

Minutes

of the

**JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING**

of

Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

73rd SESSION

Held With

OWSLEY

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pikeville, Ky.

September 8-9, 1995

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1994-1995

Amount received in letters 1995	
Dickenson County	\$ 1,531.25
Dickenson County for engraving	5.00
Letcher County	593.75
Letcher County for engraving	65.50
Pike County	1,144.25
Pike County for engraving.....	7.00
New Durham	300.00
New Duham for engraving	14.00
Hanilton County	<u>81.25</u>

Total recieved in letters	\$ 3,792.00
Amount in treasury 1994	<u>\$ 7,894.46</u>

Amount in treasury 1995	\$11,686.46
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Expenses for the year 1995	
Clerk's fee	\$ 100.00
Minutes, printing and shipping	<u>\$ 2,790.00</u>

Total paid out	\$ 2,890.00
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Balance in treasury 1995	\$ 8,796.46
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The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Va., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September which will be September 6th and 7th, 1996.

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From Elkhorn City, Ky., take Rt. 80 to Haysi Va., from there take Rt 83 West to Clintwood, Va., go through Clintwood on Rt. 83, the church is on the left beside Hardees.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1995

Dickenson County	1,340
Kermit Wallace, Rt. 1 Box 495 Haysi VA 24256-9768	
Phone: 540-865-4567	
Letcher County	575
Larry R. Jones, HC 84, Box 1920 Whitesburg, KY 41858	
Phone: 606-633-0298	
New Durham	300
Troy Harris, Rt. 1 Box 157, Vansant, Va 24656	
Phone: 54 -859-2912	
Pike County	735
Dennis Hinkle, 2655 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	
Phone: 606-353-4571	
Hamilton County	50
Lena Couch, 103 Backus Dr. Alexandria, Ky. 41001	
Total Minutes	3,000

MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Luke Wright	Remire Mullins	Joe Sluss
Avery R. Carty	Robert Hay	Clyde Hay
Terry W. Price		

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Larry R. Jones	Clyde Damron	Homer Lee Mullins
Tommy England	Julian H. Gibson	

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Bennie F. Slone	Herbert Goff	Robert Varney
Robie Kendrick	Homer Adkins	Harold Brewer
Clyde Bowman Jr.	Jimmy Skeens	Velon E. Burgess
Burl Rogers	Donnie Williamson	Edward Lee Adkins
Dwight Buckley	Kenneth Lowe	

NEW DURHAM MINISTERS

Troy E. Harris	Clyde Robert Stanford
Kenneth Sproles	Larry L. Robertson

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Harold D. Robertson Robert L. Matney

VISITING MINISTERS

Roger Hood from the Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee
Curtis Dotson from Duffield, Virginia

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Oval Hillman	Earet Rose	Bruce Willis
Leroy Reynolds	Carol Dotson	Raymond McCarty
Charles Sutherland		

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Milford Craft	Sammy Fields	William Edwin Gibson
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PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

Rolin T. Rutherford	Phillip Church	Charley Honaker
William Maynard	Johnny R. Justice	Jackie Charles
Eddie Abbott	Jimmy Williamson	

NEW DURHAM DEACONS

Brady Farmer

VISITING DEACONS

Newl Dotson from The Harvest Childrens Home, Duffield, Virginia

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Brenda Price	Pearl Blackstone	Seibert Hillman
Lloyd Hillman	Gertrude French	Daisy Blackstone
Janice S. Addington	Donald Blackstone	Marie McCarty
Worley C. Hill	Margaret Sutherland	Nita Ratliff
Shelbie Willis	Columbua E. Stanley	Dianna Hall
Patty Mullins	Wilma Smith	Bob Hall
Thurman Sproles	Shelia Boggs	Lillian Hay

