

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

67th SESSION

Held With
CAMP JACOB
FREEWILL BAPTIST CAMP
Clintwood, Virginia

September 8-9, 1989

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1988-1989

Amount brought forward 1989	\$1,642.96
Amount received in letters 1989	
Dickenson County	1,525.00
Letcher County	446.75
Pike County	943.75
New Durm	343.75
Mid-Ohio	250.00
Hamilton County	81.25
For engraving	
Pike County	158.00
New Durm	7.00
Total received in letters	\$3,755.50
Total in treasury	\$5,398.46
Expenses for the year 1989	
Clerk's Fee	100.00
Minutes, Printing and Shipping	2,901.00
Total paid out	\$3,001.00
Balance in Treasury	\$2,397.46

The John Thomas yearly meeting will convene with the Letcher County Conference at the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church, at Virgie, Ky. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 7th & 8th, 1990 at 11:00 A.M.

Directions to Virgie: From Pikeville, Ky. take U.S. Route 23 South to Robinson Creek, turn right after traveling a mile on the new four lane section. From Jenkins, Ky. take 23 north to Shelby Gap and take a left to Virgie. The church is on the hill in Virgie.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1989

Dickenson County	1,150
Oval Hillman, Route 1 Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Pike County	580
Rev. Robert Varney, HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
Letcher County	750
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
New Durm	275
B. L. McGlothlin, Rt. 1, Box 152, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Mid-Ohio	75
Rev. Cecil Rogers, 217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Ohio 44667	
Hamilton County	75
Total Minutes	2,905

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Lester Robinson	Gary W. Hill	Roy C. Vanover
Franklin Hall	B.M. Moore	Terry Price
Carter Boyd	Derwood Yates	Ralph Rasnick
Robert C. Hay	Leon Sykes	Samuel E. Slemp

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Herman Bates, Jr.	Lloyd Addington	Homer Lee Mullins
Clyde Damron	John C. DePriest	Millard Bates
Richard Gibson		

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Edward Lee Adkins	Harold Brewer	Velon Burgess
Dwight Buckley	Homer Adkins	Bennie F. Slone
Robie L. Kendrick	Donnie Williamson	Robert Varney

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Billie McGlothlin, Sr.	Harry P. Whitaker	Giles Wilson
Clyde R. Stanford	Larry T. Robinson	

MID-OHIO CONFERENCE MINISTERS

Cecil Rogers	Ronnie Kendrick
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VISITING MINISTERS

A.J. Looper from the Childrens Home Granville, Tenn.	Joel Cantrell from West Wise County Conference	Lester Horton from Northern Virginia Conference
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DEACONS

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Earet R. Rose	Kipling Yates	Albert Large
Raymond McCarty	Oval Hillman	Sam Anderson
Paul Sluss	Wes Edwards	Henry B. Sutherland

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

William E. Gibson	Kennie Stewart	William Edwin Gibson
James H. Whitaker	Gobel Hall	Doug Bartley
Milford Craft	Lenard Smallwood	Clifton Vanover
Matthew Stevens		

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

William Maynard	Michael Reprogel
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NEW DURM DEACONS

Estil Ray	Brady Farmer	Millard Harris
Ronald Johnson	Roy Farmer	

DELEGATES

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Steve Wallace	Tesie Wallace	Ada Wallace
Teresa Hill	Pamela A. Neece	James D. Yates
Lorezella Yates	Patty Hillman	Norma Large
Rita Bisi	Inetta Mullins	Lawrence Kiser
Lura Kiser	J.B. Dalton	Ada Dixon
Dallas Large	Zetta M. O'Quinn	Doris Mullins
George B. Mullins	Dollie Hibbits	Nancy Sluss
Thermon Sproles	James Bartley	Anna Lee Bartley
Patty Mullins	Nadine Rowe	Elstel Mullins
Colleen H. Yates	Ruth Quesenberry	Pierce Quesenberry
Sester Swindall	Wilma Smith	

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Velva DePriest	Louella Swiney	Madge Francisco
Dreama Adams	Avonella Potter	Maxie Hylton
Wendell Wade Hawkins	Minnie Holbrook	Carl Rowe
Sarah Trinkle	Russell Whitaker	Edna Hall
Carol Sue Hall	Reba Hall	Fred Young
Mary A. Young	Pearl Mann	Octavia Clause
Lynn DePriest	Vicie Smallwood	Ella Vanover

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Dolly C. Adkins	Donnie Robinson	Kimberly Buckley
Eddie Overstreet	Verniece Overstreet	Mildred Varney
Floella Buckley	John H. Justice	James Darrell Wellman
Barbara Williamson	Polly Dotson	Walker McCoy
Noah Smith	Suda Slone	Connie Reprogl
Billie Burgess	Tommy Burgess	

MID OHIO DELEGATES

Loretta Kendrick

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Troy Harris	Rachel McGlothlin	Ada Farmer
Lucille Whitaker	Helen Harris	James Ray
Marie Ray	Phyllis Stanford	Mary E. Combs
Sandra Robinson	Darlene Ratliff	Fannie Fletcher
Brenda Fletcher		

OFFICERS

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
<i>Assistant Moderator</i>	Rev. Derwood Yates
<i>Clerk</i>	Rev. Robert Varney
HC 64, Box 330 Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555, Phone (606) 353-7704	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bro. Oval Hillman
Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228, Phone (703) 835-8395	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: Derwood Yates, O.T. Smith, N.B. Lambert and Earet Rose.

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft, Woodrow Mullins and Robert Hampton.

PIKE COUNTY: Bennie F. Slone, Robert Varney and Robey Kendrick.

MID-OHIO: Paul Tyree, Ronnie Kendrick and Clarence Mullins.

NEW DURM: Brady Farmer, Elbert Rasnake, Ronald Johnson and Troy Harris.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Frederick Taylor, Robert Matney and Harold Robinson.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 67th session with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob between Clintwood and Pound Virginia, on the 8th and 9th days of September 1989.

Brother Franklin Hall took charge of the service. He gave a hearty welcome to everyone and read a scripture from 2nd Timothy, chapter 2, verses 1 thru 7. The congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" and prayer was led by Brother Milford Craft from the Letcher County conference.

Brother Earet Rose from Dickenson County sang a special song. Then Brother Gary Hill, the director of Camp Jacob came forward to bring the introductory sermon. He used Acts 20: 28 "Feed the Church of God" for a subject. He brought a good message for the Christians. The congregation sang a song and the right hand of fellowship was passed. The benediction was called and the blessing over the food was asked by Brother Derwood Yates.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Met back on due time after lunch with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was led by Brother B.M. Moore. The clerk, Brother Bobby Varney came forward to organize the Yearly Meeting. Motion was made by Brother Harry Whitaker to elect Brother Homer Lee Mullins to serve as moderator for the ensuing year of 1989-1990. Being no other nominations, Brother Mullins was elected by vote of association. The moderator was given power to appoint all necessary committees. He appointed Brother Derwood Yates to serve as his assistant. The following committees were appointed.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Homer Adkins
John DePriest
Roy Vanover

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Raymond McCarty
Milford Craft
William Maynard

The motion was made and carried to retain the same clerk and treasurer: Rev. Bobby Varney, clerk, and Brother Oval Hillman, treasurer.

The clerk was asked to read the minutes of the previous meeting, and a motion was made by Brother Derwood Yates, seconded by Brother Earet Rose to not read the minutes and to accept them as printed. Motion was passed by vote.

The clerk enrolled the ministers, deacons, delegates and the visitors from other Associations.

The moderator asked for a report from Rev. A.J. Looper, the Superintendent of the Freewill Baptist Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn. He reported that they have 20 children and in the past twelve months they have had 90 children in their care. They recently celebrated 50 years of children's ministry. He thanked the

Association for their support over the years. A motion was made by Brother Roy C. Vanover to accept his report. It was seconded by Brother B.M. Moore and passed by usual vote.

The audit committee made their report that they found the treasurer's book in order. Brother Derwood Yates made a motion seconded by Brother Roy. C. Vanover to accept their report.

Motion was made by Brother Ronnie Kendrick and seconded by Brother Brady Farmer for each conference to pay \$1.25 for each minute ordered. The motion was passed by the usual voting sign.

The moderator called a report from the pulpit committee; they reported that Rev. Buddy Bates would preach this afternoon and that Rev. Carter Boyd would bring the evening message.

Motion was made by Brother B.M. Moore to adjourn from business until 9:30 on Saturday morning. Motion carried by usual vote.

An offering was received from the congregation for the support of the children's home in Greenville, Tenn. The offering was \$133.00.

Rev. Buddy Bates came forward to bring the message, reading a scripture from First Cor. chapter 10 verse 13. Brought a wonderful message. Congregation sang a song and had an old fashioned handshake and was dismissed by Brother Homer Adkins.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Brother Roy Vanover was in charge of devotions and the congregation sang "I'll Be Satisfied." Brother Franklin Hall came forward to take several prayer requests and read a scripture from Isaiah 29, verse 15. Prayer was led by Brother Brady Farmer from the New Durm Conference. Special singing was by Brother Edward Lee Adkins and Sister Dollie Adkins, and Brother Franklin Hall.

