

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

70th SESSION

Held With
EAST LEBANON
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Lebanon, VA

September 11-12, 1992

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1991-1992

Amount received in letters in 1992	
Dickenson County	\$1,700.00
Letcher County	468.75
Letcher County for engraving	32.50
Pike County	1,000.00
Pike County for engraving	103.25
New Durm	350.00
New Durm for engraving	21.00
Hamilton County	102.50
Hamilton County for engraving	7.00
Total received in letters	<u>\$3,785.00</u>
Amount in Treasury 1991	<u>4,589.46</u>
Amount in treasury 1992	\$8,374.46
Expenses for the year 1992	
Clerk's fee	\$ 100.00
Minutes, printing and shipping	<u>\$2,801.50</u>
Total paid out	\$2,901.50
Balance in treasury 1992	\$5,472.96

The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday which will be September 10 and 11, 1993 at 11:00 A.M.

Directions to Camp Jacob are as follows: coming from Jenkins, Ky. take U.S. 23 through Pound Gap to the bottom of the hill; turn left on Route 630 and follow the route to Camp Jacob.

Coming from Clintwood, Va., take Route 83 toward Pound, Va.; turn right at Icekimo on Route 624; turn left at Little Zion Church and follow the road to Camp Jacob.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1992

Dickenson County	1190
Oval Hillman, Route 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Letcher County	375
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Pike County	675
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney, HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
New Durm	280
Troy Harris, Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Phone (703) 859-2912	
Hamilton County	30
Lena Couch, 5666 S. County Rd., 400 W., Versailles, Ind. 41042	
Total Minutes	<u>2,550</u>

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Roy Vanover	Manie W. Strouth	Oscar Neece
Ed Slempp	Esley Ratliff	Howard Reynolds
Remire Mullins	Delmon D. Moore	Danny Sluss
Vester McKinney Jr.	Lester Robinson	Billy Darrel Willis
Robbie Hay	Franklin Hall	Luke Wright
Lester C. Mullins	James A. Moore	Allen Gene Conley
Gary Hill	Ralph L. Rasnick	Terry Price

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

John C. DePriest	Homer Lee Mullins	Clyde Damron
Herman Bates, Jr.	John H. Coleman, Jr.	Julian H. Gibson
Richard Gibson		

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Robert Varney	Bennie F. Slone
Homer Lee Adkins	Velon Burgess	Roger Blackburn
Edward Lee Adkins	Kenneth Lowe	

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Larry Robinson	Harry P. Whitaker	Clyde A. Stanford
Avery C. Barton	Troy Harris	Kenneth Sproles
Glen Peck		

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Harold D. Robinson	Robert L. Matney	Danny Cross
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DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Bruce Willis	Thomas J. Wright	Franklin D. Stanley
Larry Bise	Raymond McCarty	Eckles Mullins
George C. Long	Eare R. Rose	Elmer Williams
Sam Anderson	Robert Taylor	Roger Vance
Roy Brown	Kenneth Branham	Albert Large
Oval Hillman	Otis Vanover	Tollie Robinson
Charles Sutherland	Wilburn C. Barton	Kermit Wallace
Zane Counts	William Mack Fink	Roger Stanley
Jack Mullins		

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

William Maynard	Ted Lockard
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NEW DURM DEACONS

Brady Farmer	Noah Reynolds	Virgil Hess
Estel Ray	Ronald Johnson	Everett Rasnake, Jr
Darnell Keith, Jr.	Cannie Browning	

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Milford Craft
Kernie Stewart

Norman Preston
James H. Whitaker

William E. Gibson

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Adeline Phillips
Elsie Thompson
M. Louise Palmer
Elmer Ray Puckett
Patty Mullins
Rachel Williams
Seibert Hillman
John C. Turner
Reable Salyer
Marlene Wright
Julia Powers

Jackie Rasnick
Shelia Taylor
George B. Mullins
Ruby C. Puckett
Iretta Salyers
Clinton Lambert
Norma Large
Ida Branham
Pearl Fogleman
Lawrence Smith

Dixie Anderson
Hive W. Palmer
Doris J. Mullins
Lloyd Hillman
Marie McCarty
Inis Counts
Lucy Branham
Frank G. Phillips
Norma Fogleman
Danny Powers

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Ballard Smith
Amy Overstreet
Douglas Bevins
Dolly C. Adkins
Bobbie Slone

Donnie Robinson
Olvie Lee Adkins
Judy Bevins
Mildred Varney
Vernice Overstreet

Stephanie Weddington
John H. Justice
Barbara Blackburn
Gaye Kendrick
Eddie Overstreet

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Vernon Childers
Wendell Wade Hawkins
Cheryl McCarty

Sarah Trimble
Lovella Swiney
Russell Whitaker

Mona Whitaker
Baszella Childers

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Phyliss Bordwine
Joe Ray
Deborah Barton
Darlene Ratliff
Marie Ray
Lucille Whitaker
Helen Harris

Mattie Hess
Velva Meadows
Steven Sproles
Marcella Rasnake
Mary Whited
Wanda Osborne
Ada Farmer

Peggy Dye
Robin Dye
James Ray
Janice Ball
Sandra Robinson
Gay Hess

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Levi Stewart
Mamie Bostic

Mavis Cross
Bernice Matney

Hazel Stewart
Janice Robinson

VISITING FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENVILLE, TN.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webb

VISITING FROM MARYLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Bender
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brady

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. John DePriest
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
Clerk	Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
	HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555, Phone (606) 353-7704
Treasurer	Bro. Oval Hillman
	Rt 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228, Phone (703) 835-8395

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: Raymond McCarty, Earet Rose, Luke Wright, Donald Elkins, and Larry Bise.

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft, Fred Young and Jerry Dixon.

PIKE COUNTY: Robert Varney, Roby (Buddy) Kendrick and Benny F. Slone.

NEW DURM: Brady Farmer (Chr.), Elbert Rasnake, Troy Harris, Ronnie Johnson and Kenneth Sproles.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Robert Matney, Clay Couch and Harold Robinson.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 70th session with the New Durm Conference at the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church at Lebanon, Virginia on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 11-12, 1992.

Reverend Larry Robinson, the pastor of the church, took charge of devotions. He gave all visitors a warm welcome to the John Thomas Association. He also led the congregation in prayer. Scripture was read from Psalm 84.

Brother Harry Whitaker led in prayer after many hands went up for special prayer. Congregation sang "Hand in Hand with Jesus." Special songs were sung by Brother Earet Rose, Esley Ratliff, and Sister Dolly Adkins.

Brother Larry Robinson came forward to preach the introductory sermon using for a text, Col. 1:23 Verse "Hope." He brought a good message to the Christians. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and shook hands. Dismissed by Brother Gene Miller and Blessing over the food until 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

We met back with Congregation singing "The Blood That Stained the Old Rugged Cross." Opened session by reading 1st John Ch. 3 vs. 1-11. Prayer by Brother Roy Vanover.

A motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother Roy Vanover to nominate Brother John DePriest as moderator. Brother Gary Hill made a motion to cease the nominations. The motion was seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson. With no further nominations, Brother DePriest was elected by vote of acclamation. A motion was made by the clerk, Brother Bobby Varney, and seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson to give the Moderator authority to appoint all necessary committees. Motion carried. Brother Homer Lee Mullins was appointed to serve as assistant moderator. Brother Brady Farmer made a motion, which was seconded by Brother Bennie Slone to retain Brother Bobby Varney as clerk. Motion was carried. Brother Bobby Varney made a motion to retain as treasurer, Brother Oval Hillman. Motion was seconded by Brother Roy Vanover and carried.

Audit Committee
Brother Lloyd Hillman
Brother Bill Gibson
Brother Bennie Slone

Pulpit Committee
Brother Brady Farmer
Brother Earet Rose
Brother William Maynard

Brother Eugene Webb from Children's Home in Greenville, Tn. came forward to report that presently they have 42 children in their care. Three to five houses are full. They are in need of appliances and furniture. A motion was made by Roy Vanover to receive an offering for the Children's Home. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother Clyde Damron to accept minutes as printed. Pulpit Committee reported Brother Terry Price will preach at the afternoon service and Brother Varney to preach at the evening service.

The Audit Committee reported the treasurer's books to be in order. Report was given by Brother Bennie Slone and accepted by move of the yearly meeting. A motion of adjournment was made by Brother Brady Farmer and seconded by Brother Lloyd Hillman.

Brother Terry Price came forward to preach using for a subject, "I'm in a straight."

The love offering for the Children's Home was \$393.75. Dismissal was by Brother Norman Preston until Saturday morning at 9:30 AM.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Larry Robertson was in charge of the evening service in the absence of our Moderator and Assistant Moderator. He read from the book of Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 1-25. He asked Rev. Harley Dye to lead in prayer.

The congregation sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" and "I'll be Satisfied." Then we had some special singing by Rev. Buddy Kendrick, "Too Many Miles Behind Me"; Rev. Clyde Stanford and his wife, "Crowning of the King"; Sister Sandy Robertson, "Faraway is a Land" and "Nothing Good That I've Done." They all did a beautiful job.

Brother Larry Robinson led us to the Lord in prayer and called for Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney to come and bring the message. He read from the book of St. John, Chapter 7, Verses 37-46 and brought a wonderful message using the text "Never a Man Spake Like This Man." An invitation was given and the congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." Then Rev. Clyde Stanford gave a testimony, also, Brother Gilbert Bender and Bro. James Brady who was visiting from Maryland gave a testimony.