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Wendell Hawkins	Lee Reeves
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PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Ronnie Church	Clara Church	Lynchia Smith
Gaynelle Kendrick	Mildred Varney	Peggy Maynard
Olive Lee Adkins	Judy Bevins	Maggie Adkins
Hi Adkins	Dolly C. Adkins	Bonnie Rutherford
Okey Smith	Shirley Honaker	Virginia Rogers
Dolly Stevens	Mabelene Stevens	Susie Abbott
Sue Charles	Ivis S. Justice	Eddie Overstreet
John H. Justice	Hubert Meade	Josephine Williamson
Vernice Overstreet	Amy Overstreet	Vicie Gibson
Bobbie Slone	Birdell Justice	Donnie Robinson
Lula Belle Gross		

NEW DURHAM DELEGATES

Jim Bordwing Sr.	Phyllis A. Stanford	Ada Farmer
Helen Harris	Phyllis Bardevone	Linda Hart
Sandra Robinson		

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Hazel Stewart	Levi Stewart	Janet Robinson
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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
Clerk	Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
	169 Highway 1056 Pinsonfork, KY 41555, Phone 606 353 7704
Treasurer.....	Rev. Troy Harris
	Rt. 1 Box 157 Vansant, VA 24656, Phone 540 859 2913

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON	Earet Rose, Raymond McCarty, Luke Wright, Donnie Elkins, Larry Bise.
LETCHER	Milford Craft, Earl Smith, Jack Whitaker.
PIKE	Benny Slone, Robey (Buddy) Kendrick, Robert (Bobby) Varney.
NEW DURHAM:	Elbert Rasnake, Brady Farmer, Troy Harris, Ronald Johnson, Kenneth Sproles
HAMILTON:	Robert Matney, Harold Robinson, LeRoy Reed

INTRODUCTION

Friday Morning 11:00

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 73rd session with the Pike County Quarterly Conference at the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Pikeville, Ky., on the Friday before the second Sunday in September 8th and 9th 1995.

Reverend Homer Adkins the Assistant 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 2nd Peter 3: verse 7.

Brother Tommy England led in prayer after many hands went up for special prayer. The congregation sang "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". And special songs were sung by The Owsley Singers, Ed and Dolly Adkins, Eddie Overstreet, and Clyde Hay.

Brother Benny Slone came forward to preach the introductory sermon using for a text, suppertime. He brought a good message to the Christians. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and shook hands. Dismissed by Brother Bobby Varney and Blessing over the food until 1:30 p.m.

1:30 PM AFTERNOON SESSION

We met back with Congregation singing "I Remember the Time". Opened session by reading Hebrews 4: Verse 11-14. Prayer by Brother Brady Farmer.

A motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother Tommy England to nominate Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick as moderator. Brother Bill Gibson made a motion to cease the nominations. The motion was seconded by Brother Tommy England. With no further nominations, Brother Buddy Kendrick was elected by vote of acclamation. A motion was made by the clerk, Brother Bobby Varney, and seconded by Brother Tommy England to give the Moderator authority to appoint all necessary committees. Motion carried. Brother Homer Lee Mullins was appointed to serve as assistant moderator. Brother Dwight Buckley made a motion, which was seconded by Brother Phillip Church to retain Brother Bobby Varney as clerk, Motion was carried. Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to retain as treasurer, Brother Oval Hillman. Motion was seconded by Brother Tommy England. Brother Hillman declined and resigned because of his age. Brother Brady Farmer made a motion and was seconded by Brother Remire Mullins to elect Brother Troy Harris to replace Brother Hillman as treasurer, motion carried by vote of the delegates.

The moderator appointed the following brothers to fill the necessary committees.

Audit Committee

Brother Tommy England
Brother Terry Price
Brother Bill Gibson

Pulpit Committee

Brother John Justice
Brother LeRoy Reynolds
Brother Phillip Church

The Moderator thanked the Association for the confidence they had in him to elect him to serve as the moderator. He welcomed any visitors that we might have to sit with us in our Godly deliberations. He called for delegates from the childrens home. Brother Roger Hood from Children's Home in Greenville, Tn. came forward to report that presently they have 66 children in their care. They have seven houses and have home parents, with a home environment. 46 children there gave their lives to the Lord in the last year. The home now is debt free. Terry Price made a motion seconded by Thurman Sproles to receive the report. An offering was received and the blessing was asked by Bro. Dwight Buckley.