Brother Carter Boyd came forward to preach and read Isaiah 12th chapter, verse 3 for a subject; he brought a wonderful message seasoned with the Holy Spirit. Congregation sang and passed the right hand of fellowship. Benediction was called by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Met back in due time on this beautiful day to worship the Lord and to do business for Him, with Rev. Homer Lee Mullins in charge. He read a scripture from John 13 verses 33-35 to open the meeting for business. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and prayer was led by Brother Bennie Slone.

The clerk enrolled the ministers, deacons, delegates and visitors who were not present on Friday.

Brother Bill Fulcher from the South Eastern Freewill Baptist College at Belmont, N.C. gave a report about the college there. His report was accepted by vote of Association.

Brother Gary Hill gave a report on the work at Camp Jacob. He reported that they had one hundred and fifty children here at the camp during the summer and that several had been saved. He invited all to participate in the activities of the camp. All the churches were given the opportunity to use the camp. A motion was made by Brother Roy Vanover seconded by Brother Clyde Damron to accept his report, motion carried by usual vote.

The pulpit committee reported that Brother Lester Horton would preach in the morning service and Brother Donnie Williamson would preach this afternoon.

The moderator called for the clerk to read the letters from the sister conferences. The clerk read the letters which read as follows.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with Freewill Baptist Camp Jacob at Clintwood, Va. Conference on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 8th & 9th, 1989.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference, while convened with Lone Pine Chapel Freewill Baptist Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Vester McKinney, Jr.

Assistant Moderator

Roy Vanover

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman

Oval Hillman

Alva Lee Fleming

Executive Committee

O.T. Smith

Derwood Yates

N.B. Lambert

Earet Rose

Ordaining Council

Carter Boyd — Chairman

Roy Vanover

Arvil Rose, Jr.

Treasurers

Orphan Home — Beverly Wallace

Quarterly Meeting — Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund — Donald Elkins

Conference voted to buy 1150 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes and obituaries is \$1,525.00.

Statistics

Churches 39

Church Membership 2237

Ministers 140

Sunday Schools 36

Sunday School Members 1877

Auxiliaries 10

Balance from July 1988 to 1989

Quarterly Meeting Fund - \$5,807.75

Emergency Fund 5,486.90

Orphan Home 5,887.72

Done by order of Dickenson County Conference:

Moderator - Vester McKinney, Jr.

Clerks - Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Alva Lee Fleming

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. on September 8 and 9, 1989.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church at McAndrews, Ky. on August 26, 1989.

Rev. Donnie Williamson was in charge of devotions and the business of electing a moderator to serve for the next three months. The congregation sang "Just Over in the Glory Land" and prayer was led by Rev. Herbert Goff. Brother Williamson read a scripture from Second Timothy chapter 4, verses 1-7 to open the conference for business.

Rev. William G. King, Rev. Robert Smith and Rev. Buddy Kendrick were nominated for the office of moderator. Vote was taken and Rev. Buddy Kendrick was elected. The conference moved to give him the power to appoint all necessary committees. Rev. William G. King was appointed as assistant moderator. The following committees were also appointed.

Pulpit Committee

Albert Hinkle
William Maynard
Joe Slone

Finance Committee

Rev. Robert Smith
Rev. Homer Adkins
Rev. Kenneth Lowe

Business Committee

Rev. Bennie F. Slone
Rev. Fonso Justice
Rev. John Vance

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Herbert Goff
Robert Varney

The moderator asked the clerk to read the minutes of the previous meeting; they were read and accepted as read with one correction. It was the Old Fashion Church instead of the Amazing Grace Church that failed to report in June. The clerk called the roll of ministers and thirty one reported present and one reported by letter.

Moderator called for the treasurer, Rev. Velon Burgess to give his report. It was as follows:

Received

Balance from June		\$2,486.04
Received in love offering		159.00
Received in letters		<u>500.00</u>
Total Received		3,145.04
Expenses		<u>575.00</u>
Balance Aug. 26, 1988	...	\$2,570.04

Expenses

Octavia Freewill	
Baptist Church	 \$200.00
Clerk fee	 50.00
Treasurer's fee	 25.00
Unity Church	 200.00
Foreign Mission	 5.00
John Murray	 210.00
Ledgel Ferguson	 70.00
Dessie Scott Home	 <u>15.00</u>
Total	 \$575.00

The treasurer's report was accepted as given.

The Finance Committee received a love offering from the congregation of \$255.04, and Rev. Kenneth Lowe asked a blessing upon the offering.

Rev. Gerria Reynolds read the letters from the sister churches, and they were accepted as read. The pulpit committee reported that Rev. John Vance from Caney Creek would bring the morning message and that Rev. Gerria Reynolds from the Octavia Church would bring the afternoon message.

A motion was made to adjourn from business until the afternoon session and to proceed with the worship service. Special singing was by Brother Larry Smith and his wife from the Belfry church. Brother Vance read Acts 16, verse 30 and used "Sirs What Must I Do to be Saved?" for a text. He brought a wonderful message. The congregation sang and had an old fashioned hand shake and was dismissed

until two o'clock P.M. Rev. John C. Hatfield called the benediction and asked a blessing over the food.

Met back in due time with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", and prayer was led by Rev. Donnie Williamson. The moderator read a scripture from First Peter chapter 5 verses 1-14 to open the conference for business.

The Business Committee reported that upon recommendation from the minister's conference, the credentials of Brother Ballard Yates, Michael Dingus and Joe Slone be cancelled; motion was made and seconded to do so accordingly. They also reported that Brothers Perry Kendrick, Bobby Bowman, Albert Simpson, Earliest Mullins, T.J. Tackett and Randy Newsome would not receive good standing cards this year because of not attending the Minister's Conference; a motion was made and passed to receive this report. The minister's roll call was asked to be dropped from the conference because of consuming so much time; this recommendation was tabled for three months.

The Business Committee reported that the next conference would be held at the Bluesprings church at Ransom, Ky. on December 9, 1989.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Curtiss Wellman. He reported that the two brothers, Oliver Abshire from the Old Fashion church and Darrell Harmon from the Unity church both be returned to their home church for more study. His report was accepted as given.

Rev. Curtiss Wellman's term had expired on the ordaining council and he was re-elected for another three years.

A motion was made by Rev. Fonso Justice and seconded by Brother Cleopas Varney to prepare a letter to the John Thomas Association. The delegates volunteering to attend were as follows:

Name	Church, Address
Dolly C. Adkins	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Flo Buckley	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Kim Buckley	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Donnie Robinson	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Darrell Wellman	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Walter McCoy	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Noah Smith	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Polly Dotson	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Mable McCoy	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Barbara Williamson	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Cleophas Varney	Bluespring, Hardy, Ky.
Vina Varney	Bluespring, Hardy, Ky.
Michael Reprogl	Bluespring, Newton, W. Va.
Mildred Varney	Belfry, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Judy Bevins	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Vernice Overstreet	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Eddie Overstreet	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
William Maynard	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
John H. Justice	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Johnny Justice	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Nancy Burgess	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Jim Slusher	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Donna Slusher	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Suda Slone	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Billie R. Burgess	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Tommy Burgess	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Connie Sue Reprogl	Bluespring, Newtown, W.Va.

A motion was made and carried to send \$300.00 plus our \$643.75 received in the letters for the John Thomas Association, and we are asking for 50 minute books, the total amount being sent is \$943.75 plus \$158.00 for engraving.

Brother Velon Burgess read a letter he received from The Dessie Scott Children's home, Brother John Murray and The Foreign Mission Board, all thanking the conference for their continued support. The letters were received as read and Brother Burgess was asked to notify the Dessie Scott home that we would like to have a representative to attend and report at our next conference.

Being no further business a motion of adjournment was made and carried.

Rev. Gerria Reynolds brought a good message using for a text Daniel 6 verse 16. Dismissal was called by Brother Benny F. Slone.

Moderator

Rev Robey (Buddy) Kendrick
Belfry, Ky 41515

Clerk

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555

Statistics

No. of Churches	19	No. of Women's Auxiliaries	7
Church Membership	1664	Women's Auxiliaries Membership ..	107
Ordained Ministers	77	No. Sunday Schools	17
Licensed Ministers.....	8	Sunday School Attendance	816
Membership Fees	943.75	Done by the order of the Pike Co.	
Engraving	158.00	Conference August 26, 1989.	

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Dickson County Conference at Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Virginia on Friday, September 8, 1989 at 11:00 a.m.

The Letcher County Conference of Free Will Baptists convened with the Ligon Free Will Baptist Church on August 26, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. in Ligon, Kentucky.

Brother Homer Johnson, our faithful clerk of many years, was sick and unable to attend this fourth quarterly meeting of the Letcher County Conference. Brother John DePriest agreed to act as clerk with the help of the Lord, the Delegates and the assistance of Brother Bill Gibson.

Brother Herman Bates led the assembly of Delegates in singing the song "I'm In The Way". Brother John read and commented briefly on Psalms 113 and called Brother John D. Shook to lead the congregation in prayer.