We had a wonderful service and were dismissed by Brother Edward Dye.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Moderator read from Psalm 100 to open Yearly Meeting for business. Prayer by Brother Lester Robinson. Congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Moderator called for letters from the various conferences. The clerk read the letters and they were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with Camp Jacob at Clintwood, Virginia, in Dickenson County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1992.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference while convened with Camp Jacob Freewill Baptist Camp on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Franklin Hall

Assistant Moderator

Oscar Neece

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman

Oval Hillman

Ordaining Council

Roy Vanover — Chairman

Terry Price

Franklin Hall

Executive Committee

Raymond McCarty

Earet Rose

Luke Wright

Donald Elkins

Larry Bise

Treasurers

Quarterly Meeting — Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund — Donald Elkins

Children's Home — Beverly Wallace

Conference voted to buy 1190 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes is \$1,700.00.

Statistics

Churches 38

Church Membership 2260

Sunday Schools 33

Sunday School Members 1600

Ladies' Auxiliaries 10

Balance from July 1991 to July 1992

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2,177.65

Emergency Fund 5,859.60

Orphan Home 3,910.00

Done by order of Dickenson County Conference:

MODERATOR: Franklin Hall

CLERKS: Lloyd Hillman and Oval Hillman

The John Thomas yearly meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1993, at 11:00 A.M., which will be September 10 and 11.

Directions to Camp Jacob:

From Jenkins, Ky. — Take U.S. 23 through Pound Gap to the bottom of hill to Route 630, turn left and follow 630 to Camp Jacob.

From Clintwood, Va. — Take Route 83 toward Pound, Va., turn right at Icekimo on Route 624, turn left at Little Zion Church and follow road to Camp.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Conference met with Cloverlick Freewill Baptist Church on August 22-23, 1992, near Cumberland, Harlan County, Kentucky. Marvis Dixon is the pastor of this church.

In the absence of conference clerk Homer B. Johnson, William E. Gibson attempted to fill in as clerk. He welcomed the congregation and read Psalm 28 for the scripture reading. Testimonies and request for prayer were received. Brother Herman Bates Jr. then led in prayer.

Brother Gary Hamilton sang "Lily of the Valley" and Brother Fred Young sang "Oh What a Wonderful Saviour is He."

The pastor of the Cloverlick Church, Marvis Dixon was elected moderator. Brother Homer Lee Mullins moved to give the moderator power to appoint all committees and this was seconded by Brother Clyde Dameron. Committees appointed and/or with standing members:

Pulpit Committee

Jack Whitaker
Rufus William
Eldred Hayes

Executive Committee

Milford Craft
Fred Young
Jerry Dixon

Ordination Committee

Sonny Miracle
Homer Lee Mullins
Clyde Dameron

There were no visiting ministers from other conferences and no visiting deacons from other conferences. The moderator asked that the minutes of the previous conference be read. William E. Gibson, acting clerk, could not locate the minutes so they were not available to be read at this time.

The moderator appointed Brother Ernest McCown for the temperance talk and Brother Don McKnight for the Sunday School talk. Both talks were well received. Brother Clyde Dameron made a motion to receive the talks and it was seconded by Brother Eldred Hayes.

The pulpit committee reported that the eleven (11) o'clock message would be brought by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and the afternoon message by Brother Clyde Dameron.

The moderator asked for delegates to visit other conferences. Brother Milford Craft and Brother Herman Bates Jr. volunteered to visit the Dickenson County Conference. Brother Clyde Dameron moved for a motion to adjourn until the afternoon service and it was seconded by Brother Eldred Hayes.

Brother Herman Bates Jr. led the congregation in the singing of the hymn "Victory in Jesus," and a conference offering was taken up during the singing of this hymn.

Prior to Brother Homer Lee Mullins bringing the morning message, Sister Reba Hall sang "No More Heartaches and No More Cares." Sister Georgia Stallard sang "Old Ship of Zion." Sister Lu Ella Swinney sang "Take My Hand Precious Lord." Brother Gary Hamilton sang a hymn. Brother Homer Lee Mullins' message followed and captured the attention of the congregation after which brother Herman Bates led the congregation in the invitation hymnal "Just As I Am." Brother Clyde Dameron dismissed the congregation and asked a blessing for the food.

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Brother Marvis Dixon then called for the ordination committee and Brother Billy R. Miller Sr. and Brother Timmy Dean Hopkins were ordained. Brother Sonny Miracle gave the ordination prayer, Brother John C. DePriest made the Bible presentation and Brother Homer Lee Mullins gave the charge.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been located during the lunch break were read by William E. Gibson. Brother John C. DePriest moved for a motion to accept the minutes as read and this motion was seconded by Brother Clyde Dameron. The church letters were read with the exception of the Happy Church. A motion to receive the letters was made by Brother Eldred Hayes and seconded by Brother Jack Whitaker.

Brother Clyde Dameron requested that the conference send a committee to form a new church. Brother Homer Lee Mullins spoke on the twentieth (20th) Article of Faith, which will be brought up at the John Thomas Yearly Meeting at the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church at Lebanon, Virginia on September 11-12, 1992.

The executive committee reported that the next conference would be with the Haymond Freewill Baptist Church. There was a discussion about the financial condition of the conference and the cost of the minutes of the John Thomas Yearly Meeting. Brother Herman Bates Jr. made a motion that each church pay fifty (50) cents per member each quarter. This would amount to two dollars (\$2.00) per year per member, where they had previously paid twenty-five (25) cents per member or one dollar (\$1.00) per year per member. The motion was seconded by Brother Clyde Dameron and the motion carried.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion that the conference adjourn and the motion was seconded by Brother Clyde Dameron.

Brother Clyde Dameron asked that Brother Tim Hopkins be allowed to preach the evening message in his place. This agreed to.

Moderator: Brother Marvis Dixon

Asst. Moderator: Brother Herman Bates Jr.

Clerk Protem: Brother William E. Gibson

Fourth Quarterly Statement Funds and Expenses

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$436.25
Foreign Mission	20.75
Home Missions	145.75
Children's Home	98.25
Youth Center	8.25
Nickels	75.00
Total	<u>\$784.25</u>
Received:	
Checks	\$762.25
Cash	22.00
Total	<u>\$784.25</u>
Expense:	
Home Mission	\$200.00
Clerk	15.00
Total	<u>\$215.00</u>

Fourth Quarterly Statistics August 21-22, 1992

Churches.....21	Auxiliaries.....14
Membership.....1586	Members.....189
Sunday Schools.....21	Youth League (reporting).....5
Membership.....1098	Members.....68
Ministers.....71	Licensee.....1
Deacons.....74	Literature.....\$2,352.58

Homer B. Johnson — Clerk

Please send 375 minutes. Enclosed \$468.75

Delegates
Cloverlick Church
August 22, 1992

Sarah Mullins – Energyville
Oma McCown – Energyville
Georgia Mullins – Energyville
Willie (Jr.) Baldrige – Alleghany
Wilma Jones – Haymond
Russell Whitaker – Payne Gap
Mona Whitaker – Payne Gap
Kernie Stewart – Burdine
Truman Conley – Burdine
Alice Hall – Seco
Bill Hall – Seco
Rufus Williams – Cloverlick
Gary Hamilton – Bethel
Margaret S. Ratliff – Poorbottom
Alma M. Dixon – Cloverlick
Georgia Stallard
Betty Moore – Bethel
Naomi Hall – Bethel
Wendell Hawkins – Hylton
Mydra Hylton – Hylton
Louella Swiney – Hylton
Sonny Miracle – Bethel

Elizabeth Marrs – Energyville
Margie Little – Energyville
Madeline Baldrige – Alleghany
Nell Collins – Alleghany
Reba Hall – Haymond
Mary Ann Young – Payne Gap
Sarah Irinkle – Payne Gap
Eldred Hayes – Burdine
Lavon Conley – Burdine
Leanaza Mullins – Pine Chapel
Pearl Mann
Kathy Dixon – Cloverlick
Tommy Hopkins – Bethel
Jerry W. Dixon – Cloverlick
Robert Lee Hampton – Bethel
Ralph Moore – Bethel
Emma Hopkins – Bethel
Joseph Hopkins – Bethel
Vernon Childers – Hylton
Lena Mae Cantrell – Hylton
Joe K. Basham – Bethel
William E. Gibson – Burdine

44 Delegates

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church at Lebanon, VA on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1992.

Greetings,

We, the New Durham Conference, while convened with the Drill Chapel Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Larry Robinson (3 mo)

Assistant Moderator

Roy Lee Wilson (3 mo)

Clerk

Troy Harris
Rt. 1 Box 157
Vansant, VA 24656
(703) 859-2912

Executive Committee

Brady Farmer (Chr.)
Elbert Rasnake
Troy Harris
Ronnie Johnson
Kenneth Sproles

Ordaining Council

Larry Robinson
Edward Dye
Giles Wilson

Treasurer

Brady Farmer
 Star Rt., Box 143
 Rowe, VA 24646

Church Statistics

Churches 10
 Church Membership 416
 Ministers 20
 Licentate 4
 Sunday Schools 9
 Sunday School Membership 413

Balance from August 1991 to 1992

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2,348.37

Emergency Fund \$1,964.18

Conference voted to buy 280 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes \$350.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries \$21.00

Done by order of New Durham Conference

Moderator: Larry Robinson

Assistant Moderator: Roy Lee Wilson

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

List of Delegates

Russell Sykes
 DeShannon Barton
 Harley Nuckles
 Phyllis Boardwine
 Shirley Thompson
 Deborah Barton
 Delmer Breedlove
 Lucille Arwood
 Mildred Sykes
 Ruby Mitchell
 Evelyn Breedlove
 Gay Hess

Phyllis Miller
 Mattie Hess
 Mattie Dye
 Virginia Ball
 Lorane McGlothlin
 Darlene Ratliff
 Billy Dye
 Garcie Harris
 Ada Farmer
 Lois Nuckles
 Raye Harris
 Marcella Rasnake

Louie McGlothlin
 Velva Meadows
 Rita Rasnake
 Wanda Mitchell
 Helen Harris
 Bev Reynolds
 Sandy Robinson
 Crystal Robinson
 Vanessa Robinson
 James Ray
 Marie Ray
 Joyce Miller

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings,

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church at Lebanon, Va. in the New Durm Conference, on Sept. 11 and 12, 1992.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky. on August 22, 1992 for our quarterly meeting.

Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator

Rev. Emery Varney

Assistant Moderator

Robert Smith

Business Committee

Rev. Larry Hubbard

Rev. Lonnie Francis

Rev. Ballard Yates

Business Committee

Rev. Bennie Slone

Rev. Donnie Williamson

Rev. Ronald Coleman

Treasurer

Rev. Velon Burgess

Statistics

Churches 19

Church Membership 1,827

Ministers 75

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman

Rev. Homer Adkins

Rev. Edward Lee Adkins

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Bennie F. Slon

Pulpit Committee

Bro. Ted Lockhart

Bro. Walter McCoy

Bro. Cleophas Varney

Clerk

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Sunday Schools 16

Sunday School Membership . . . 853

Ladies Auxiliaries 6

Auxiliary Membership 105

Mid-Week service attendance . . 386

Treasurer's Report

Amount on Hand June 1992 \$3,165.69

RECEIVED — August 1991 to June 1992 \$3,401.39

EXPENSES — August 1991 to June 1992 \$2,998.96

Balance on Hand June 1992 \$3,568.12

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Name	Church
Eddie Overstreet	Owsley
Vernice Overstreet	Owsley
William Maynard	Owsley
Peggy Maynard	Owsley
Doug Bevins	Owsley
Judy Bevins	Owsley
Bobbie Slone	Owsley
Amy Overstreet	Owsley
Stephanie Wedding	Owsley
Darrell Wellman	Leckiville
Vina Varney	Bluespring
Barbara Varney	Bluespring
Anna Bogar	Bluespring
Jim Lockard	Bluespring
Tonya Hubbard	Bluespring
Mildred Varney	Belfry
John R. Justice	Owsley

Name	Church
Ballard Smith	Belfry
Brenda Smith	Belfry
Ted Lockhart	Belfry
Dolly C. Adkins	Stonecoal
Donnie Robinson	Stonecoal
Reffer Justice	Stonecoal
Michael Reprogel	Bluespring
Susie Reprogel	Bluespring
Cleophas Varney	Bluespring
Melda Smith	Bluespring
Roger Bogar	Bluespring
Anna Varney	Bluespring
Wanda Lockard	Bluespring
Ruby Hubbard	Bluespring
Gaye Kendrick	Belfry
Barbara Blackburn	Belfry
Olivell Adkins	Owsley

We are enclosing \$1,000.00 for minutes and \$84.00 for engraving and we are requesting 675 minute books.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 22nd day of August 1992.

Moderator: Rev. Emery Varney

Clerk: Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings from the Hamilton County Freewill Baptist Conference.

Another year has come and gone. The Lord has blessed His people in many ways. He has taken many of His people home. We love and miss them but we must continue on in His work until He calls us. God Bless you Brother Varney in the great work you are doing for Him.

Clerk: Lena Couch

5666 S. County Rd.

400 W. Versailles, Ind. 47042

Conference convened Aug. 8, 1992 at the Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Pemtown, Ind. What a great conference it was. Send 30 books; enclosing \$109.50 for minutes.

MID-OHIO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

On behalf of The Mid Ohio Quarterly Conference, when convened Aug. 8, 1992. In the business portion, the Conference was dissolved and the books were closed.

This was done due to a decline in attendance and the conference wasn't growing. No other churches wanted to join with us and the two churches in the conference were not interested.

The people of The Mid Ohio Quarterly Conference would like to thank The John Thomas Association for letting us worship and being a part of your yearly meeting for the past 17 years.

This was a hard and sorrowful decision to make. May God bless you.

Moderator: Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Clerk: Rev. Cecil Rogers

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

Motion was made by Brother Harold Robinson and seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson to accept letters as read. Motion was carried. Mid-Ohio Conference sent in letter that they had dissolved their conference and would no longer be with us. Their letter was accepted.

Moderator called for a vote on removing Article 20 from the Articles of Faith. It takes 4/5 majority to change this Article. There were 92 votes for removing it and 47 for leaving it in there. There were not enough votes to meet the 4/5 majority requirement, therefore Article 20 stays in the Articles of Faith.

Letcher County conference submitted an addition to Article 7 of Constitution & Laws, but it was agreed not to change Article 7 but to follow that Procedure in our Yearly Meeting.

The Pulpit Committee reported Brother Richard Gibson will bring the morning message and Brother Harold Robinson in the afternoon.

Motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother John Coleman to adjourn from business for the worship service.

Brother Gary Hill gave a report on the work at Camp Jacob. Cabin space for all visitors and breakfast is furnished by the Camp. The note will be paid completely very soon. Thanked yearly meeting for their support and asked we continue to support the Camp. They had 15 conversions this past summer and 100 rededications.

Motion was made by Brother Robbie Hay and seconded by Brother Harold Robinson to accept Brother Gary Hill's report. Motion carried.

Prayer by Brother Jackie Whittaker before Brother Richard Gibson came to bring the message. Special song by Brother Earet Rose. Brother Richard Gibson came forward to preach using for a text Matt. 18:1-6. Brought a good message to the Christians. Song and invitation given. Dismissal and blessing over the food by Brother Raymond McCarthy until 1:00 PM.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 P.M.

Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Brother Herman Bates. Scripture reading from St. John 3:16.

Motion by Brother Harold Robinson and seconded by Brother Bill Gibson to adjourn from business until our next meeting at Camp Jacob unless called together for a special session by the moderator.

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.

Motion made by Brother Bennie Slone and seconded by Brother Homer Adkins to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. Motion by Brother Russell Robinson and seconded by Brother Robbie Hayes to omit reading of the names of the ministers on the letters. The moderator called for the clerk to read the letters from the various conferences. During the reading of the letters Brother John DePriest interrupted to report that Brother Hie Mullins was in critical condition and we had special prayer for him. The letters were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bro. Gary Hill and everyone was welcomed to Camp Jacob. The song "Victory in Jesus" was led by Bro. Roy Vanover and prayer was led by Bro. Lee Rose. Bro. Lee Rose was elected as moderator and by the powers granted to him, he chose Bro. Joe Johnson as assistant moderator. There were 56 ministers and 42 deacons and visitors present.

Minutes of the April conference were read by the clerk and were voted on and approved. Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

Clerk: Bro. Samuel E. Slemp

Ordaining Council: Bros. Roy Vanover, Frank Hall, Terry Price

Committee on Lifetime Cards: Bros. Freddy Boyd, Jack Meade, Ralph Rasnick

A motion was made by Bro. Bill Mack Mullins in the July 25, 1991 conference at Pine Creek to have one new member on the ordaining council each year to replace the oldest member on the council. It was voted on and approved by the body.

A motion was made and approved to drop Bro. Paul Fields. Bro. Larry Damron asked to be reinstated into the Ministers' Conference, his name having been dropped due to non-attendance. Bro. Robbie Hay asked for help to pay the note off at Camp Jacob and Bro. Ralph Rasnick seconded.

Bro. Frank Hall came at 8:35 p.m. to speak on disorderly ministers and Article 6 of the ministers' by-laws concerning unity.

Bro. James Stanley asked to join the Ministers' Conference and was approved and given the right hand of fellowship.

Conference closed at 9:15 p.m. Refreshments were served in the fellowship lodge.

Moderator: Lee Rose

Clerk: Sam Slemp

The Following Ministers Are In Good Standing (July, 1992)

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Anderson, Johnny	Rt. 2, Box 100 B, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6730	Flemingtown
*Bailey, Bobby G.	P.O. Box 327, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
*Baker, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 350, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Belcher, Luther	Rt. 2, Box 138-B, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Belcher, Troy	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Bevins, Clifford	P.O. Box 224, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4567	Davis Chapel
*Boles, Benny	Rt. 1, Box 556, Norton, VA 24273 (703) 679-5217	Dyers Chapel
Bolling, Gary (Mike)	Rt. 1, Box 47, Nora, VA 24272 (703) 835-8224	Buffalo
Bolling, James E.	P.O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
*Boyd, Freddy	Box 183, Clinchco, VA 24226 (703) 835-7030	Tarpon
Campbell, Howard (Butch)	P.O. Box 392, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-2171	Buffalo
Cantrell, Robert	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5560	Duncan Gap
Carty, Avery	Rt. 2, Box 295, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8475	Rachels Chapel
*Conley, Allen Gene	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-7054	Peuthers Chapel
Cook, Emory	Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 4, Box 51, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Damron, Larry	Rt. 1, Box 26, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Edwards, Eddie	P.O. Box 866, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
*Fogleman, Jack	Rt. 3, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
*Hale, Glynn	Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek

*Hall, Frank	Rt 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8189	Pine Creek
*Hampton, Lester	Rt. 2, Box 33, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4947	Pyles Memorial
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Hay, Robert C.	Rt. 1, Box 274-E, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-8307	Pine Creek
Hibbits, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Hileman, Sam	Rt. 3, Box 85 C, Castlewood, VA 24224 (703) 738-8382	Castlewood
*Hill, Finis A.	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4017	Martins Chapel
Hill, Gary	Rt. 1, Camp Jacob, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8960	Valley View
Hill, Tammy	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
Hobbs, James	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, TN 37643	Rugby
Jenkins, Jerry L.	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 (703) 395-2725	Dyers Chapel
Johnson, Duane L.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers Chapel
Keith, Quinton	Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Kilgore, David P.	P.O. Box 193, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5014	Pyles Memorial
Large, Jimmy	Rt. 2, Box 473, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-2058	Davis Chapel
*Large, Tommy	Rt. 1, Box 152, Wise, VA 24293 (703) 328-6511	Duncan Gap
Layne, Garcia B.	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, VA 24230	Georges Fork
Lee, E. B., Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Nora, VA 24272	Light House
*McKinney, Vester, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 524, Clinchco, VA 24226 (703) 835-9786	Middle Branch
*Meade, Jack W.	Rt. HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-6425	Meade Chapel
Meade, James D.	Rt. HC05, Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5206	Meade Chapel
Moore, Delmon D.	Rt. 3, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6140	Pine Creek
Moore, James A.	Rt. 3, Box 340 C, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-9123	Flemingtown
*Moore, Paul D.	Box 365, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4973	Georges Fork
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Mullins, Bill Mack	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6155	Pine Creek
Mullins, Billy Gene	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Bobby	Rt. 3, Box 518 C, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8533	Honey Camp
*Mullins, Clifford C.	Box 345, Chantilly, VA 22021	Burke
*Mullins, David L.	Rt. 2, Box 118 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Jack	Rt. 1, Box 268 A, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-8593	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Jerry W.	4256 Buchman Rd. #21, Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Johnnie	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8721	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Larry T.	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
*Mullins, Lester C.	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Mullins, Lewis V.	Rt. 3, Box 518, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4235	Honey Camp

Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8309	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-7076	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 705, Wise, VA 24293 (703) 328-9234	Duncan Gap
*Mullins, Robert C.	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4473	Glady Fork
*Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8955	Honey Camp
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-9624	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Wayne	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Willie R.	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5546	Pyles Memorial
Neece, Oscar	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phillips, Walt	Rt. 3, Box 229A, Castlewood, VA 24224 (703) 762-7350	Castlewood
Phipps, Clifford	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4246	Valley View
Phipps, Robert L.	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4755	Rachels Chapel
Powers, Freddy	Rt. 2, Box 146, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5948	Pyles Memorial
*Price, Terry	Rt. 2, Box 411-A, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8285	Lick Fork
*Rasnick, Ralph R.	Box 15, Norton, VA 24273 (703) 679-3275	Phillips Chapel
Ratliff, Esley	Rt. 2, Box 3AA, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8917	Pine Creek
Reedy, Donald R.	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237 (703) 495-1704	Ramsey Ridge
*Reynolds, Howard	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649 (703) 873-5011	Castlewood
Robinson, Jerry W.	Rt. 3, Box 399B, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8730	Pine Creek
Robinson, Lester	Rt. 2, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5370	Fergie Chapel
Robinson, Nyal B.	Box 46, Pound, VA 24279	Fergie Chapel
*Roop, Clyde E.	Box 574, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-7388	Lone Pine Chapel
*Rose, Carl	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Elva	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8439	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Harlan Lee	Rt. 2, Box 21 B, Culpeper, VA 22701 (703) 825-0240	Clinchco
Rose, Willie C.	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Slemp, Ed	Rt. 2, Camp Jacob, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8435	Fergie Chapel
Slemp, Jackie	Rt. 2, Box 415A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
*Slemp, Samuel E.	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5230	Fergie Chapel
Slemp, Tom	Rt. 2, Box 425, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8520	Davis Chapel
*Sluss, Danny	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4997	Splash Dam
*Sluss, Joe Glenn	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-9774	Peuthers Chapel

Smith, Steve	Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Stanley, Adam M.	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
* Stanley, Gary	Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8386	Rachels Chapel
Stanley, James G.	Rt. 3, Box 576 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
* Stanley, Nolan N.	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
* Steele, Joseph P.	Rt. 1, Box 209A, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-8105	Valley View
* Strouth, Marie W.	Box 958, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5084	Pine Creek
Sutherland, Eulis L.	Rt. 3, Box 336A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
* Sykes, Glenn	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 835-9920	Tarpon
Sykes, Leon	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256	Lick Creek
* Vanover, Lynn	Rt. 1, Box 206, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6328	Peuthers Chapel
Vanover, Roy C.	Box 382, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4691	Lone Pine
Wolford, Talt	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Wright, Luke	Rt. 3, Box 242, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6388	Flemingtown
Wright, Richard	7096 Kings Arm Dr., Manassas, VA 22110 (703) 791-3442	Burke
* Willis, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4453	Splash Dam

Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Boggs, Edison	P.O. Box 5, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Jenkins, James	Rt. 1, Dante, VA 24237	Martins Chapel
Moore, Kermit	Box A-21, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
* Mullins, Hie A.	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8193	Frying Pan
Reedy, Clyde E.	Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354	Peuthers Chapel
Rose, Gobel	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Stallard, I.T.	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4939	Glady Fork

Pastors marked by *

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the New Durm Conference at East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church at Lebanon, Virginia on Friday, September 11, 1992 at 11:00 a.m.

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist Ministers met with the Clover Lick Freewill Baptist Church on Friday, Aug. 21, 1992 at Clover Lick, Ky. The Moderator Brother Herman Bates opened the meeting by welcoming the ministers. Bro. Charles Gallion led in singing, "I'm Redeemed" which was glorifying to God and a blessing to all present. Great concern for lost relatives, friends and neighbors, the sick and our Nation was expressed in prayer requests as Bro. John Dixon of the Clover Lick Church led in prayer.

Moderator Herman Bates called meeting to order and asked Bro. John DePriest to read the minutes of last meeting in the absence of Bro. Homer Johnson who was ill. Bro. Clyde Damron made the motion to accept minutes as read with second by Bro. Julius Gibson, motion passed. Motion was made by Bro. Jim

Looney and seconded by Bro. Richard Gibson to give Moderator authority to appoint all committees.

Bro. Bates read from Matt. 18:15 in introducing a discussion of letters received from Allegheny Church and individuals. A difference between some ministers had spilled over into two Churches and one (1) fellowship of Believers. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the ordaining council would meet with the Ministers involved in an effort to resolve the problem scripturally.

Bro. John DePriest elected to Ordination Council as Bro. Millard Bates had completed his 3 years. Bro. Julian Gibson was elected to replace Bro. Doyle Caudill on the Arbitration Committee.

Bro. Homer Lee made a motion to letter up with John Thomas yearly meeting in session with East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church, Lebanon, Va.

Bro. Herb Stallard made motion to adjourn with second by Bro. Charles Gallion.

Moderator: Brother Herman Bates

Clerk: Bro. John DePriest for Bro. Homer B. Johnson

Ministers Present

Julian Gibson – Poorbottom	Leo Blackburn (Dec) – Alleghany
Clyde Damron – Hylton	Richard Gibson – Poorbottom
James N. Tackett – Alleghany	Jimmie Dean Looney – Alleghany
Carl Coleman – Alleghany	Glenn Ray – Dunham
John H. Coleman, Jr. – Poorbottom	Marvin E. Hylton – Alleghany
Edgar Sanders – Hylton	Timmy Hopkins – Bethel
Oscar Damron – Alleghany	Tommy Tackett – Alleghany
David I. Brewer – Payne Gap	Stanley R. Tackett – Alleghany
Robert Lee Hampton – Bethel	Gordon Damron – Alleghany
Sonny Miracle – Bethel	Jimmy Adams – Moore's Chapel
Garland Ratliff, Jr. – Dunham	Woodrow Mullins – Energyville
Ernest McCown – Energyville	Marvis Dixon – Cloverlick
Douglas Mullins – Energyville	Billy Miller
Charles Bolden – Ligon	Herbert H. Stallard – Payne Gap
Lester Boggs – Seco	Ralph Vicars – Burdine
John C. DePriest – Burdine	Don McKnight – Cloverlick
Ed Hall	Roger D. Holbrook – Hemphill
Glenn Miller – Old Fashioned	Charles Gallion – Dunham
Homer Lee Mullins – Hylton	Johnny D. Caudill – Tackett's Fork
Teddy Tackett – Dorton	Gerald Wright – Dorton
Rufus Williams (Dec) Cloverlick	

Reporting by Letter:

Jerry N. Tackett – Tacketts Fork
Herman Johnson – In Indiana

Tommy England – Hylton

Present: 41 delegates, reporting 3

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Oscar Damron	Box 3, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Stanley Ray Tackett	Box 18, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Carl Coleman	324 Rockhouse, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41561	Alleghany
* James N. Tackett	Box 161, Lookout, Ky. 41542	Alleghany

Jimmy D. Looney	Box 30, Jackhorn Rd., Elkhorn, Ky	Alleghany
Marvin Hylton, Jr.	Box 175, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
* Sonny Miracle	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
Timmy I. Tackett	Virgie, Ky.	Bethel
Timmy Dean Hopkins	Virgie, Ky.	Bethel
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
* John C. DePriest	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Don McKnight	HC R3, Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Roy R. McKnight	Cumberland, Ky.	Cloverlick
* Marvis D. Dixon	HC R-3, Box 810, College Rd., Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Gerald Wright	Rt. 2, Box 74, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
McCoy Tackett	Meta, Ky. 41510	Dorton
* Teddy Tackett	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Sonny Miracle	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
* Glenn Ray	HC 84, Box 439, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Dunham
Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Box 128A, Jenkins, Ky.	Dunham
Floyd Sexton	HC 82, Box 910, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Dunham
* Woodrow Mullins	Box 525, Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Steve Childers	RR2, Box 187, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
Everett Mullins	Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Box 44, Linefork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Ernest McCowm	195 Little Fork, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Joseph I. Tackett	Box 196, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Energyville
Billy R. Miller Sr.	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
* Rodney Smith	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
* Danny Mullins	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Ike Young Jr.	Apt. 302, 1012 Goose Cr. Rd., Neon, Ky. 41840	Haymond
Millard Bates Jr.	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41940	Hemphill
* Danny D. Hurst	Rt. 1, Box 67, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Johnny Collier	Box 291, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Hemphill
Clyde Damron	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Hylton
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
* Homer Lee Mullins	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Leroy Fields	Box 2116, Premium, Ky. 41845	Kings Creek
* Larry R. Jones	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Kings Creek
Leon Bolden	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Ligon
Charles Bolden	HC 73, Box 995, Harold, Ky.	Ligon
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
* Doyle Caudill	P.O. Box 1328, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Marshall's Branch
* Jimmie Land	HC 82, Box 790, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Millcreek Old Fashion
Roger D. Holbrook	HC 82, Box 250, Neon, Ky. 41810	Millcreek Old Fashion
* Glenn Miller	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Millcreek Old Fashion
Jimmy Adams	Box 67, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel
David I. Brewer	Box 329, McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addington	Box 517, Pound, VA	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
* Herman Bates Jr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
* Ralph Profit	HC 34, Box 612, Neon, Ky. 41840	Pine Chapel
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
John H. Coleman, Jr.	Box 284, Rockhouse, Ky.	Poorbottom
* Richard Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Tommy Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco

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Gene Patton
Logan Tucker
*Jerry N. Tackett

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*Pastors

Ministers With Life Good Standing Cards

Patrick Whitaker
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Vardney Bolling
Daris Williams
Caleb Holbrook
Earl Breeding
Percy Elkins, Sr.
Charles Gallion
Jonah D. Wright
Ersel McPeck
William Craford
George Adams, Jr.