Motion was made by Brother Edward Lee Adkins and seconded by Brother Larry

Jones to accept minutes as printed. Pulpit Committee reported Brother Clyde Hay will preach at the afternoon service and Brother Homer Adkins to preach at the evening service.

The audit committee reported the treasurer's books to be in order. Report was given by Brother Terry Price and accepted by move of the yearly meeting. A motion of adjournment was made by Brother Phillip Church and seconded by Brother Carol Dotson. Enrollment cards for the ministers, deacons and delegates were distributed and returned to clerk. Brother Clyde Hay came forward to preach using for a subject, I am He that liveth. Rev. 1: 18. The congeration sang "It'll Be Worth it After All". The love offering for the Children's Home was \$148.65. Dismissal was by Brother Terry Price until Friday evening at 7 a.m.

Friday Night 7:00 P.M.

Service was conducted by Rev. Velon Burgess. The congregation sang "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" and "Honey In the rock". Brother Velon asked for prayer requests and several were given and also unspoken requests by show of hands. The congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old". The ministers and deacons anointed Brother Edward Lee Adkins and Brother Donnie Robinson with oil and had prayer led by Brother William Maynard. Brother Johnny Justice sang "Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot", Sister Ivis and Bro. Johnny Justice sang "If You Ask Me Why", Sister Pennie Burgess and Sister Amy Overstreet sang "Cannan's Land Is Just In Sight", Sister Gracie Potter sang "Is That The Lights Of Home I See?", Sister Bernice Matney sang "Turn Back Wayward Pilgrim", Sister Lee Vivie Gibson and Sister Birdell Justice sang "A Better Place To Go", Brother William and Sister Peggy Maynard and Sister Judy Bevins sang "I'll Fly Away", "He Bore The Stripes For Me" and "He's My All In All".

Brother Homer Adkins came forward to bring the evening message, he read from St. Luke chapter 8 and verse 40. He grought a very spiritual message which everyone enjoyed. The congregation sang and shook hands and was dismissed by Brother William Maynard.

Saturday 9:30 A.M.

Moderator read from The First Psalm to open the Yearly Meettion for business. Prayer was led by Brother Clyde Damron. The congregation sang "Just Over In The Gloryland Way" and "We'll Understand It Better By and By". The moderator called for the letters from the various conferences. The clerk read the letters which were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with Owsley Freewill Baptist Church, in The Pike County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1995.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference convened with Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

MODERATOR:

Brother Manie W. Strouth

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Brother Earet Rose

Brother Raymond McCarty

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
Brother Franklin Hall

Brother Luke Wright
Brother Donnie Elkins
Brother Larry Bise

CLERKS:
Brother Lloidy Hillman
Brother Oval Hillman
Brother Kermit Wallace

TREASURERS:
Quarterly Meeting- Sister Patty Mullins
Emergency Fund- Brother Donnie Elkins
Children's Home-Sister Ann Bartley

ORDAINING COUNCIL:
Brother Lester Mullins, Chairman
Brother Roy Vanover
Brother Franklin Hall

The Conference voted to buy 1225 minutes. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$1531.25. Engraving \$5.00.

STATISTICS

Churches	37	Sunday Schools	35
Church Membership	2154	Sunday School Membership	1637
		Ladies Auxiliaries	14

Balance from July 1994 to July 1995:

Quarterly Meetin Fund	\$2382.66
Emergency Fund	\$2758.10
Children's Home Fund	\$4931.00

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session this the 21 and 22 of July 1995.

Moderator: Brother Manie W. Strouth

Clerks: Brothers Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Kermit Wallace.