The acting clerk opened the conference for business by taking nominations for moderator. Brother Herman Bates nominated Brother Homer Mullins which was seconded by Brother Clyde Damron. A motion that the nominations cease and Brother Homer be elected by acclamation was made by Brother Fred Young and seconded by Brother Grover Bolden.

Brother Homer Mullins took the chair asking for the prayers and help of all Delegates because there was much business to transact. Power to appoint needed committees was granted to the moderator and he made the following appointments to work with standing committee members: Ass't. Moderator — Brother LeRoy Fields.

Pulpit Committee
 Brother A. Branham
 Brother Milford Newsome
 Brother John D. Shook

Executive Committee
 Brother Milford Craft
 Brother Woodrow Mullins
 Brother Robert Hampton (acting)

Arbitration Committee
 Brother Rodney Smith
 Brother Ralph Profitt
 Brother Doyle Caudill

Ordination Council
 Brother Herman Bates Jr.
 Brother Lloyd Addington
 Brother Robert Hampton

The moderator appointed Brother Grover Bolden to give the Sunday School talk and when Brother Clyde Damron declined to give the Temperance Talk, the moderator asked for a volunteer and Brother Doyle Caudill responded.

Conference Funds

Fourth Quarter of the Letcher County Conference

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 482.00
Foreign Missions	65.00
Home Missions	200.00
Children's Home	130.25
Camp Jacob	60.00
The Fergusons	75.00
Total Funds	\$1,012.25
Received in checks	976.75
Cash	45.00
Total Received	\$1,021.75
Conference Offering	70.26
Excess of Funds received	9.50
Conference Offering	51.95
Total to Treasurer	\$1,073.70

Expenditures

Home Missions	\$150.00
Brother Alec Tomkins' widow	100.00
Clerk Expenses	10.75
Checking Account	\$1,176.76

Delegate Conference

Fourth Quarter Conference held with Ligon Church
 August 25-26, 1989 Ligon, Ky.

Delegates

Edith Flannery
 Mary Flannery
 Kernie Stewart
 Dessa Helton
 John D. Shook
 Augusta Branham
 Dixie Harmon
 Windell Hawkins
 Spicy McPeck
 Mazie Hylton
 Debbie Tackett
 Gobel Hall
 Russel Whitaker

Joseph I. Tackett
 Vickie Collier
 Christopher P. Smith
 Reba Hall
 Georgia Mullins
 Bogue Branham
 Nimiel Holbrook
 Diana Dye
 Deloise Smith
 Dreamia Adams
 Hester Hall
 Wanda Hamilton
 Sarah Trinkle

Bobby Joe Flannery
 Ellen Taylor
 Roman Tackett
 William E. Gibson
 Sarah Mullins
 Pearl Mann
 Octavia Clouse
 Harold Dye
 Margaret Tackett
 Rebecca Tackett
 Carol Sue Hall
 Randle Burchett
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Fred Young
Beverly Green
Dorothy Hamilton
Kathy Hamilton
Ralph Moore

Sharon Bolden
Wendell Bartley
Nell Slone
Paul Hamilton
Betty Hamilton

Mary A. Young
Larry Green
Linda Bartley
Gary Hamilton
Betty Moore

53 delegates

Visiting Ministers were Brother Gary Hill from Dickenson County Conference and Brother George Bigfort from the Pike County Conference. Brother Herman Bates reported on his visit to the Dickenson County Conference and Brother Robert Hampton on his visit to the Pike County Conference. Both gave reports of good fellowship and that the conferences were doing well.

The following ministers agreed to act as corresponding messengers, the Lord willing, as follows:

Dickenson County Conference

Brother Milford Craft
Brother Herman Bates
Brother Grover Bolden

West Wise County Conference

Brother Grover Bolden
Brother John DePriest

A corresponding letter was read by the clerk from the Dickenson County Conference along with a letter from Brother Roy Vanover and was received by the Delegates on a motion made by Brother Grover Bolden and seconded by Brother Hampton.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Brother Gary Hill would preach in the 11:00 a.m. service and Brother Sonny Miracle in the afternoon service. Brother Grover Bolden gave the Sunday School Talk and Brother Doyle Caudill used Phil. 4:6-9 with other Scriptures to bring a good devotional on temperance. Both talks were a blessing and were received by the delegates on a motion made by Brother Clyde Damron, seconded by Brother Jerry Tackett.

Motion to adjourn for morning worship service and dinner was made by Brother Grover Bolden and seconded by Brother Damron. Brother Herman Bates led the congregation in singing "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In". Good special music was provided by Brother Fred Young, Brother Paul Hamilton, Brother Gary Hamilton, Brother Wendell and Sister Linda Bartley. Brother Garry Hill, Director of Camp Jacob, came forward and preached a good message using II Cor. 4:3-9. Brother Clyde Damron closed with prayer, asking God's continued blessing on our conference and on the food.

Business resumed at 1:00 p.m. with a hymn by the congregation and prayer by Brother Woodrow Mullins. A letter from the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church was read by the clerk asking for membership in our conference. Motion to accept was made by Brother Grover Bolden and seconded by Brother Robert Hampton. Points of discussion were made in love and in order by Brother Sonny Miracle and Brother Robert Hampton. The motion passed with no opposing votes and the delegates of Bethel FWB Church were extended the right hand of fellowship by the conference delegates while singing Amazing Grace.

The letters from the churches were read with the exception of Dorton and Poor Bottom which were not received. The letters were received on a motion made by Brother Clyde Damron and seconded by Brother Grover Bolden.

A motion to the John Thomas Association to add an Article of Faith to our present ones was brought to the floor of the conference from the Ministers' Conference regarding our position on Tongues. A copy of said article is attached. Brother Clyde Damron moved to forward the article to the yearly meeting for consideration and his motion was seconded by Brother Woodrow Mullins. The

motion passed with the vast majority in favor and with only three opposing and they in a spirit of love and understanding. (1)

A suggested article on gambling to be sent to the John Thomas Association came to the floor from the Ministers Conference and was passed on a motion made by Brother Clyde Damron and seconded by Brother Grover Bolden with no opposing votes. A copy of the same is attached. (2)

Special music was provided by Brother Wendel Bartley and others while the Executive Committee retired to consider their resolutions. They returned, resolving that:

1. The next Quarterly Conference would convene with the Marshall Branch Church.
2. The Virgie Free Will Baptist Church had asked for and would host the John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting in 1990 if the Lord tarries His coming.
3. The family of Rev. Alec Tompkins who died during the last quarter, to receive a gift of \$100.00 as an expression of the sympathy of the conference.

These resolutions were approved on a motion made by Brother Bill Gibson and seconded by Brother Grover Bolden.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brother LeRoy Fields and seconded by Brother Grover Bolden. After some special music Brother Sonny Miracle preached briefly but effectively on II Cor. 5:17-20. The conference ended with a number of testimonies and thanksgiving to the Lord for the spirit of love, cooperation and wisdom which had blessed our fellowship and business the entire day!

Moderator—Brother Homer Lee Mullins

Assistant Moderator—Brother Leroy Fields

Clerk—Brother John C. Depriest

(Stand-in for)

Brother Homer B. Johnson

Addenda.

We the ordaining council having talks with Brother Herman Johnson feel that he has met all the requirements to be reinstated as a minister in good-standing with the Letcher County Ministers Conference. We therefore instruct our clerk to issue Brother Herman Johnson a good standing card.

Done by the order of the Letcher County Ordination Council this 26th day of August, 1989.

Brother Herman Bates Jr.

Brother Woodrow Mullins

Brother Clyde Damron

To the yearly meeting of the John-Thomas Association

(1) We the Letcher County Conference request that we add another Article of Faith to our present ones. This would be Article of Faith Number 20 which would read as follows:

We believe that the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of interpretation of tongues as exercised in the early church was a known language of that time. Acts 2:1-11.

We believe that this was a sign gift to the un-believer. 1st. Cor. 14:22.

However, we believe that this gift is no longer in operation. We believe that this gift ceased to be at the end of the apostolic period. 1st. Cor. 13:8.

Moreover, we believe that the greatest, most powerful, and most common evidence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is God's love as described in 1st. Cor. Chap. 13, John 13:35 and 1st. John 3:14.

To the yearly meeting of the John-Thomas Association:

We the Letcher County Conference submit for consideration the following statement concerning gambling:

(2) We the Letcher County Freewill Baptist Conference not wishing to conform to the practice of gambling pledge to abstain from the sale or use of all devices constructed for the purpose of gambling, a lottery, games of chance, or any numbered system for which there are odds given for gain or loss, whether it be associated with a person, place or thing, spoken or unspoken.

