

Dayton, Ohio and Nella Fay Taylor in England.

He leaves to mourn his death his sweet wife and children, plus a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by daughter and Son-in-law
Olvie and Homer Adkins

CECIL MACK KISER



Cecil Mack Kiser was born September 22, 1912. Died July 31, 1978.

He is survived by his wife Ardelia and four sons. Mack and Jerry, Coeburn, Virginia and Landon and Joe, Sandusky, Ohio. Three grandchildren, Andrea, Robin and Brian Mack. He leaves one brother, Willard Kiser, two sisters, Opal Salyers and Meurle Adkins, Nieces, Nephews and a host of friends are lonely since he went away

He was a member and Deacon of Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Church on Caney Ridge.

His memory will always linger at this church where he labored for many years. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows at Coeburn, Virginia, which he dearly loved.

He was a kind, loving father, pa pa and husband. He is sadly missed by us all. His passing has left us sad and broken heart-broken.

We are sure our loss is Heaven's gain

Your smiling face is missed by me. Your memory and love will always linger in my heart. We will meet again in Heaven some sweet day. May you rest in peace.

Written by his wife,
Ardelia Kiser

MEREDITH (DOCK) BOSTIC



It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our husband and father, Meredith (Dock) Bostic. He was the son of William and Jane (Owens) Bostic. He was born August 10, 1899 and departed this life September 18, 1976; making his stay here on earth 77 years, 1 month and 8 days.

He married Birgie (Yates) Bostic on August 13, 1934. To this union were born five children. Marthe Ellen Talley, Virginia Jane Baker, Willis Wade and Stuart Wayne, all of Clintwood, Virginia. One son, Walter Eugene, who preceded him in

death. He also leaves 5 grandchildren.

He also leaves to mourn his passing two brothers; Muncie Bostic of Clintwood, Virginia, Alex Bostic of Vansant, Virginia, and one sister, Margaret Bostic of Honaker, Virginia.

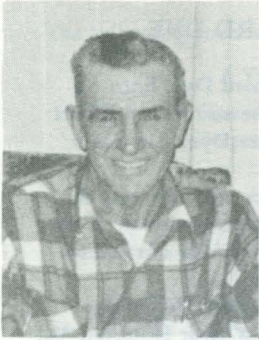
Daddy was converted and baptised in April, 1944. He lived his religion every day of his life. He was a devoted church goer. He lived and set the Christian example for his children to follow.

Daddy was blessed with good health until about the last year and a half. He never complained or questioned the reason for his illness.

Daddy, your presence is so greatly missed. But we know that by the grace of God, we will be together where there will be no more sickness or parting.

Written by his broken hearted wife, Virgia
and Children.

BARNEY ROSE



It is with sad and lonely hearts, we try to write the obituary of our loving husband and father. Barney Rose was born January 4, 1917 and departed this life June 1, 1978. He was a friend and neighbor to everyone. Barney was a coal miner for thirty two years, and for twenty-seven years, a member of Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and eight children. Five boys; Rev. Harlan Rose, Willie, Palmer, Bernard and Ronald and three girls; Wilma Greer, Pearly Rose and Joyce Garcia. Also, one brother; Earet Rose, one sister; Eula Garrette, one stepbrother; John Fletcher, two stepsisters;

Ellen Rose and Lillie Sherls and several nieces.

Written by his lonely wife Mae and his Children

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we love is still.

A place is vacant in our home,

It can never be filled.

MRS. MARTHA VICTORIA OLIVER



Mrs. Martha Victoria Oliver, 76 of Ransom, Ky., passed away July 7, 1977. She was born May 23, 1901 in Pike County, at Ransom, Ky., the daughter of the late William (Bill) and Jane (Blankenship) Smith.