The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in Clintwood, Va. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September which will be September 6th and 7th, 1996.

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From Elkhorn City, Ky., take Rt. 80 to Haysi, Va., from there take Rt. 83 West to Clintwood on Rt. 83, the church is on the left beside Hardees.

DELEGATE	CHURCH	DELGATE	CHURCH
Geneva Taylor	BearWallow	Elizabeth Hartsock	Bearwallow
Chris Woods	Bear Wallow	Mary Mulkey	Buffalo
Betty Damron	Buffalo	Lee Honaker	Buffalo
Myrtle Milton	Castlewood	Lola May Phillips	Castlewood
Raymond McCarty	Clinchco	Marie McCarty	Clinchco
Mona Hill	Clinchco	Jennifer Rose	Counts Chapel
Janice Rose	Counts Chapel	Carter Anderson	Davis Chapel
Tootsie Anderson	Davis Chapel	Emma Large	Duncan Gap
Cecil Mullins	Duncna Gap	Anna Collins	Duncan Gap

Charles Sutherland	Dyer's Chapel	Margaret Sutherland	Dyer's Chapel
Peggy Kiser	Dyer's Chapel	Shirlene Mullins	Flemingtown
Irene Hawkins	Flemingtown	Walter Hawkins	Flemingtown
Cheryl Clay	Fremont	Emma Smith	Fremont
Ida Branham	Fremont	Eugene Hay	Frying Pan
Oscar Silcox	Frying Pan	Clyde Deloach	George's Fork
Rickie Hampton	George's Fork	Peggy Kelly	Glady Fork
Don Blackstone	Hill Ridge	Pearly Blackstone	Hill Ridge
Siebert Hillman	Hill Ridge	Wilma France	Honey Camp
John Mullins	Honey Camp	Vickie Mullins	Honey Camp
Odell Lone	Hubbard Chapel	Hilda Lone	Hubbard Chapel
LeRoy Reynolds	Lick Creek	Tracey McCowan	Lick Creek
Brenda Price	Lick Fork	Sheila Boggs	Lick Fork
Frank Powers	Lick Fork	Clarabell McCoy	Light House
Karen Dockery	Light House	Edward Boggs	Lone Pine Chapel
Jim Nichols	Middle Branch	Mary Nichols	Middle Branch
Anna Hill	Middle Branch	Hurshel Mullins	Mill Creek
Polly Mullins	Mill Creek	Lisa Mullins	Mill Creek
Mike Patrick	Mills Chapel	Nina Patrick	Mills Chapel
Thurman Sproles	Mills Chapel	Bill Sheppard	Peuther Chapel
Janie Bise	Peuther Chapel	Larry Bise	Peuther Chapel
Bill Palmer	Phillips Chapel	Lola Long	Phillips Chapel
Daisy Blackstone	Phillips Chapel	Jo Ann Hall	Pine Creek
Elsie Thompson	Pine Creek	James O. Mullins	Pine Creek
Randall Baker	Pyles Memorial	Richard Mullins	Pyles Memorial
Goldie Mullins	Pyles Memorial	Linda Carty	Rachel's Chapel
Wilma Smith	Rachel's Chapel	Bill Stanley	Rachel's Chapel
Bruce Willis	Rugsby	Shelbie Willis	Rugsby
Nita Ratliff	Rugsby	Fred Turner	Splashdam
Willie Mullins	Splashdam	Joyce Mullins	Splashdam
Bea Salyers	Tarpon	Clifton Salyers	Tarpon
Joyce Corroll	Tarpon	Carroll Dotson	Valley View
Clyde Hill	Valley View	Edmund Stanley	Valley View
Patty Mullins	Yates Chapel	Iretta Salyers	Yates Chapel
Lillian Hay	Yates Chapel		

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Larry R. Jones, Clerk
 HC 84 Box 1920
 Whitesburg, KY 41858

William E. Gibson, Treasurer
 P.O. Box 179
 Jenkins, KY 41537-0179

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church on September 8-9, 1995.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met at the Burdine Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, August 26, 1995. After opening the conference by singing, prayer, and Bible reading, Bro. Herman Bates, Jr., was elected as Moderator of the Conference. Bro. John DePriest was appointed Assistant Moderator. The Sunday School Talk was given by Bro. Danny Mullins, the Temperance Talk was given by Bro. Richard Gibson.