Biblical Reference

Col. 3:5, 2nd Peter 2:3, Ez. 33:31, Eph. 5:3, 1st Cor. 6:19, Rom. 1:28-29, 1st Tim. 6:10, Pro. 28:16

Letcher County Freewill Baptist Conference

Moderator—Brother Homer Lee Mullins

Assistant Moderator:—Brother Leroy Fields

Clerk—Brother John C. Depriest

(Stand-in for)

Brother Homer B. Johnson

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Larry Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, Va. 24266

Clerk

B. L. McGlothlin
Rt. 1, Box 152
Vansant, Va. 24656

Statistics

No. of Churches	10
Church Membership	472
Ordained Ministers	23
Licensed Ministers	2
Membership Fees	\$343.75
Engraving	\$7.00

Delegates

Shirley Thompson
Phyllis Miller
Marcella Rasnake
Junior Rasnake
Ruby Mitchell
Harley Nuckles
Ada Farmer
Helen Harris
Glenna Ray
Brenda Fletcher
Lois Nuckles
Imogene Thompson
Eura Von Thompson
Claudia Stinson
Thelma Walters

Lucille Arwood
Carene Perkins
Gary Hess
Velva Meadows
Rachel McGlothlin
Peggy Dye
Brenda Harris
Faye Harris
Mae Wilson
Sandra Harris
Rita Rasnake
Lois Johnson
Bill Ball
Virginia Ball
Shannon Ball

Willis Crabtree
Shirley Crabtree
Mary Combs
Sandy Robinson
Lydia Hess
Arch Cox
Marie Ray
John Robinson
James Ray
Martha Tiller
Phyllis Stanford
Donald Brooks
Cheryl F. Keith

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Camp Jacob on September 8th and 9th, 1989

Please send 275 minutes to our Conference.

Done by order of the New Durm Quarterly Conference on the 12th day of August, 1989.

The following resolution was adopted by the New Durm Quarterly Conference on February 11, 1989.

We, the undersigned Executive Committee of the New Durm Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptists, do hereby recommend that the following resolution be recorded in the minutes of the New Durm Conference. The resolution will read as such: the Ordaining council, present or future, may ordain a man to preach the gospel only if Biblical qualifications are met. The qualifications are set forth by the word of God, according to I Timothy, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 7. Furthermore, there shall be no pastors or churches in the New Durm conference ordain any man for the office of a Deacon unless he meets Biblical qualifications. The qualifications are set forth by the word of God, according to I Timothy, Chapter 3 Verses 8 through 12.

A move was made to put on record as read. This was voted on and carried as such.

Signature	Brady Farmer
Signature	Ronald Johnson
Signature	Troy F. Harris

MID OHIO CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. William W. Combs
561 N. Washington St.
Tiffin, Ohio

Clerk

Rev. Cecil Rogers
217 E. Paradise St.
Orrville, Ohio 44667

Statistics

No. of Churches	3
Church Membership	124
Ordained Ministers	10
Licensed Ministers	1
Membership Fees	\$250.00
Engraving	0

Delegates

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Sister Loretta Kendrick

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Virginia, on September 8 & 9, 1989

We request 75 minute books.

Done by order of the Mid Ohio Quarterly Conference on the 12th day of August, 1989.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings from the Hamilton County Freewill Baptist Conference. Another year has gone by; God has blessed us and is still blessing us. We want to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters for their prayers.

This year's meeting was at Mt. Tabor, Ohio with Brother Robert Matney's Church. We had a wonderful time at Brother Matney's, Thank God. The Ministers' Conference was called to order by the moderator Brother Frederick Taylor. Ministers present were: Don Howard, Clay Couch, Robert Matney and Frederick Taylor.

Pray for us that we will all be about our Father's business. Let us all come together with one mind and one accord that the Gospel be preached to all for Christ came to save the lost. Remember to pray for our Brother Arvil Worley and Brother Buck Hutchison; they are very sick. Brother Clay Couch was burned out and has lost all but, he has Christ, so he still has everything. May God bless you all at this year's association. Our prayers to all in Christ Jesus.

Brother Fred Taylor
and the Hamilton County Conference

Enclosed for Minutes \$81.25

Churches belonging to Hamilton Co. Conference
Mt. Tabor—Fowlers Creek—Pipe Creek and Clinton

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

After reading of the letters motion was made by Brother Bennie Slone and seconded by Brother Gary Hill to accept all letters as read excepting the business if any be turned over to the Executive Board. Motion carried by vote. The Hamilton County letter had not been received and motion was made and carried for the clerk to go ahead and insert them in the minutes, if received.

Brother Gary Hill brought some business about the articles of faith in the minutes and he thought some of them had the wrong scriptures with them. A motion was made by Brother John DePriest seconded by Brother Gary Hill to give the clerk the power to correct them if any had been printed wrong. Brother Franklin Hall made a motion that if any additions were to be made they would be tabled until next year.

The Executive Board retired to examine the business about the articles of faith, and the resolutions in the Letcher Co. Letter.

Brother Moore made a motion to adjourn from business until this afternoon and to get into the worship service.

Congregational singing was led by Brother Herman Bates "When the Redeemed are Gathering In" and a collection taken for Camp Jacob received \$269.03.

Special singing was by Sister Patty Mullins, Sister Peggy Maynard, and sister Louella Sweeny.

Brother Lestle Horton from the Northern Virginia Conference came forward to bring the message. He read Matthew 16 verse 13-28 and brought a wonderful message with the many verses in the Bible about "The Rock of Cornerstones of Christianity."

Congregation sang "Just as I Am" led by Brother Herman Bates. Invitation was given and received none.

Brother Roy Vanover asked a blessing over the food and called the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Met back on due time with Brother Herman Bates leading the congregation in singing "Someday." The moderator, Brother Mullins read a scripture to open the Yearly Meeting for business. Prayer was led by Brother Clyde Damron.

The moderator called for a report of the executive board. The report was given by Brother Bobby Varney, that the resolutions presented by the Letcher County Conference be inserted in the minutes and voted upon at the yearly meeting next year, and that the articles of faith were correct and there would be no changes in them.

Motion was made for Brother Varney to check on the price of printing some copies of the Church Discipline of Freewill Baptist books and to notify each conference.

Being no further business a motion of adjournment was made by Brother Clyde Damron seconded by Ray Vanover.

MINISTERS' YEARLY CONFERENCE

The Yearly meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist Ministers was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Varney.

The motion was made by Brother Clyde Damron and seconded by Rev. Bennie Slone to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. The motion carried by vote of the conference. The letters from the various ministers conference were read which are as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met at Lone Pine Chapel at Pound, Virginia, on July 20, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. There were 65 ministers present and 26 deacons and visitors, for a total of 91.

Pastor Clyde Roop welcomed everyone and Brother Roy Vanover led the song "Victory in Jesus." Brother Derwood Yates led in prayer.

Brother Clyde Roop was elected moderator, and by the powers granted unto him, he selected Brother Manie Strouth assistant. Minutes of the April Conference were read by the clerk and approved.

Motions were made and approved to re-elect the present officers for the coming year which are: Brothers Carter Boyd, Arvil Rose, and Roy Vanover, Ordaining Council; Brother Sam Slemp, Clerk of the Ministers' Conference; and Brothers B. M. Moore, Frank Hall, and Derwood Yates on Lifetime Cards Committee.

Brother Derwood Yates said that we should read and study the minutes. Several spoke on using the King James Version of the Bible. Brother Joe Johnson asked that it be stated in the minutes. Brother Carter Boyd spoke on organizing a

church. Many questions were asked.

Brother E. B. Lee came forward to join the ministers' conference. He was accepted and given the right hand of fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The ladies of Lone Pine Chapel provided refreshments in the fellowship building.

Moderator—Clyde Roop

Clerk—Samuel Slemp

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards (Dickenson County)

Name	Address	Church
Bailey, Bobby Gene*	P. O. Box 327, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Baker, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 250, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Belcher, Luther, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 138-B, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Belcher, Troy	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Boggs, Edison	P. O. Box 5, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Boles, Benny	Rt. 1, Box 556, Norton, VA 24273	Dyers Chapel
Bolling, Gary M.	Rt. 1, Box 47, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo Church
Bolling, James E.	P. O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Boyd, Carter*	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Meade Chapel
Boyd, Freddy*	Box 183, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Cantrell, Robert	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Carty, Avery	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Conley, Allen Gene**	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Cooper, Duane	Rt. 1, Box 667, Dante, VA 24237	Martins Chapel
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 1, Box 90A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Damron, Larry	Rt. 1, Box 26, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Fields, Paul*	Rt. 1, Box 471, St. Paul, VA 24283	Mills Chapel
Fletcher, Lacy	Box 42, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Fogleman, Jack	Rt. 3, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
Hale, Glynn*	Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
Hall, Franklin*	Rt. 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Hall, Joe	Box 684, Castlewood, VA 24224	Castlewood Community
Hampton, Lester	Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Hartsock, J. T.*	Rt. 1, Castlewood, VA 24224	Bearwallow
Hay, Clyde	Box 341, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Creek
Hay, Robert C.	Rt. 1, Box 274 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Hibbitts, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Hill, Finis A.*	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, VA 24256	Martin Chapel
Hill, Gary	Rt. 2, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Hill, Richard P.	Rt. 2, Box 163, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
Hill, Tam*	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
Hobbs, Doyle	Box 193, Castlewood, VA 24224	Mills Chapel
Jenkins, James E.	Rt. 1, Dante, VA 24237	Martin Chapel
Jenkins, Jerry E.	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Johnson, Jack	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Johnson, Joe	Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, VA 24230	Dyers Chapel
Johnson, Duane L.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228	Penther Chapel
Keith, Quinton	Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Knowles, Joey	Rt. 2, Box 375-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Large, Jimmy	Rt. 2, Box 473, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Large, Tommy*	Rt. 1, Box 152, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Large, Winford	Rt. 1, Box 379, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon

Layne, Garcia B.	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, VA 24230	
Lee, E.B., Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Nova, VA 24272	Light House
Meade, Jack W.*	Rt. HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Light House
Meade, James D.	Rt. HC05, Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meade Chapel
Moore, B. M.	Rt. 1, Box 31, Nora, VA 24272	Dyers Chapel
Moore, Delmon D.	Rt. 3, Box , Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Moore, James A.	Rt. 3, Box 340 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Moore, Paul D.	Box 365, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Mullins, Arvid Lee	3000 Craven Dr., Marion, OH 43302	Lick Fork
Mullins, Bill Mack	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Mullins, Billy G.	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Bobby	Rt. 3, Box 518-C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, C. Clifford*	Rt. , Box 345, Chantilly, VA 22021	Burke
Mullins, David L.*	Rt. 2, Box 118-B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Hie A.*	Rt. 3, Box 370, Clintwood, VA 24228	Frying Pan
Mullins, Jerry W.	4256 Buckman Rd., #21, Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Johnnie	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Larry T.	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Lester C.*	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Lewis V.	Rt. 3, Box 202-F, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Percy	Rt. 1, Box 398, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Remire	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
Mullins, Ricky D.	Rt. 2, Box 301, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Robert C.*	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, VA 24230	Honey Camp
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Virgil J.	Rt. 1, Box 268-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Wayne	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Willie R.*	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
McPeck, David P.	Rt. 3, Box 199-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Neece, Oxcarr	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phipps, Clifford	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phipps, Robert L.*	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
Price, Terry*	Rt. 2, Box 411-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Rasnick, Ralph R.*	P. O. Box 15, Norton, VA 24273	Phillips Chapel
Ratliff, Esley	Rt. 2, Box 3AA, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Reedy, Donald R.	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237	Ramsey Ridge
Reynolds, Howard*	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24659	Castlewood
Robinson, Jerry W.	Rt. 1, Box 234-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Robinson, Lester	Rt. 2, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Robinson, Nyal B.	P. O. Box 46, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Roop, Clyde E.*	Box 574, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine
Rose, Arvil, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 318, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Carl*	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Edward A.*	Rt. 2, Box 252-B, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
Rose, Elva	Rt. 2, Box 319, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Harlan Lee*	Rt. 1, Box 712, Clinchco, VA 24226	Clinchco
Rose, Willie C.	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Russ, David	Rt. 2, Box 96, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lighthouse
Slemp, Ed	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Jackie*	Rt. 2, Box 415A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Slemp, Samuel E.*	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel

Slemp, Tom	Rt. 2, Box 415, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Sluss, Danny*	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256	Fremont
Sluss, Joe Glenn*	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Smith, Donald E., Jr.	P.O. Box 74, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
Smith, Steve	Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Sproles, Kenneth	Rt. 5, Box 205, Abingdon, VA 24210	Straight Hollow
Stallard, David R.	P.O. Box 251, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
Stallard, I. T.	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
Stanley, Adam M.	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Stanley, Gary	Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Stanley, Nolan N.	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Steel, Joseph P.	Rt. 2, Box 548 A, Haysi, VA 24256	Valley View
Strouth, Douglas	Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Strouth, Manie W.*	P.O. Box 958, Pound, VA 24279	Georges Fork
Sutherland, Eulis L.	Rt. HC05, Box 666, Coeburn, VA 24230	Buffalo
Sykes, Glenn	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256	Tarpon
Sykes, Leon E.	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256	Lick Creek
Vance, Thomas C.	Box 632, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Vanover, Lynn	Rt. 1, Box 206, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Vanover, Roy C.	Box 382, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Wells, Charles D.	Rt. 1, Box 234-H, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Wolford, Talt	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Wright, Luke	14514 El Rio Court, Woodbridge, VA 22191	Burke
Wright, Richard	7096 Kings Arm Drive, Manassas, VA 22110	Burke
Willis, Billy D.*	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256	Splash Dam
Yates, Derwood*	Rt. 2, Box 209, Coeburn, VA 24230	Valley View

*Pastors

**Co-Pastors

Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Cook, Emory	Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
Dingus, Ralph	General Delivery, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Edwards, Lonzo	Rt. 1, Box 216K, Meadowview, VA 24361	Yates Chapel
Moore, Kermit	P. O. Box A-21, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Reedy, Clyde E.	Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354	Peuther Chapel
Rose, Gobel	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Virginia on Friday, September 8, 1989 at 11:00 a.m.

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist ministers met with Ligon Church on Friday August 25, 1989 at Ligon, Ky. in Floyd County. The moderator, Brother Homer Lee Mullins, welcomed the ministers to the church. After comments Brother Charles Gallion led in singing "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies". Prayer requests were received, many for lost, sick, and afflicted. Prayer was led by Brother Darwin Mullins.

The moderator took his scripture lesson from John 13:33. After commenting on the text, the moderator called for the minutes of previous conference. The minutes

were read. Brother Clyde Damron moved for a motion to receive and was seconded by Brother Richard Gibson.

Business included letter of dismissal from the Pike County Conference of Brother Everett Douglas Mullins, a minister in good-standing, asking for admittance to Letcher County Conference. Brother Robert Hampton made a motion to accept letter and was seconded by a unanimous vote. A statement concerning gambling and the lottery was read. Ministers voted unanimously to send the statement to Delegate Conference for consideration. The Ordination Council set up for consideration an Article of Faith, to be number 20, subject, Speaking in Tongues. A copy of the article was given to everyone. After discussion a vote was taken, 26 stood in favor of, 4 abstained, 7 no opinion. Article was set up for the Delegate conference approval.

The moderator appointed Brother Millard Bates Jr. to replace Brother Lloyd Addington on the Ordination Council. He appointed Brother Doyle Caudill to replace Brother John C. DePriest on the Arbitration Committee.

Brother Julian Gibson moved for an adjournment. Motion was seconded. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Brother Everette D. Mullins.

Moderator: Brother Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk: Brother Homer B. Johnson

Letcher County Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards 1988-89

Minister	Address	Church
Clyde Damron	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Alleghany
Stanley R. Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Carl Coleman*	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
James N. Tackett	Box 161, Lookout, Ky. 41542	Alleghany
Jimmy D. Looney	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
John C. DePriest*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 435, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Marvis D. Dixon*	HC R-3, Box 810, College Rd., Cumb., Ky.	Cloverlick
Don McKnight	Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
James M. Potter	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
McCoy Tackett	Meta, Ky. 41501	Dorton
Teddy Tackett*	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Kalton Robinett	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Dorton
David Tackett	Box 133, Myra, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Ray Anderson	Rt. 3 Box 112-A Bronson Rd. Clermont, Fl	Dunham
Floyd Sexton*	HC82 Box 910 Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Dunham
Jimmie Adams	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Dunham
Woodrow Mullins*	Box 525, Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Joe Coleman	119 Broad Bottom Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Steve Childress	RR2 Box 187, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
Ralph Proffitt	Fleming, Ky. 41816	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Rodney Smith*	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Danny Mullins*	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond

Millard Bates, Jr.*	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky.	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Johnnie Collier	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins*	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Larry R. Jones*	HC84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, KY	Kings Creek
Leroy Fields	Box 2116 Premium, Ky. 41845	Ligon
Ike Young Jr.*	HC95-96 Fleming, Ky. 41816	Marshall's Branch
Glenn Miller	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Moore's Chapel
David I. Brewer	Box 329, McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Herman Bates, Jr.*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addington	Box 517, Pound, VA	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Doyle Caudill	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Grover Bolden*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson*	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Lester Boggs*	Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Tommy N. Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Jerry N. Tackett*	Box 005, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tacketts Fork
Johnny Caudill	Hi-Hat, Ky.	Tacketts Fork
Rodney Mullins	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Tacketts Fork
Hasadora Reynolds	1837 Kocher St., Huntington In.	Tacketts Fork
Dennis Mullins	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Tacketts Fork
Robert Hampton*	Box 551, Virgie, Ky. 41527	Virgie
Sonny Miracle*	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
Dannie D. Hurst	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Randy Sexton	Box 229 Jenkins, Ky.	Pine Chapel
Herman Johnson		Tacketts Fork

*Pastors

Ministers With Life Good Standing Cards

George Adams, Jr.	Box 114, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Hemphill
William Craford	Pound, Va. 24279	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeck	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky. 41849	Hemphill
Darwin Mullins	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Alex Tompkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel

11 with life goodstanding cards

Ministers' Conference

The Fourth Quarterly Ministers' Conference met with Ligon church August 25, 1989 at Ligon, Ky. Ministers enrolled:

Robert G. Hampton	Donald R. Mullins (Lic.)(Letter)	Bobby L. Fleming (Letter)
Charles Gallion	Everett D. Mullins	Ray Anderson (Letter)
Millard Bates Jr.	Hollis Bevins	Lloyd Addington
Tommy Philips	Darwin Mullins	Jonah D. Wright
Jimmy Adams	Johnny Collier	Lester Boggs
Dean Bartley (Dec.)	Tivis Caudill Jr. (Lic)	Floyd Sexton
Herman Johnson	Edgar Sanders	Sammy Hall (Lic)
Carl Coleman	Ralph Moore	Hasadora Reynolds
Sonny Miracle	Glenn Miller	Gary Hamilton
Jimmy Dean Looney	Richard Gibson	Leroy Fields
Herman Bates Jr.	Julian H. Gibson	Clyde Damron
Jerry N. Tackett	Rodney Mullins	Doyle Caudill
John C. DePriest	Paul Wooten	Dennis Mullins
Larry R. Jones (Letter)	David I. Brewer (Letter)	Rodney D. Smith
Vardney H. Bolling		

Totals: Ministers 34, License 3, Deacons 1—Letter 5—43

Conference Statistics

Churches	21
Membership	1,787
Sunday Schools	20
Membership	1,283
Ministers	63
Life-Ministers	10
License	5
Deacons	69
Auxiliaries	10
Members	117
Youth Leagues	8
Members	100
Association Membership	\$446.74

Please send 750 minutes.