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Dorton, Ky.
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Payne Gap
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Pine Chapel
Hemphill
Pine Chapel
Dunham
Payne Gap
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Payne Gap
Hemphill

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Hardy, Ky. 41531

Ordaining Council

Curtiss Wellman
Herbert Goff
John Vance

Clerk

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

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert Varney
Rev. Bennie Slone
Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church, Lebanon, Va.
New Durm Conference, September 12, 1992

The following Ministers have been dismissed from our Minister's Conference and from the Quarterly Conference for various reasons.

Rev. Wilson Justice (deceased)

Paul O'Quinn
Walker McCoy, Jr.
Wendall Robert Smith

Dallas Ratliff
Larry Kendrick
Lawrence Ball

Fonso Justice
Donald K. Tackett
Ernest Mullins

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name

Ray Williams
Bennie F. Slone
Robert (Bobby) Varney
Herbert Goff
David G. Varney
William G. King
Robey (Buddy) Kendrick
Curtiss Wellman
Gerria Reynolds
Dennis Ray Hinkle

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Hardy, Ky. 41531
HC 64, Box 365, McAndrews, Ky. 41543
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Church

Fellowship Chapel
Owsley
Belfry
Grassy
Edo
Octavia
Belfry
Bluespring
Octavia
Octavia

Homer Adkins	641 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
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Velon Burgess	834 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1 Box 424, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Jimmie Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Emery H. Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Harold Brewer	574 Collins Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Ronald May	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Estill P. Adkins	Beattyville, Ky.	Proctor
Bobby Bowman	Box 82, Phyliss, Ky. 41554	Meathouse
Perry Kendrick	780 A Knoll Rd., Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Island Creek
Tom Carroll	465 Peach Orchard Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	168 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Kermal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmie C. Adkins	5807 Nelson Dr., Newport, Mi. 48166	Owsley
Charles Delon Jones	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41529	Edo
Jackie Maynard	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Frank Bryant	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	Box 195, Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr., Williamson, W.Va. 25661	Leckieville
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Goble Zellar	Box 45, Regina, Ky. 41559	Unity
John Paul Smith	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Burl Rogers	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Clyde Bowman, Jr.	Box 296, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Meathouse
James Runyon	305 Lindenhurst Dr. Apt 2098 Lexington, Ky. 40509	Leckieville
Robert Smith	HC 64-Box 800, Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Bill Browning	507 Central Ave., So. Williamson, Ky. 41503	Belfry
Gary Thacker	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Darrell Roberts	410 Upper Chloe Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
T. J. Tackett	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Unity
Robert Hampton	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Virgie
Onis Varney	107 N. Taylor St., Box 303, Cherry, Ill. 61317	Octavia
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion
Roger Blackburn	Box 38, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Belfry
Darrell E. Harmon	504 Rockhouse Rd., Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Roger Lawson	Box 12, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Keith Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Joe Coleman	119 Broadbottom Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Trimble Chapel
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Michael Dingess	Box 551, Matewan, W.Va. 25678	Bluespring
Larry Hubbard	463 Pigeon Roast Rd, Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Danny C. Reese	1624 Marrowbone Creek Rd., Elkhorn, Ky. 41522	Unity
Richard Watson	Box 229 Chattaroy, W.Va. 25667	Leckieville

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Box 151, 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	398 Harold's Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Buford Thacker	Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Toler's Creek
Palmer Thompson	560 Zebulon Hwy., Zebulon, Ky. 41501	Grassy

Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards 66

Number of ministers with lifetime cards 9

Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference. 75

Done by the order of the Pike County Minister's Conference this 21st day of August, 1992.

Rev. Curtiss Wellman, Moderator
Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

NEW DURM COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

New Durham Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Drill Chapel Church, August 6, 1992.

Moderator	Assistant Moderator	Clerk
Rev. Larry Robinson Rt. 1, Box 451 Lebanon, Va. 24266	Rev. Giles Wilson Rt. A Council, Va. 24260	Brady Farmer Rt. 1, Box 143 Rowe, Va. 24646

Ordaining Council	Executive Committee
Rev. Larry Robinson, Chairman Rev. Edward Dye Rev. Giles Wilson	Brady Farmer, Chairman Elbert Rasnake Rev. Troy Harris Bro. Ronnie Johnson Rev. Kenneth Sproles

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Larry Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266 880-1067	East Lebanon
Rev. Eugene Miller	P.O. Box 1516, Lebanon, Va. 24266 889-0323	East Lebanon
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	Rt. 5, Box 205, Abingdon, Va. 628-7064	Straight Hollow
Rev. Carson Walters	P.O. Box 4, Lebanon, Va. 24266 889-1082	Mt. Zion
Rev. Edward Hubbard	Rt. 1, Box 681, Swords Creek, Va. 991-0661	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Giles Wilson	Rt. A Council, Va. 24260 859-2749	Mt. View
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, Va. 880-9024	East Lebanon

Rev. Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va. 991-2901	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Willis Rasnake	Council, Va. 859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Harry Whitaker	Box 361, Dante, Va. 459-7930	Straight Hollow
Rev. Fairley Spencer	Swords Creek, Va. 919-2419	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Ellis Whited	Rt. 1 Box 266, Swords Creek, Va. 991-0320	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Sam Deskins	Rt. 2, Box 78, Honaker, Va. 873-5814	Clinch View
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Box 134, Bee, Va. 859-2149	Mt. View
Rev. Avery Barton	Council, Va. 859-2952	Drill Chapel

Committee on Life Time Cards

Name	Address
Rev. Ellis Whited	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Clyde Stanford	Lebanon, Va.
Brother Ronnie Johnson	Council, Va.

Licensed Ministers

Name	Church
Brother Troy Harris	Fletcher's Ridge
Brother Michael Dye	Fullers Chapel
Brother Dallas Hubbard	Fullers Chapel
Brother Eulas Perkins	Guiding Light
Brother Gary Dye	Fullers Chapel

Ministers Holding Life Time Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Harley Dye	Rt. 2 Box 255-A, Harriman, Tenn.	East Lebanon
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelley	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Rev. Glen Peck	Drill, Va.	Drill Chapel

The committee on life time cards recommended that Rev. Harry Whitaker, Straight Hollow Church, Dante, Va. and Rev. Carson Walters, Lebanon, Va., Mt. Zion Church be given life time cards.

Done by order of New Durham Ministers Conference on August 6, 1992.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Date: Aug. 8, 1992 with Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, Pemtown, Ind.
Clerk: Harold Robinson

Opened by prayer by Clay Couch. Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator
Harold D. Robinson
3209 Mabel Ave.
Covington, Ky.

Clerk
Lena Couch
5666 S. Country Rd. 400
W. Versailles, Ind. 47042

Ordaining Council
Bro. Robert Matney
Bro. Leroy Reed
Bro. Harold Robinson

Executive Committee
Rev. Robert Matney
Bro. Clay Couch
Bro. Harold D. Robinson

Ministers attending conference were: Robert Matney, Leroy Reed, Clay Couch, Danny Cross, George Stafford, and Dewey Higdon.

Ministers discussed setting up a mission church office as we elected (new members named above).

Bro. Danny Cross sent before the Ordaining Council and found worthy. Bro. Matney made a motion to dismiss, seconded by Bro. Stafford. Dismissed by Bro. Reed.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Robert Matney	4526 B, Rd. 29, Galion, Oh.	Mt. Tabor
Rev. Harold Robinson	7737 Hollywood Dr., Florence Ky.	Pipe Creek
Rev. Clarence Hubbard	Rt. 7, Box 150, Greensburg, Ind.	Norris Town
Rev. Leroy Reed	7450 V, County Rd. 1110N, Greensburg, Ind.	Norris Town
Rev. Danny Cross	2050 Robin Ave., Hamilton, Oh.	Pipe Creek

Ministers with Life Time Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Clay Couch	5666 S. County Rd. 400, W. Versailles, Ind.	Norris Town

Greetings from the Hamilton County Conference. We send as delegates the following:

Levi and Hazel Stewart	Rev. Danny and Mauise Cross
Bro. and Sis. Robert Matney	Eligha & Hazel Davidson
Marion and Pauline Davidson	Mamie Bostic

Done by order of the Pipecreek Ministers Conference on the 8th day of August, 1992.

MID-OHIO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Ministers' Conference:

On behalf of the Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference on Aug. 8, 1992 when the conference met for business session the conference was dissolved and the books were closed because of the lack of interest of the people and the ministers. One or two preachers can't have a conference by themselves. So we had no other choice but to close and send you a letter of regret, and thank you for letting us work with you for the past 17 years. We are going to miss the yearly meetings.

Clerk: Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Brother Vester McKinney made a motion, seconded by Brother Harold Robinson, to accept the letters as read.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins discussed the possibility of having our yearly

meeting at Camp Jacob each year and for all to pray about it. The decision will be made at our meeting next year.