Committees were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Milford Craft (Chairman)

Bro. Earl Smith

Bro. Jack Whitaker

(Bro. Ralph Profitt and Bro. James N. Tackett filled in
because of the absence of Bro. Smith and Bro. Whitaker)**PULPIT COMMITTEE:**

Bro. Kenneth Childers

Bro. Paul Hamilton

Bro. Sammy Fields

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE:

Bro. Ralph E. Profitt (8-20-93)

Bro. Edgar Sanders (8-27-94)

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins (8-26-95)

Sermons were delivered by Bro. Larry R. Jones and Bro. Luke Wright during the Conference.

Delegates to the Conference enrolled as follows:

DELEGATE	CHURCH	DELEGATE	CHURCH
Larry R. Jones	Kings Creek	James N. Tackett	Alleghany
Richard Gibson	Poor Bottom	Ethel Tackett	Alleghany
Milford Craft	Payne Gap	Fred Young	Payne Gap
Leanza Mullins	Pine Chapel	Carolina Mullins	Payne Gap
Sarah Mullins	Energyville	Phyllis Thornsburg	Energyville
Oma McCown	Energyville	Ernest McCown	Energyville
Lola Wallace	Energyville	Sonny Miracle	Bethel
Ireland Sexton	Old Fashioned	Jessie Miller	Old Fashion
Vernon Childers	Hylton	Wendell	Hylton
Joyce A. Profitt	Pine Chapel	Ralph E. Profitt	Pine Chapel
Bobby R. Lucas	Burdine	William E. Gibson	Burdine
Herman Bater, Jr.	Payne Gap	Charles Gallion	Dunham
Vicie Smallwood	Poor Bottom	Sammy Fields	Poor Bottom
Mary Shelby	Pine Chapel	Myrtle Lee Venters	Burdine
Sharon Newsome	Alleghany	Elizabeth Marrs	Energyville
Delorace Sexton	Old Fashioned	Muriel Salyers	Burdine
Gertrude Elkins	Payne Gap	Homer B. Johnson	Marshall's Br.
Dorothy Whitt	Burdine	Bonnie Pritchard	Pine Chapel
Paul Hamilton	Bethel	Lee Reeves	Burdine
Roma Reeves	Burdine	Joe Basham	Bethel
Sarah Basham	Bethel	Billy Akers	Bethel
Sharon Akers	Bethel	Kenneth Childers	Hylton
Laura Lee Childers	Hylton	Homer Lee Mullins	Hylton
Carl Rose	Payne Gap	Sheila Rose	Payne Gap
Cheryl McCarty	Hylton	Myrtle Kelly	Hylton
Teddy Damron	Poor Bottom	Ricky Morton	Alleghany
John H. Coleman	Bethel	Betty Coleman	Bethel

Delegates enrolled 56

Total attendance 61

While in session, the Letcher County Conference voted approval to recommend to the John Thomas Association the following proposals concerning the By-Laws of Ministers' Conference and the Articles of Faith. These were recommended to the Letcher County Ministers' Conference.

We recommend:

Proposal #1
 Amendment to Article #6
 By-Laws of Ministers' Conference

All ministers moving to another Conference or Quarterly Meeting shall have that Conference or Quarterly Meeting write to the Conference or Quarterly Meeting the Minister has left, or is leaving, requesting a letter of recommendation. If the Minister is in good standing, the Conference or Quarterly Meeting shall send the letter to the Conference or Quarterly Meeting requesting the letter.