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

The Ministers' Conference of Pike County Conference convened with the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church on the 25th day of August, 1989, at McAndrews, Ky.

The congregation sang "Precious Memories" and prayer was led by Rev. Bill Browning. Rev. William G. King was elected to serve as Moderator for one year. Rev. Gerria Reynolds was appointed as his assistant.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by vote of conference. Roll call of ministers was the next item of business. 47 were present and 13 reported by letter. The letters were received as read.

Brother Joe Slone had turned his credentials over to his pastor and by move of conference recommended that the quarterly conference cancel them. Brother Bennie Slone made a motion to recommend that the Quarterly Conference cancel

Brother Bud Ross and Brother Bud Harrison's credentials because they had taken membership in another conference. Brother Buddy Kendrick made a motion that the Conference pick up the credentials of Brother Ballard Yates and Michael Dingess because they had gone back into the world and forfeited their credentials. Brother William Akers made a motion that the Brothers who did not attend the ministers' conference not be granted a card of good standing; they are Brother Bobby Bowman, Perry Kendrick, Albert Simpson, Earliest Mullins, T.J. Tackett, and Randy Newsome.

Dismissed by Rev. Donnie Williamson

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
Rev. Herbert Goff

Executive Committee

Rev. Bennie F. Slone
Rev. Robert Varney
Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Moderator

Rev. William G. King
HC 64, Box 335
McAndrews, Ky. 41543

Clerk

Rev. Robert Varney
HC 64, Box 330
Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Bennie F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert (Bobby) Varney	HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Herbert Goff	Racoon, Ky 41557	Grassy
Ray Williams	Rt. 4 Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41507	Edo
William G. King	HC 64 Box 335, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Gerria Reynolds	HC 64 Box 365, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Dennis Hinkle	HC64, Box 317, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Homer Adkins	641 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion
Edward Lee Adkins	154 Elisha Fork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stonecoal
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Stonecoal
Velon Burgess	Box 87K, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Harold Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1 Box 424, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
Palmer Thompson	Box 560, Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Onis Varney	31 South Clifton, Elgin, Ill. 10120	Octavia
Jimmie Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Emery Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Harold Brewer	574 Collins Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Buford Thacker	Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Toler's Creek
Ronald May	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Estill P. Adkins	Beattyville, Ky.	Proctor

Tom Carroll	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Paul O'Quinn	Box 475, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41532	Amazing Grace
Kernal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmie Adkins	1907 7th St., Wyandotte, Mich. 48192	Owsley
Walter McCoy, Jr.	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Wendell Robert Smith	Rt. 1, Box 55X, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Charles Delon Jones	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Goble Rush Ratliff	Box 190, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41532	Old Fashion
Jackie Maynard	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Ernest Mullins	Box 328, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41562	Fellowship Chapel
Frank Bryant	Rt. 5, Box 401½, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	Fish Trap, Ky. 41525	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	Box 105, Aflex, Ky. 41510	Leckieville
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Dallas Ratliff	Rt. 1, Box 151, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Fonso Justice	Box 62, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Bluespring
Goble Zellar	Box 45, Regina, Ky. 41559	Unity
John Paul Smith	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Burl Rogers	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Clyde Bowman, Jr.	HC64, Box 130, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Meathouse
James Runyon	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Robert Smith	HC 64-Box 800, Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Bill Browning	So. Williamson, Ky. 41503	Belfry
Larry Kendrick	380 Red Cr. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek
Gary Thacker	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W. Va. 25647	Octavia
George Bickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
John C. Hatfield	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Sid May	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Phillip Bostic	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Frank Rich	Rt. 5, Box 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Dock Hunt	Rt. 3, Box 65, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Wilson Justice	Robinson Creek, Ky. 41562	Caney Creek

Number of ordained ministers	77
Number of lifetime ministers	10
Ministers deceased in 1988-89	2
They were Rev. Garland Varney and Rev. Goble Thacker.	

Done by the order of The Pike County Ministers' Conference this 25th day of August 1989.

Rev. William G. King, Moderator
Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

NEW DURM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Larry Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, Virginia 24266

Ordaining Council

Rev. Larry Robinson, Chr.
Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Giles Wilson

Clerk

B.L. McGlothlin
Rt. 1, Box 152
Vansant, Virginia 24656

Executive Committee

Brother Brady Farmer, Chr.
Brother Elbert Rasnake
Brother Ronald Johnson
Brother Troy Harris

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Camp Jacob, September 8th and 9th, 1989.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Eugene Miller	P. O. Box 1516, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Carson Walters	Box 4, Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Ray Hale	Box 732, Honaker, Va. 24260	Fullers Chapel
Glenn Peck	Drill, Va.	Drill Chapel
Larry Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Giles Wilson	Rt. A, Council, Va. 24260	Mt. View
Ellis White	Rt. 1, Box 266, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Billie McGlothlin	Star Rt., Box 48, Rowe, Va.	Guiding Light
Willis Rasnake	Council, Va.	Mt. View
Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, Va.	East Lebanon
Harry Whitaker	Box 361, Dante, Va	Straight Hollow
Kenneth Sproles	Rt. 5, Box 205, Abingdon, Va.	Straight Hollow

Committee for Lifetime Cards

Rev. Billie McGlothlin Rev. Ellis White Brother Ronald Johnson

Ministers to Receive Lifetime Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Harley Dye	Rt. 2 Box 255-A, Harriman, Tenn.	East Lebanon
Rev. Kyle Hubbard	Box 662, Honaker, Va.	Tunnel Hill
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Rev. Charlie Keen	Bland, Va.	Fletchers Ridge

Done by order of the New Durm Ministers' Conference on August 10, 1989.

MID-OHIO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Mid-Ohio Ministers' Conference convened at The Community F.W.B. Church, Canal Fulton, Ohio on July 8, 1989,

First order of business was election of a moderator. Brother Cecil Rogers was

nominated and elected by regular vote of conference. Brother Ronnie Kendrick was nominated and elected clerk by regular vote of the conference. There was no old business.

New business was the reading of the letters of those unable to attend. Motion was made, and seconded to accept the letters as read and give these a goodstanding card. We had six ministers present and three report by letter and one didn't report at all.

Conference closed with congregational singing, right hand of fellowship and dismissal prayer. We had a good fellowship at the conference.

Moderator: Rev. Cecil Rogers

Clerk: Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Moderator

Rev. Cecil Rogers
217 E. Paradise St.
Orrville, Ohio 44667

Clerk

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
4022 21st St. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

Ordaining Council

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Paul Tyree

Executive Committee

Rev. Paul Tyree
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Clarence Mullins

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Va., on September 8th & 9th, 1989.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Raymond Stanley	8606 Waynesburg Dr. S.E., Waynesburg, Oh.	Community
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick	4022 21st St. S.W., Canton, Oh.	Community
Rev. Mickey Kendrick	Hatfield, Kentucky	Community
Rev. Cecil Rogers	217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Oh.	Community
Rev. Frank Tyree	4618 County Rd. 21, Clyde, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Paul Tyree	8333 TWP. Rd. 21, Green Springs, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Clarence Mullins	22 Earl Ave., Bloomville, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Dewey Hall	339 W. Market St., Tiffin, Oh.	Tiffin F.W.B.
Rev. William W. Combs	561 N. Washington St., Tiffin, Oh.	Tiffin F.W.B.

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference on the 8th day of July, 1989.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

All of the conferences reported with the exception of Hamilton County and Rev. Ronnie Kendrick made a motion for the clerk to insert the Hamilton County letter in the minutes if he received it and to issue them good standing cards. Motion carried by usual voting. All other letters were received as read by vote of conference. Being no further business a motion was made to adjourn until 1990 unless called together by proper authorities.

Special Songs were by Sister Peggy Maynard, Sister Shelia Rose, Brother Giles Wilson and Dollie Adkins.