Brother Bobby Varney asked the other conferences what procedures they followed when ministers having lifetime cards were delinquent in attending church or living improperly. Several ministers commented on this issue; Brother Herman Bates said we should all use better guidelines on issuing the cards. There was no resolution reached on this matter.

Brother Bennie Slone made a motion seconded by Brother Franklin Hall to adjourn from business until next year unless called together for a special meeting by the moderator.

The moderator called Sister Patty Mullins to sing. She sang "I'll Lay My Crown at the Master's Feet."

Rev. Harold Robinson came forward and read II Chronicles chapter 7 verse 14; brought a good message. The congregation sang and was dismissed by Rev. Gary Hill. An offering was received at the door for Camp Jacob in the amount of \$186.32.

OBITUARIES



Hattie Sullivan

In loving memory of my beloved wife, Hattie Sullivan, born March 27, 1919, at Meta, Ky. She was 73 years old when she departed from this life on August 1, 1992. She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. Hattie was a Christian for over 40 years. She loved going to church and went as often as she could.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Floyd Sullivan; two sons, Bill Varney of Illinois and Don Sullivan of Indiana; five daughters, Lorraine May and Jody McCoy both of Pinsonfork, Ky., Wanda Matuszewski of Illinois, Eva Scott of Pikeville, Ky., and Linda Meddle of Bardstown, Ky.; 3 brothers, 4 sisters, 15 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

We miss you more than words can say, but we have a hope in Christ to meet her someday. We know our loss is Heaven's gain. You will live in our memory forever.

—Written by her husband, Floyd Sullivan



Orville Hamilton

Orville Hamilton, 83, of Virgie, Ky. died Sunday, August 2, 1992, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

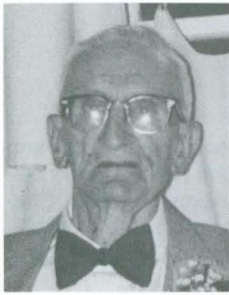
He was born March 16, 1909, a son of the late Andrew Jackson and Hulda Jane Newsome Hamilton.

He was a retired coal miner and merchant.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Hamilton; three sons, Polmerine Hamilton of Bradenton, Florida; Kenneth Hamilton of Virgie; Wendell Hamilton of Harold; four daughters, Opal Wolford of Seymour, Tennessee; Brenda Antill, Yvonne Johnson and Enagile Tackett all of Virgie; a step-daughter, Alice Caldwell of Miami, Florida; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bob Orville helped to establish and build the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He was a charter member of the church and one of the first trustees to ever serve for the church. For forty years he served the church with his prayers, his attendance and his donations. He was always ready to give an encouraging word to young Christians and to uplift the name of Jesus.

Bro. Orville will be missed not only by his family but by the community in which he lived and worked and especially by the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church.



Francis Marion Tackett

Francis Marion Tackett was born May 13, 1900 to the late Willis and Rachel Osborne Tackett. He departed from this life January 15, 1992 at the age of 91 years, 8 months and two days. He belonged to the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church. Dad was a great lover of gospel singing, which he taught himself at the age of nineteen. He also taught singing to many other people and sang in many churches with a quartet. Dad also played the guitar, which he did and tried to sing the morning he went to the hospital. In my mind I can still hear him singing; won't it

be wonderful when we can blend our voices together in Heaven.

Dad leaves behind one brother and two sisters, his loving wife Hattie Tackett, two sons Hursel Tackett and Francis Fon Tackett and daughter Gladys Tackett Justice (Mrs. Wilson Justice); two daughters-in-law, Bertha Tackett and Mallie Johnson Tackett; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Dad and mother were married 70 years, 10 months and 21 days. They always enjoyed having visitors and never failed to offer them food. He loved farming and after he could not farm he still planned a garden for his sons to raise for him.

A song he loved was "Heavens Landing Field." My prayer is that we all can meet on Heaven's Landing Field. We miss him but we had to let him go.

—With love, Gladys Justice



Rev. Wilson Justice

Rev. Wilson Justice was born May 5, 1913 to the late John A. and Elon Goff Justice. He was born again March 8, 1951 by a spiritual birth from our Father in Heaven, of which he was excited about the rest of his life, which ended April 3, 1992. Wilson was ordained to preach the Gospel of Jesus September 14, 1963, and enjoyed ministering in revivals. He preached many funerals, and pastored the Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Rockhouse on Marrowbone Creek for eleven years. Wilson was thrilled with seeing the church building remodeled and

the precious souls accepting Jesus as their Savior.

Wilson leaves behind three brothers, five sisters, and two children, his daughter Nedra Gay Justice Sturgill, and his son John Francis Justice. A son-in-law Jimper Sturgill and a daughter-in-law Carolyn Boyd Justice, and four grandchildren Amber Len Justice, Ellie Carol Justice, Brandon Sturgill and Shelton Sturgill, also survive, as well as a step-grandson, Chris Boggs. His mother-in-law Hattie Tackett was a mother to him. His wife Gladys Tackett Justice — All of whom he loved very much, as we loved him and miss him. As a poet said:

This is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.

Yes, we miss him, but we had to let him go — but what a meeting that will be at the "Marriage Supper of The Lamb."

—In Love, Gladys Justice



Jeffrey Smith

Jeffrey Smith, 36, passed away November 12, 1991 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born February 8, 1955 in Pike County, he was a son of Thomas and Margaret Smith who survive at Raccoon.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Pam Smith, two daughters Tracy Lynn and Nikki Joe; also two brothers, Jimmy and Johnny Smith.

Jeff was a caring and generous person and even though each day is a struggle to get through without him when I read this it gives me comfort and lets me feel closer to him.

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
and hug your sorrow to you thru the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile.
And for my sake and in my name live on
and do all things the same, Feed not your
loneliness on empty days, But fill each
waking hour in useful ways, reach out
your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in
turn will comfort you and hold you near.
And never, never be afraid to die, For I am
waiting for you in the sky.

To be able to hear Jeff laugh and smile again, like he did before cancer took away the person we loved, is a wish I pray will someday come true, and by the grace of God it will.

—Sadly missed, Pam Smith



George Holdred McPeek

It is with great sorrow in our hearts and emptiness in our lives, that we attempt to write the obituary of our deeply missed loved one, George Holdred McPeek. He was born September 17, 1917 in Pike Co., Ky. to the late Thomas and Lily Gibson McPeek. He departed this life to go home to be with Jesus on October 25, 1991, after a lengthy illness, making his stay on earth 74 years, 1 month and 6 days.

He graduated from Virgie High School in 1939. He worked as a coal miner for 38 years and retired in 1978. He was a member of the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church for 17 years, and was a dedicated deacon for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Spicy Newsome McPeek, six sons and six daughters, three sisters, thirty-three grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Ison preceded him in death in 1969.

He was not only a loving and caring husband and wonderful father, he was also a spiritual inspiration to all who knew him. Even his memory is still a guiding light for us all. Our Bible tells us not to mourn the dead but to rejoice the liv-

ing. We find comfort in knowing Dad's spirit is alive and living in Heaven.

A million times we will need you,
A million times we will cry,
If love could have cured you,
This would not be good-bye.
But God's gate stood open
He saw you needed rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
for he always picks the best.



Bertha Justice

In loving memory of Bertha Justice my beloved aunt, of Lower Johns Creek Road. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, August 19, 1904 to the late William Anderson and Matilda (Strough) Chapman. She passed away September 6, 1989 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at Pikeville, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Justice, two sons, one daughter, four brothers, and three sisters. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, John B. Justice, grandson Robert Harold Justice, two great-grandchildren, one sister Ora Reynold

Harris, many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was a warm loving person. She always liked to see people come to visit. She had an open house for anyone. She was so sweet and loved dearly by everyone.

I have many a lonely heartache
And many a silent tear but
Always a beautiful memory of
My Aunt, I loved so dear.

—Written by her niece, Jessie P. Osborne



Anna Phillips Cassity

In loving memory of our dear sweet mother, Anna Phillips Cassity, of Meathouse Fork Road, Meta, Kentucky. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, July 10, 1900, to the late William Anderson and Matilda (Strough) Chapman. She was called home to be with Jesus, February 8, 1992. She was preceded in death by her first husband C.C. (Lum) Phillips, her second husband the Rev. James Cassity, three sons, four brothers, and three sisters. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Jessie P. Osborne, Alma Mae Barnett, and Florrain

Rutherford; step-son Fred Cassity; eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, and one surviving sister, Ora Reynold Harris.

She was united in marriage with her first husband, C.C. (Lum) Phillips, May 2, 1919, by Rev. J.B. Deskins and her second husband, James Cassity, July 13, 1946, by Rev. Garland E. Finck.

Mom was baptized October 20, 1946 in the Freewill Baptist Church by the Rev. Jessie Mosley.

I trust that God will bless us all and our children, to meet Mother and Grandmother again. Listen to the words of Her Lord and Master: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

—Written by her daughter, Jessie P. Osborne



James E. Stump

It is with a sad and broken heart, but with many sweet memories I try to write the obituary of my dearly beloved husband. James Elice Stump was born on July 3, 1931, and departed this life May 21, 1992, making his stay on Earth 60 years, 10 months and 21 days. He was the son of Floyd Stump and Hazal (Dotson) Stump.

James and Opal (Justice) Stump were united in marriage December 23, 1950, and to this union were born two children. Also preceding him in death were his father and mother and one brother.

Left to mourn their loss are his wife Opal, two sons James Michael Stump and Mark Stump of Kimper, Ky.; three grandchildren; and three living brothers, Russell Stump of Columbus, Oh., Robert Stump of Phelps, Ky. and Cledis Stump of Orlando, Fla.

James joined Edo Freewill Baptist October 21, 1978. He was an ordained deacon March 23, 1985. He was a firm believer in the doctrine, the death and the resurrection. He believed we would all live again in the likeness of our Saviour. He loved to be with his brothers and sisters in the church.