We recommend that present wording of Article #6 of the By-Laws of Ministers' Conference be deleted and be replaced with this proposed amendment.

Proposal #2
 Amendment to Article #18
 Articles of Faith
 (Concerning the Resurrection)

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order: they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. - John 5:28,28; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:22,23,35-44; II Timothy 2:18; Phillipians 3:21; Daniel 12:2. (This was taken from page #40 of "A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists" - 1981 edition.)

We recommend that the present wording of Article #18 of the Articles of Faith be deleted and be replaced with this proposal.

Fourth Quarterly Statement

Funds Recieved

Burdine Church — August 26, 1995

Funds:

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 725.00
Foreign Missions	120.00
Home Missions	115.00
Children's Home	143.00
Youth Center	15.00
Conference Offering Received	86.00
Obituaries	51.50
Extra Minute Books	100.00
Total Funds Received	\$ 1,355.50

FOURTH QUARTER STATISTICS

Churches	21	Youth Leagues	3
Membership	1,528	League Membership	36
Sunday Schools	19	Ministers (active)	51
S.S. Membership	737	(with lifetime cards)	10
Auxillaries	11	(Licensed)	3
Aux. Membership	133	Deacons (active)	78
		(under watchcare)	3

Please send 475 copies of the Minutes. Enclosed is \$593.75 for Minute copies and 51.50 for Obituaries, for a total amount of \$645.25.

Done by order of the Letcher County Conference of Free Will Baptists.

Larry R. Jones - Clerk, Letcher County Conference

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church on August 26, 1995. Bro. Homer Adkins called the Conference to order for business by reading 1st John Chapter 1. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Harold Brewster

Clerk

Rev. Dennis Hinkle

Business Committee

Rev. Bennie Slone

Rev. Donnie Williamson

Rev. Edward Lee Adkins

Finance Committee

Bro. Brad Williamson

Bro. Charles Baker

Bro. Earl Gannon

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtis Wellman

Rev. Herbert Goff

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Benny Slone

Pulpit Committee

Bro. Matthew Stevens

Bro. T. Rutherford

Bro. Jackie Charles

Treasurer

Rev. Velon Burgess

STATISTICS

Churches	19	Sunday School Membership	732
Church Membership	1657	Ladies Auxiliaries	7
Ministers	71	Auxiliaries Membership	145
Sunday Schools	17	Mid Week Service Attendance	357

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in the treasury June 1994	\$ 3,914.95
RECEIVED - August 1994 to June 1995	3,799.88
EXPENSES - August 1994 to June 1995	3,790.68
Balance June 1995	\$ 3,924.25

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Delegate	Church	Delegate	Church
Mildred Varney	Belfry	Eddie Abbott	Edo
James Darrell Wellman	Lecheville	Susie Abbott	Edo
Eddie Overstreet	Owsley	Dolly Stevens	Toler Creek
Vernice Overstreet	Owsley	Liela Gross	Grassy
Amy Overstreet	Owsley	Roger Bogar	Bluespring
Mabelane Stevens	Toler Creek	Auna Bogar	Bluespring
Matthew Stevens	Toler Creek	Sonny Hall	Owsley
John H. Justice	Owsley	Treva Hall	Owsley
Robin T. Rutherford	Belfry	Clara Church	Belfry
Jimmy Williamson	Owsley	Lois Bowman	Meathouse