Brother Donnie Williamson came forward and read from 2nd Cor. 5:17, using for a subject "Then Jesus Passed By". Brought a real good message. The congregation sang and had a handshake and was dismissed by Brother Russell Whittaker.

Moderator
 Frederick Taylor
 160 E. Mt. Zion Road
 Independence, Ky. 41051

Ordaining Council
 Brother Don Howard
 Brother Robert Matney
 Brother Clay Couch

Clerk
 Sister Lena Couch
 R.R. 2, Box 67
 Versailles, Indiana 41051

Executive Committee
 Rev. Frederick Taylor
 Rev. Robert Matney
 Rev. Harold Robinson

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Mt. Tabor, Ohio on August 12th, 1989, at Bro Matney Church.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Don Howard	P.O. Box 11168, Cincinnati, Oh. 45211	Fowler Creek
Rev. Frederick Taylor	160 E. Mt. Zion Road, Independence, Ky. 41051	Fowler Creek
Rev. A. C. Ball, Sr.	4155 Witley St., Cincinnati, Oh. 45223	Calvary
Rev. James Upchurch	3411 Graff Street, Covington, Ky. 41015	Calvary
Rev. Gordon Calhoun	West 68th Street, Cincinnati, Oh. 45216	

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences 6

Conference	Ministers		Churches	Membership
	Ordained	Licensed		
Dickenson County		140	39	2237
Letcher County	5	63	21	1787
Pike County	8	77	19	1787
Mid-Ohio	1	10	3	124
New Durm	2	23	10	472
Hamilton County				

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Yearly Meeting of the John-Thomas Association will be held in the Quarterly Conference as listed below, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m. as year listed:

Letcher	1990
Mid-Ohio	1991
New Durm	1992
Dickenson	1943
Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson	1999

OBITUARIES

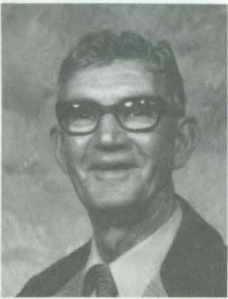


Johnny Coleman, Jr.

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Johnny Coleman Jr. Born March 7, 1935 at Ransom, Ky., a son of the late John and Mazie (Akers) Coleman. He went home to be with Jesus January 31, 1989. He leaves behind a family to mourn his loss. A wife of thirty-two years, three sons, three daughters, three grandchildren, four sisters and a host of friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. I know our loss is heaven's gain by the testimony he left behind.

Johnny was a wonderful husband, a good daddy, and a good paw, but most of all a good Christian. He was a faithful member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist until he was hospitalized with cancer. Although cancer was destroying his body, that didn't stop him from praising God, testifying, witnessing and telling everyone he came in contact with about Jesus. His faith got stronger as he talked about the home that was waiting for him, praising God for saving him, and for giving him that good Holy Spirit he could feel down inside. Witnessing that Jesus would save all that would come to him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. And live for Jesus in this life and we all could go home when this life is over. This was his heart's desire to see his family and friends saved. He was humble and waited patiently and was listening for his name. Jesus called and he answered.

—Written by his wife, Anna Coleman



Dewey Reynolds

In loving memory of my dear father Dewey Reynolds who went to live in Heaven, October 29, 1988. Dad had a great longing to go to his heavenly home after the death of his dear wife and my mother on November 7, 1985.

He was born February 13, 1902. He was a son of Billy and Betty Reynolds, born in Pike County at Zebulon, Ky. He was a faithful member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church, he loved his sisters and brothers and felt free to worship God and praise His good name. Dad was a shouting Christian and it took up time to go over the church hugging and shaking hands, but he was always made free to praise God the way he enjoyed. Dad praised God many years and in all his pain and in death.

Dad was a retired miner, member of local union #5737. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Tommy (Flo) Hensley and grandson Connie David Canada. He raised five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Virginia Reynolds, daughter Helen Meadows and son Billy Reynolds, three brothers and four sisters.

Dad was a wonderful father, we shared our love for each other. I love you dad and know someday we can meet where all our troubles and trials will be over. The greater love God has for us all and made a way we could live again if we do as He has told us. I know that our loss is Heaven's gain; with much sadness I write this. I loved you so much.

—Written by your daughter, Floe Hensley



Jim and Mattie Justice

This is in memory of our beloved brother, Jim A. Justice and Sister Mary Mattie (Stephens) Justice. They were united in marriage, February 16, 1921. To this union was born four children, William, James Albert, and Emil Justice and Zell Harrington, all of Owsley, Ky. They are also survived by eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Jim was a retired coal miner. He died at the age of 72 on April 3, 1966. Sister Mattie died May 29, 1988 at the age of 83.

They were both members of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church since its establishment. We count it a privilege to have been a part of their lives.



Twyman Francis

It is with a sad heart and loving memories, that I try to write this Obituary of my father-in-law, Twyman Francis.

He was born on lower Johns Creek March 31, 1915, to Lewis and Rosa (Pinson) Francis. He departed this life on November 3, 1988. He was 73 years old.

He was first married to Elzie (Williamson) Francis who departed this life May 11, 1973. From this union they had seven children, Little Harold (died in infancy), Rosa Thorton, Glenna Nineman, both of Chicago, Darrell Francis of Varney Ky., Bonnie Sue Hinkle of Goldsboro, N.C., Linnie Francis of Goody Ky. and Lewis T. Francis of

Mesa Arizona. They also adopted a Grandson, Chris Francis.

He is also survived by his second wife Helen (Baldwin) Francis, four step-children, Charles Baldwin, Beth Farley, Cindy Gollihue and Chris Saylers, and 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church. He was a very caring and humble person and loved by many.

We shall miss you more than words can say. Surely our loss is Heaven's gain. We have a hope in Christ to meet again someday. We love you Twyman.

—Written by his daughter-in-law, Polly Francis



Fid Chapman

Fid Chapman, 74, of Huddy, Kentucky, died Wednesday, May 10, 1989 following a lingering illness. He was born March 23, 1915 at Canada, a son of the late Cleve and Cora (West) Chapman. He was also preceded in death by his wife Anna (Curry) Chapman; a son, Jonah Lee Chapman; four sisters and one brother. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Pat) Lowe of Huddy, two sons, Ray of Pinsonfork, and Kenneth of Huddy, one brother, Cleve (Dude) Chapman of Huddy, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was a faithful member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. He will be

sadly missed by the church and all who know him. Our loss is heaven's gain.

—Written by daughter, Pat Lowe



Monnie Lou Cook

In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Monnie Lou Cook, age 82 of Rowe, Virginia, who left us to be with Jesus, Tuesday, August 1, 1989. She was truly a very precious part of our lives, and her memory is now a very precious part of our hearts.

She loved to attend church to give praise and thanks to the Lord and to meet friends and loved ones. But to her, all were family. She loved everyone. She had been a member of Drill's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Drill, Virginia for 42 years. She considered the members and all those who attended her second family.

Our mother added laughter and sunshine to our lives. It's extremely difficult for us to say good-bye to you, mommy, but when we meet you in heaven we'll never again have to say good-bye. The night mother became ill, she managed to tell us through all her sickness and suffering this:

"Children, don't worry about me. I'm ready to go."

We are so thankful to know that she is no longer in pain, nor is she suffering, but is at peace and rest; rejoicing with Jesus in her heavenly home. We are grateful and wish to thank everyone who helped in any way during mommy's sickness and through her death. We pray to keep the faith and have but one goal: to meet mommy in heaven someday.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

—Written by her loving daughters and granddaughter



Rev. Garland Varney

In loving memory of my Husband and our Dad, Rev. Garland Varney, who departed this life to be with the Lord, December 6, 1988. Living here on earth 74 years and 13 days.

He was born November 23, 1914; He was born in the Lord for 42 years. He also was a Freewill Baptist Minister for 38 years. He is survived by his wife, Vesta C. Varney, and 9 children living, 1 deceased. David G. Varney, Melvin C. Varney, Freddie C. Varney, Darrell R. Varney, Imogene Stump, Illene Roop, Barbara A. Slone, Vada F. Stiltner, Emma L. Lamaster, and Birdie Varney.

He was a son of John Varney and Emma Hess Varney. He has 24 Grandchildren and 16 Great-Grandchildren. He was a member of the UMWA for 37 years. A precious one from us is gone. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. We watched him suffer day after day. It caused us bitter grief, to see him slowly slip away and we could not give him any relief. God knows how much we miss our Dad and Husband. His memory shall never fade. Our hearts are aching, but we hope to see him on that bright and shining shore standing beside our Lord.

—In loving memory, his wife and children



Gertrude Scott

Sister Gertrude Scott was born in Pike County Kentucky in 1904. She was the daughter of the late Kennie and Jenny Ball Runyon.

She passed away February 1989 at Kirksville, Ohio.

She was married to Albert Scott who preceded her in death. She is survived by four daughters; Lillian Riggs, Edith Goins, Ann France and Jennie Smith, a brother Kennie Runyon and a sister Phronise McCoy.

Sister Gertrude taught Sunday School for many years at the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church. She taught us of the love of God while we were children. She had always

been an inspiration to me, she lived the life of a dedicated Christian.