He tried to be a friend and a helper to anyone who needed his help. We have lost a dear loved one, who was so near to us but our loss is His gain. For God saw fit to take him out of his painful life. He had a better place prepared for him. His spirit has returned back to God who giveth. In God's due time, we will be with him again. Lord, our house is so vacant now.

The shining light has gone out now, but Lord we have such sweet memories that will live on forever in our hearts. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him especially his family. Sleep on, our love, take your beautiful rest. We love you here, but God loved you best.

—Written by wife, Opal Stump



Della Casey

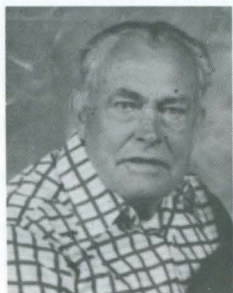
Della was born March 10, 1901 at Coleman, Ky. She was one of several children born to M.C. and Mary Coleman Stump. Mom died Dec. 7, 1989, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Ky. after a lingering illness. She was married to Perry Casey and they were blessed with 11 children. Preceding her in death were: her husband, 3 daughters (Bertha, Mae and Mildred) and one son (Willie), four sisters and 2 brothers. Recently, another daughter, Myrtle Smith went on to join Mom and family (Jan. 30, 1992). Remaining children are: sons, Willis

Casey and Perry Casey, Jr. of Phelps, Ky.; daughters, Melda Smith of Kimball, W.Va., Betty Jean Stiltner of Phelps, Cora Wagner of Kingsport, Tenn. and Anna June Bowen of Troy, Mich. Surviving brothers are Rev. O.A. Stump and N.C. and Ernest Stump of Phelps; and Bradley Stump of Dayton, Ohio. She had 31 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Della (Mom) was a long-time member of Edo Freewill Baptist Church at Kimper, Ky. She loved all the people there and attended church regularly as long as she was able. Everyone loved Mom, she was so good to everybody, even young children loved to visit and talk with her. She is certainly missed by all of us children. "There was no better Mother on Earth." She kept us nine children all together after Dad left her to be with God in 1943. There were many hard times but love was there to see us through. We shall all meet her, some sweet day.

During her last year on this Earth, she would tell us, "Young'uns, when you hear of Della Casey being dead, you can just know that I am in a better Home, because I have always lived my life for the Lord." We know that mom is there, "Home With God."

—Written by Willis & Ruby Casey



Harvie Adkins

Harvie Adkins, 84, of Hurricane Creek Rd. died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 1989, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born in Pike County, February 12, 1905, a son of the late Henry and Emma Williams Adkins.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Arietta Justice Adkins; seven sons, James Henry Adkins of Georgetown; Simmie Colen Adkins of Monroe, Michigan; William Harrison Adkins, Edward Lee Adkins, Mack Arthur Adkins, John Lewis Adkins and Homer Adkins, all of Pikeville; one daughter, Mona Emongene Adkins of the home; two brothers, Homer Adkins of Pikeville and Noah Adkins of Carleton, Michigan; four sisters, Josie Thompson of Martin; Virgie Bentley of Rockhouse; Vernie Akers and Lizzie Adkins of Pikeville; 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Harvie is sadly missed by his family and friends.

—Written by the Family



Beecher Davis and Margie (Mullins) Davis

Beecher Davis, 77, and Margie (Mullins) Davis, 76, both of Lookout, passed away Friday, March 6, 1992.

Beecher was born in Harlan County, May 18, 1914, to the late Henry and Bessie (Castle) Davis. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the U.M.W.A. Beecher was also a World War II veteran and a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church.

Margie was born in Pike County, September 12, 1915, to the late David and Mima (Bartley) Childers. She was a homemaker.

Besides his wife, Margie, and his parents, Beecher was preceded in death by his first wife, Ellen (Banks) Davis, who passed away October 3, 1984.

Besides her parents, Margie was preceded in death by one brother, Crit Childers.

Those included among Beecher's survivors are the following: four sons, Floyd Thomas Davis and Donald Ray Davis, both of Rocky Road; Ronald Lee Davis of Virgie; and Billy Raymond Davis of Phyllis; two daughters, Lucille Rowe of Lookout and Bessie Mae Matney of Mouthcard; five grandchildren, Patricia, Donna, Betty, Timmy and Denise; and four great grandchildren, Andrew, Michael, Crystal, and Delana.

Margie's survivors include the following: one daughter, Rosetta Blizzard of Lookout; and two grandchildren, Travis and Tod.

The couple also leaves a number of other beloved relatives and scores of friends to regretfully mourn their passing.

—Written by the Family



Ira Slone

It is with much grief and sorrow that I try to write this obituary of my beloved Ira Slone. He was born July 26, 1926. He was the son of the late Denver Crocett Slone and Sarah Chapman Slone. He departed this life January 11, 1992. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sadie Stiltner Slone. They had five children: Jackie Slone, Larry Slone and Sharon Woods all of Michigan; Lillie Mae Slone of Ottoway, Ohio; and Dewey Slone of Gallipolis, Ohio; eleven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sisters, Ocie Black of Prestonsburg, Ky.,

Opal Flemming of W.Va.; three brothers, Paul Slone of Kimper, Ky.; Edgar Slone of Columbus, Ohio; and Jack Slone of Zebulon, Ky.

He was a 38 year retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. and a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church. Ira and I, Judy Coleman Slone, were married September 29, 1972. We had over nineteen years of the most wonderful life together. My three children, Ruth Fields, Billy Crisp and Jo Charles, and my three grandsons loved him so much. He was a very special person to all that knew him.

He certainly is missed by us all. The last words we heard him say, he raised his hands toward Heaven and said, "Here comes Jesus after me." He praised the Lord and never spoke again. Honey, I sure miss you, but by the grace of God I'll see you again.

—Written with love by your wife, Judy Slone



Cecil Damron

Jesus called and Brother Cecil Damron answered June 6, 1992 at the age of 70 years old. It is with sad hearts we write the obituary of our beloved husband, dad and grandfather. But it is with glad hearts when we think of how he made peace with God May 5, 1991. Cecil was a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church and a retired miner.

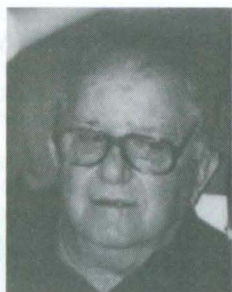
He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife Eunice Damron; one son, Emmitt Damron; three daughters, Magadelin Ray, Betty Ratliff and Joann Roberts.

Cecil was a Christian for one year but in that short time he was truly blessed with a family that loved him and a church family of Brothers and Sisters who loved

him so much. Because he gave so much love and made us smile when we felt like crying. So sleep on my darling husband, our dad and papa and our brothers and sisters in Christ. God called you away, but we know that someday we can all be together on Heaven's shore. We know you have no more pain and you are at rest with Jesus. You will be sadly missed by all of us.

Cecil's favorite song was "Come and See Me In My New Home." He loved having the church and friends in on Sunday evening for service. We all loved to hear how Cecil loved the Lord and tell us he was ready to go home.

—With a sad heart, wife, Eunice Damron



Willie Moore

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of our beloved father, Willie Moore.

He departed this life April 7, 1992 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born in Pike County, the son of the late Willard and Delphia Moore. He was a coal operator, a veteran and a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Allene (Little) Moore, whom he married June 1946. Two sons: Jimmy Lee Moore of Bowling Fork, Ky. and Terry William Moore of Ashcamp, Ky. One daughter: Thelma Taylor of Bowling Fork, Ky. Eight brothers: Jessie of Elkhorn, Ky., Donnie of Bristol, Va., Wayne and Roger of Lakeland, Fla., Radford of Clintwood, Va., Jack and Fred of Danville, Va., and Vernon of Bowling Fork, Ky. One sister: Fern Large of Lakeland, Fla.

Also surviving are five grandchildren: Mark Taylor, Tara, Terry II, Tyler Moore and Jimmy Moore II.

He also leaves many friends and Brothers and Sisters in Christ to mourn his passing. But we feel that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. So sleep on for just a little season longer till our Lord comes for His children.

—Written by his children, Thelma, Terry and Jimmy



Linda Verna Mullins

Linda Verna Church Mullins, born to George and Betty Church on February 14, 1949, died February 18, 1992.

She married Leonard Mullins and to this union was born two daughters, Shirley Mullins Elswick of Swords Creek, Va. and Jodi Lynn Eaton of Honaker, Va. She was born in Michigan and later lived in Galion, Ohio, moving to Swords Creek seventeen years ago.

In addition to her parents, survivors are, her husband Leonard (Jody) Mullins of the home, her two daughters, one sister, Mrs. Mary Kincaid of Nevad, Ohio and three brothers, Gregory and Todd Church, both of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and Steve Church of Galion, Ohio.

She attended the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church of Honaker, Va. She was sick about two years, being baptized in the hospital. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Her funeral was preached by Rev. Robert Matney and Rev. Kenneth Taylor. Linda, we love you.

—Mom



Elder John H. Coleman

John Hammon Coleman, 62, of Wolfpit Road died Saturday, July 11, 1992 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born June 21, 1930 in Pike County. A son of the late Willie E. and Sally Thacker Coleman. He was an Old Regular Baptist Preacher for 30 years. Also a member and the Clerk with the Pikeville Old Regular Baptist Church, of the New Salem Association. He retired from the State Highway Department.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife Mildred Hylton Coleman; one son, John H. Coleman Jr. of Lookout, Ky.; six daughters: Pamela Coleman of Lancaster, Ohio; Sherelene Coleman, Sue Ellen Schutte and Judy Kay Mariano all of Sudney, Ohio; Teresa Ann Ratliff of Lookout, Ky.; and Sally Alice Williamson of Wolfpit, Ky. Four brothers: Charles Coleman of Council Bluff, Iowa; James Coleman of Akron, Ohio; Thomas Coleman of Akron, Ohio and Willie E. Coleman Jr. of Wolfpit, Ky. Three sisters: Wanda Coleman, Mandy Louvina Adkins and Lisa Pearl Coleman of Akron, Ohio. He had 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 14 at 1 p.m. in the Pikeville Old Regular Baptist Church, with Elder Matt Justice and others officiating. Burial followed in the Annie E. Young Cemetery of Shelbiana.