She was a member of the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church for 37 years and a life long resident of the Ransom area.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. John T. Oliver, two sons, Everett of Columbus, Georgia and John T., Jr. of Mc Minville, Tenn., seven daughters, Mrs. Tom (Evelyn) Dotson of Pikeville, Mrs. Alfred (Edith) Vipperman of Tudkey Creek, Mrs. Orville "Red"

(Ethel) Morris, Mrs. Paul (Pauline) Farley and Mrs. Luke (Ruby Jean) McCoy, all of Ransom, Mrs. James G. (Josephine) Varney of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Joseph (Woodie) Honaker of Middletown, Phio, and 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

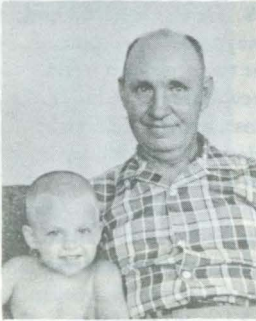
Her funeral was conducted from the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church, July 10, 1977 with the Revs. John Calvin Hatfield and Bill Browning officiating. Burial was in the Dotson-McCoy Cemetery at Ransom.

She leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her. She is sadly missed by her family and many brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus and a host of friends and relatives.

I'll always miss her here on earth, but I'm looking forward to the time when we will meet over in God's beautiful heaven, where we will never have to part anymore. We traveled to church together for many years, and I know she is waiting for me to join her in that heavenly home so bright and fair.

Rev. John T. Oliver

MR. LEONARD DYE



In memory of Mr. Leonard Dye, born on April 15, 1909. He was the son of Mr. Elbert Dye and Mrs. Alice Honaker Dye. He was a retired farmer and miner.

He was a faithful worker with the church and community. He served as chairman of the executive board of the New Durm conference for a number of years.

He was married to Mrs. Ruth Fuller Dye and lived at Big A Mountain, near Honaker, Va.

He went to rest from his labors on June 13, 1979, after a long illness.

Survivors include his wife, one son Denneth Allen Dye, 2 grandsons and 2 sisters.

Whereas God in his wise providence has taken from our midst our beloved brother and chairman of our executive board, Bro. Leonard Dye.

Be it resolved that we thank God for the years that he was with us and for his life and influence in our community and conference. And a copy of this obituary be sent along with our letter to association to be placed in the minutes.

Done by order of New Durm Conference in session with Guiding Light Church.

Rev. Kyle Hubbard - Moderator

Rev. Edward Dye - Assistant Moderator

Rev. Claude H. Rose - Clerk

REV. KEVIN RAY SLONE



Rev. Kevin Ray Slone 15, of Kimper, Ky., died Tuesday morning, April 3, 1979 at Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington, Ky. He was a sophomore at Johns Creek High School. He belonged to the Varsity Clubs as varsity football player. Kevin enjoyed football but he put God first in his life.

He was a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church and was a Minister ordained in March of 1979.

Survivors include his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slone, one brother, Willis Garland Slone of Kimper, Kentucky, two sisters Bonnie and Sondra Slone both at home and the grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Garland Barney.

(poem on following page—)

The following poem was written after Kevin was ordained to preach.

A YOUNG PREACHER'S PRAYER

Give ne knowledge O Lord I pray,
To preach your Gospel the way you say
Give me faith Oh Lord I pray,
That I might stay in the Christian way.
Use my voice Oh Lord I pray
And stay by my side day to day.
And may I never turn you away,
And may I obey your every demand
and please you instead of man,
When I lay down this life and die
May I have a mansion in the sky . . .

TOMMY BLAKE HYDEN



It is with an aching heart, I write this obituary of our son Tommy Blake. He was born to Lestel Cook Hyden and Thomas E. Hyden on February 15, 1944 and was sheltered in the arm of Jesus and carried home August 17, 1978, in a mine accident. He accepted Jesus as his personal saviour in the Alleghany Freewill Church and was baptised by Rev. Richard Gibson and Rev. Wilson Justice.

He leaves his mother, father, wife and three children, one sister and one brother to mourn his loss. Also, many others, for to know him was to love him.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written with a heavy heart
Lestel Cook Hyden

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	1980
Dickenson	1981
Letcher	1982
Pike	1983
Dickenson	1984
Letcher	1985
New Durm	1986
Pike	1987
Hamilton	1988
Letcher	1989
Pike	1990