They moved to Florida and lived several years then in later years after moving back to this area she attended the Belfry Freewill Baptist church until she became ill and confined to the bed. We had service at her home many times while she was sick and all the time she was still praising the Lord and made plans to go home.

Sister Gertrude is sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

—Written by Sister, Kathy Ball



Lacie M. Francis

Lacie M. Francis, of Turkey Creek, Ky., 68 years old, passed away July 14, 1989 after a lingering illness.

He was born January 30, 1921 in Pike County, a son of the late Troy and Elon Williamson Francis. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian M. Francis, a brother Donald and a sister Mary T. Caines. He is survived by one brother Richard Francis and several nieces and nephews.

Lacie was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church and visited many other churches. He was well known as a gospel singer. He was active in affairs of

Williamson No. 17 Ernest Taylor Chapter of the D.A.V., a Kentucky Colonel and served in the U.S. Army during World War Two.

Lacie is sadly missed in the community, by many friends and neighbors.

—Written by a Friend, Lorene Williamson.



Sid Smith

It is with sad and aching hearts we write in loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Sid Smith, who passed this life to be with the Lord on March 8, 1989.

He brightened the lives of his wife of 50 years, Lynchia Stanley Smith, and his three children, Jimmy V. Smith, Mary Jane Williamson, and Douglas Kenneth Smith, while here on earth, and in our hearts we know he is living in a better place in God's Kingdom.

Born August 7, 1917, he was 71 years, 7 months, and 1 day old at his death. He was preceded in death by his parents Jeff and Jane Smith.

In addition to his wife and children he is survived by a brother, Johnny Smith,

seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church where he was loved by all.

"So happy and joyful our loved one must be as he strolls over Heaven with Jesus through Eternity."

—Written by Wife and children



Oma Charles

Oma Charles, born September 6, 1923, passed away May 24, 1989, at the age of sixty-five years, eight months and eighteen days. She was born in Pike County, the daughter of Margie Robinette Pinson and the late Emzy B. Pinson.

She was married on May 25, 1940 to Greenville Anthony Charles. Oma was a faithful member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for thirty-eight years, being baptised on July 21, 1950. Oma was a devoted wife, dedicated and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Left to mourn her loss is her husband, Anthony Charles of Raccoon, Kentucky. Four sons: Robert, Argyle and Arvil all of Raccoon Kentucky, and Jack Charles of Millard, Kentucky. Three daughters: Linda Bevins and Margaret Smith of Raccoon, Kentucky, and Carol Sue Cox of Pikesville, Kentucky. One sister: Necie Tibbs of Johns Creek and one brother: Glenn Pinson of Johns Creek. Fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter Mertie Jane in 1941 and one great grandson, Robert Franklin in 1985.

Only our Heavenly Father knows how much Oma suffered. But she kept the faith and witnessed to her visitors, the nurses and doctors and to our family, about God's love and the plan of salvation. Her greatest desire is to meet all her children and family in Heaven someday.

I believe the poem below represents my wife's views on life and her hope for a heavenly home for us all.

I HAVE A PLACE IN HEAVEN
Please don't sing sad songs for me.
Forget your grief and fears.
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger,
And hurt and want and pride
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
That anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness,
And sweet rejoicing too.
To walk with God is perfect peace.
A joy forever new.

—Written by her husband, Anthony Charles & Family



Rev. Vester M. McKinney

Rev. Vester M. McKinney, age 87, died in Heritage Hall Health Care Center in Tazewell, Virginia, Tuesday, March 21, 1989.

He was a former employee of W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, a retired coal miner, a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church for 45 years, and a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lura Ramsey McKinney; five sons, Waitzel McKinney, Nora, Virginia, Vester McKinney, Jr., Jason McKinney, Cicero McKinney, and Paul McKinney, all of Clinchco, Virginia; one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Alice) Belcher, Kingsport, Tennessee; four

sisters, Mamie Ingam Carswell, Lenoir, North Carolina; Mrs. Zelzah (Minnie) McCurry, Newland, North Carolina; Mrs. W. R. (Ressie) Taylor, Charlotte, North Carolina and Mrs. A. C. (Nell) Owens, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; one half-sister, Roddie Poore, Hickory, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Homer Anderson

In memory of our beloved Dad Homer Anderson, South Williamson, Ky., who passed from this life on July 9, 1989 to rest in Christ. He was born in Pike County October 8, 1912. He was the son of the late Roland and Dixie Webb Anderson. He had three sisters and three brothers. He was married to Erie Hurley, who survives. They were married for fifty two years and have one daughter, Charlene Adair of Slaters Branch Ky., three sons, Donald Ray Anderson of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Homer Anderson, Jr. and Homer Wilson Anderson both of Columbus, Ohio. He had twelve grandchildren and six

great-grandchildren. Homer was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church, a member of Stone Masonic Lodge #890. He was a Kentucky Colonel and a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Company.

He was a dear Dad; we have so many precious memories. Dad, your smiling face and love will always linger in my heart and we will all meet you in heaven someday. May you rest in peace, daddy.

—Wife Erie Anderson, your daughter, sons and family



Beverly Varney

I count it a privilege to be able to write this obituary for Beverly Varney, a dear and precious friend whom I miss very much. Bev went to be with the Lord on January 19, 1989. As the car spun out of control on the icy road and slammed head on with the truck, the angels were there to carry Bev's soul into the presence of Jesus. She had a testimony that she loved Jesus. She was active in various church activities and loved to sing.

Bev left many friends and loved ones. Each life she touched has a special remembrance. I want to see Bev again and I want to stroll over Heaven with her and the

many others that have gone before. We miss her so much at the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

Born August 6, 1947, she was the daughter of Clarence and Clara Arms of Wellston Ohio. Her husband Jerry Varney, one daughter Wendy Thacker, son: Jody Thacker and step daughter Tara Varney also survive. Also one granddaughter, Falon Nicole Thacker, plus brothers and sisters.

It is so hard to lose a loved one, but I thank God that He let me know Bev and we shared so many good times. We laughed together, we cried together, but that's the way it should be with friends. I still remember her smile and I still can hear her singing. I didn't realize how much I loved her until she was gone, but we'll share those good times again and the next time it'll be for eternity.

—Written by one of her many friends, Christine Daniels

Mary Charles Brown



Mary Charles Brown passed away on July 7, 1989, at 91. She was born April 9, 1898 and was the daughter of the late Greenville and Nancy Charles. She was a life long resident of Racoon, a homemaker and a charter member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. She was the youngest sister of two other charter members of the same church, the late Anna C. Thompson and the late Ibby C. Coleman. She was the wife of the late Charlie Brown, who died in 1938.

One son, Joel C. Brown and one daughter, Lucille "Easter" Brown, preceded her in death.

She is survived by four sons: Charlie, Robert, Burton and Bruce; three daughters: Christine Goff, Lanita Hobbs and Magaline Brown; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on July 9, by friends of the family. She was the last immediate member of one of Pike County's oldest families.

"The lovelier distance is ahead..."

Bessie Bridgeman Hackney



This is one of the hardest things I will ever have to do. No one will ever know how much I miss my mother. She was born on August 6, 1902, and called away on April 10, 1987, making her stay on this earth 85 years, 4 months and 4 days. She was the daughter of the late W. F. Bridgeman and Mary Anderson Bridgeman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shock Hackney. They had one daughter, Joyce Hackney Blackburn, who survives, along with her son-in-law, Lawson Blackburn, and her grandson, Barry Lawson Blackburn, and one niece, Minnie Varney, who was raised as a sister.

Mother became a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church in 1949. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. For several years, she had church at her home on Mother's Day which saw several people added to the church.

Mother was a good cook and always loved to see people come and eat with her. She was a kind person. She always made everyone feel right at home when they came to visit. She loved her family very much, but most of all she loved the Lord.

Mother had had a vision, which she wrote down herself. She requested that it be read at her funeral, and I feel sure she would want me to share it with you now.

"This is my vision. I want it to be read at my funeral at the Freewill Baptist Church

house. I was sick in bed and was in awful pain one night. Someone said the Lord is coming to see you, and the Lord walked in the house at the front of my bed. He said you will be all right. You can eat anything and swallow it and it won't hurt you. I asked him if I had done anything wrong. He said you have no sin against you. A girl came before me with her hair rolled up, and I helped her take it down. It was the prettiest hair I ever seen. It was white as snow and come to her waist. He said I see no sin there that is just your pride. You just go on doing what ever your heart desires. You have done no wrong, and you have no sin against you, and He just walked back out the end of the house. I was raised up in the bed looking for Him. I didn't have no pain at all. It was light. I thought it was getting daylight. I laid down and closed my eyes. I said Lord is this real or am I dreaming. I opened my eyes and it wasn't getting daylight, and I began to rejoice. I said I knew it was real. I know I have no sin against me, and I am ready to go when he calls me. What a happy day that will be. I hope my family will follow my footsteps and we will all be together in that home on high. May God Bless you all."

—Written with much sadness in my
heart, Joyce H. Blackburn