Brother John will be missed so very much by his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, friends and Brothers and Sisters in Christ. But we feel that our loss is for sure Heaven's Eternal gain.

—Written by the Family



Grady and Annie Lee Jacobs

With much sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my parents, Grady and Annie Lee Strickland Jacobs.

Daddy was born July 27, 1909, to the late Z.R. Jacobs and Charity (Hunt) Jacobs. He passed from this life, Feb. 5, 1976 making his stay here 66 years and 7 months.

Momma was born July 17, 1911 to the late Steve and Mary (McCall) Strickland. She passed from this life Feb. 29, 1991, making her stay here 79 years and 7 months.

Daddy and Momma are survived by three sons: Raeford and Arnold Jacobs of Rowland, N.C. and Zack Jacobs of Chesapeake, Va. Three daughters: Evelyn Cook of Ashcamp, Ky., Unice Chavis of Shannon, N.C. and Eldis Ranson of Rowland, N.C. Two sons preceded them in death. Daddy leaves behind two brothers and two sisters. Also many Friends and Neighbors who will miss them very much.

I believe we will see them again in a better land, because I feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. So sleep on till the Lord comes to take His children Home.

—Written by their broken hearted daughter, Evelyn Cook



Clarence Ratliff

Clarence Ratliff of Poorbottom, passed away Monday, February 18, 1991, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, at the age of 85. He was born in Pike County, August 25, 1905, to the late Johnny M. and Myrtle (Childress) Ratliff. He was the husband of Oshie (Epling) Ratliff of Poorbottom. He was a retired miner and was a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, two sisters, and one grandson.

Besides his wife, Clarence is survived by the following: two sons: Johnnie N. Ratliff of Whitmore Lake, Michigan, and Willie Ratliff of Cleveland, Ohio; and two daughters: Ruby Robinson of Cleveland, Ohio and Evelyn J. Feist of Amherst, Ohio.

Also included among Clarence's survivors are twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and scores of other relatives and friends who will miss his presence dearly. The memory of Clarence Ratliff will always remain in the hearts and minds of each and every one that knew him.

—Written by his broken hearted Wife and Children



Goldie Kiser

Goldie Kiser, 87, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1991, in Bristol Nursing Home. She was the widow of Clyde Kiser, a retired cook at Coeburn High School and a member of Pocahontas Rebekah Lodge in Coeburn. She was a charter member of Meade's Chapel Church and served as clerk of the church for several years. She also served as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the church and was past president of the Wise County and Dickenson Ladies Auxiliary Free Will Baptist Conferences.

Survivors include one son, Covey A. Kiser Sr., Bristol Virginia; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memory of Aunt Goldie

In our little community high on top of this beautiful mountain God in his mercy looked down and knew there would be many dark days, and set a candle before us that goeth not out by night.

To some she is lovingly known as Mrs. Clyde Kiser or Mom. "Ma Ma" to many as she helped cook and served meals to the children at school. She was Aunt Goldie, a lovely virtuous woman.

Aunt Goldie has toiled many days to the up-building of the church. To lift up the weak, and to plead God's mercy and saving grace for lost people. She was a trustworthy friend in our community and an inspiration to everyone. We admired her courage and strength and so to us she was like a strong pillar, because she up-held for the right. She has been sought out many times by people with burdens and troubles and she would reach out to them, in love and understanding.

Many of us can remember from our youth how Aunt Goldie was busy in the work of the Lord, always helping out, whether it be cooking, sewing, helping to carry on the workings of the church or worship services. Oh! how beautiful is her life that is anchored in Jesus Christ.

We watched her daily life and how she surmounted numerous burdens and sorrows, and yet she still climbed upward, trusting in the same Lord that saved her, that was also able to keep her.

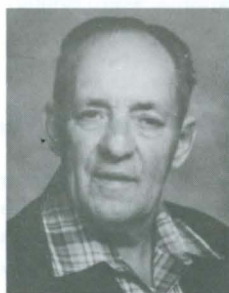
We are thankful for every day God has blessed us with her presence. We thank you, Lord, because you have allowed us to see in Aunt Goldie your beautiful work through a person's life how God took an obedient person that bowed to his will and molded a beautiful vessel that he would use to carry forth his truth.

May Aunt Goldie's teaching, training and love that she shared with us lodge in each heart and bring forth good fruit.

We wish good things to all people and our wish for others is that they be blessed as we were with AUNT GOLDIE KISER.

Ladies Auxiliary organized at the home of Aunt Goldie Kiser June 24, 1945 and she was president.

Joined the conference also Oct. 12, 1945 in Wise County.



William Fred Lilly, Sr.

In loving memory of my husband and our dad, William Lilly, Sr., who departed this life to be with the Lord, October 24, 1991, living here on Earth for 74 years.

He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a retired coal miner and member of UMWA Local No. 1256. He was a member of the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, the Clintwood Senior Citizens and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Lilly; two sons, William Fred Lilly Jr. and Dennis Ray Lilly; one brother, Everette Lilly; one sister, Clara Culbertson; and two grandchildren, Michael and Jessica; and several nieces and nephews.

Dad, your memory shall never fade. Our hearts are aching for you.

—In loving memory, his wife and children.

"Gone, but not forgotten."



Millard Harris

In loving memory of my husband, Millard Harris, age 49 of Honaker, Virginia. He was born April 26, 1942, in Buchanan County, Virginia. He passed from this life on April 26, 1992.

Leaving behind his wife, Brenda Wilson Harris and their daughter Sandra Sutherland, his mother Mandie Johnson, three brothers and four sisters.

He was a member and deacon of the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church.

His death leaves a very lonely place in the hearts of his family and his friends.



Dora Mae Cox

Dora Mae Cox, age 82, was born December 22, 1909 and passed away April 3, 1992 of congestive heart failure. Services were held April 5, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. at the Russell County Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Robinson and the Rev. Eugene Miller officiating. Mother was laid to rest in the Ketron Memorial Gardens in Lebanon, Virginia.

She was the wife of Dallas Cox and lived all her life in or around Russell County. She was the loving mother of eight children, five sons and three daughters. She also had 28 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. Two sons preceded her in death.

She was a member of the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church and though she is greatly missed by family and friends, our loss is Heaven's gain.

—With loving memories by daughter Mary Whited.



Thomas Mitchell

Thomas Mitchell, 71, of Council, Va., transferred to Heaven on December 8, 1991.

He was the son of the late Zachariah and Hannah Sparks Mitchell. He was a member and deacon of the Drill Chapel Church for many years. He was preceded in death by thirteen brothers and sisters and one daughter, Donna Sue Mitchell who departed this life in 1963.

He is greatly missed by his wife of fifty years and eleven months, Mrs. Ruby Baldwin Mitchell. He leaves behind six children who love and miss their father: Mr.

Harold Mitchell, Mr. Dawyer Mitchell, Mrs. Philis Wilson, Mrs. Mildred Baldwin, Mrs. Barbara Israel, and Mrs. Deborah Barton.

He died at the Drill Chapel Church, while singing "Amazing Grace" with two of his grandchildren, whom he had taught to play numerous instruments. He is missed by fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. He is loved by a host of friends and loved ones.

The people of the Drill Chapel Church are saddened by his passing, and were truly a family to him.

He went home to be with Jesus,
While singing Amazing Grace.
Our hearts are filled with sorrow,
How we miss his loving face.
God had granted us a peace,
That when his soul was released,
He went to wait for us in a beautiful place.
Where we can go when we finish our race.
A father, a husband, and a friend so dear.
Oh! How secure we felt, when we knew he was near.
All of the years he lived for Jesus, have paid off now.
Someday we can meet again, and the words of his last
song told us how.

—The Thomas Mitchell Family

BY-LAWS AND ORGANIZATION

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior 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 except the clerk and treasurer, in order that a regular discipline 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 a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received, unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and this for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other way. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Finance Committee, and Pastor.

Board of Trustees - The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifth majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting, being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk - It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the Church Covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all the letters and other communications made, by authority of the church.

Treasurer - The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received, and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church or more often 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.

If the charges be against an ordained minister then the yearly meeting shall report to, or call the ordaining council together and they shall try the case 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 dismissal 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 Baptists 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-Freewill 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 Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

BY-LAWS

1. No conference shall be held with less than three ordained ministers and four delegates belonging to the Yearly Meeting.
2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented and the proceedings of last conference read.
3. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each quarterly meeting of the conference.
4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.
5. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.
6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.
8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.
9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.
10. Any motion must be made by one member, seconded by another, and afterwards stated by the moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover or at the demand of any one member.
11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.
12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.
13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a 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 Freewill 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 Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

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

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

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

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

Article 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m. at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter: at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly 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 Conference shall send to the Yearly Meeting \$1.25 for each minute book ordered, this money will be used for the minutes and expense 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 the 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 24:47; 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 bought 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; 1st 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; St. John 3:3.
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 charge 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 1:4; 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.
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; Eph. 2:8-9.
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 the fruit of the vine, 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; James 5:14; Eph. 2:8, 9.
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.
20. 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. chapter 13, John 13:35 and 1st John 3:14.

GAMBLING

We, 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. — 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.

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences. 5

Conference	Ministers		Churches	Membership
	Ordained	Licensed		
Dickenson County	115		38	2260
Pike County	75		19	1875
New Durm	20	4	10	416
Letcher County	61	1	21	1575
Hamilton County	6		4	
TOTALS	277	5	92	6126

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:

Dickenson	1993
Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson	1999
Letcher	2000
Pike	2001