Josephine Williamson	Owsley	Doug Bevins	Owsley
Bonnie Rutherford	Belfry	Judy Bevins	Owsley
Virginia Rogers	Octavia	Ivis Justice	Owsley
Johnny Ray Justice	Owsley	Vicie Gibson	Owsley
John Emery Justice	Owsley	Prue J. Gannon	Meathouse
Olive Lee Adkins	Owsley	Birdell Justice	Owsley
Bobbie Slone	Owsley	Billie B. Burgess	Owsley
Lizzie Parsons	Owsley	Gene Williams	Owsley
Cleo Williams	Owsley	Hi Adkins	Proctor
William Maynard	Owsley	Dale Church	Belfry
Peggy Maynard	Owsley	Phillip Church	Octavia
Donnie Robinson	Greasy	Okey E. Smith	Canada
Jackie Charles	Grassy	Sue Charles	Grassy
Rebecca Honaker	Meathouse	Dolly C. Adkins	Trimble
Charley Honaker	Meathouse	Lanchie Smith	Belfry
Shirley Honaker	Meathouse	Patty Stanley	Belfry
Gaynell Kendrick	Belfry	Edna Coleman	Trimble
Estil Hatfield	Octavia	Hurbert Meade	Owsley
Linda Meade	Owsley'		

We are enclosing \$1081.25 for minutes and \$70.00 for engraving. We are requesting 625 minute books.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 26th day of August, 1994.

Moderator: Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
169 Hwy. 1056 Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555
Phone: 606 353 7704

Clerk: Rev. Dennis Hinkle
2655 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky. 41543
Phone: 606 353 4571

NEW DURHAM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Pikeville, Ky., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1995.

Greetings:

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

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator:
Rev. Giles Wilson (3 mos.)

Assistant Moderator:
Rev. Avery Barton (3 mos.)

Clerk:
Troy Harris
Rt. 1 Box 157
Vansant, Va. 24646
Phone: 540 859 2853

Executive Committee:
Elbert Rasnake Brady Farmer
Troy Harris Ronald Johnson
Kenneth Sproles

Ordaining Council:
Larry Robinsons, Chairman
Edward Dye
Giles Wilson

Treasurer:
 Brady Farmer
 Star Rt. Box 143
 Rowe, Va. 24646
 Phone: 540 859 2853

STATISTICS

Churches	9	Licentate	0
Church Membership	306	Sunday Schools	8
Ministers	14	S. S. Membership	351

Balance from August 1994 to 1995:

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$2644.64
Emergency Fund	\$3367.13
Conference voted to buy 240 minutes	
Amount enclosed for minutes	\$ 300.00
Amount enclosed for obituaries	\$ 14.00

Done by order of New Durham Conference

Moderator: Giles Wilson

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Avery Barton

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

LIST OF DELEGATES

Lucille Whitaker	Sandra Robinson	Gay Hess
Phyllis Miller	Sheryl Keith	Mary Whited
June Harris	Lorane McGlothlin	Phyllis Stanford
Peggy Dye	Helen Harris	Shirley Thompson
Sandra Sutherland	Velva Meadows	Louie McGlothlin
Brenda Harris	Thelma Walters	Ada Farmer
Lum Johnson	Mildred Honaker	Harley Nuckles
Harlis Harris	Buddy Dye	Ruby Mitchell
Linda Harris	Lois Nuckles	Deborah Barton
Carson Harris	Myrtle Stevens	Marcella Rasnake
Dorothy Mitchell	Mable Combs	Lucille Arwood
Faye Harris	Phyllis Boardwine	Jim Boardwine
Linda Hart	Willard Hart	Tia Compton
Vanessa Robinson	Eura Von Thompson	

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists. The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met on August 12, 1995 with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church. We met in love and unity and had a great time in the worship part of the conference.

Moderator's Name and Address
 Rev. Richard Harris
 3288 Meridain Lot - 10

List of Delegates
 Marion Davidson
 Donald Barker

Sunman, Ind. 47041

Clerk's Name and Address

Lena Couch
103 Backus Dr.
Alexandria, Ky. 41001

Statistics

Churches	4
Church Membership	60
Ordained Ministers	5
Licensed Ministers	2

Florence Reed
Janet Robinson
Pauline Davidson
Fannie McCorkhill
Jack McCorkhill
Hazel Davidson
Frances England
Levi Stewart
Marion Stewart
Elwood Brown
A.C. Spurlock
Hazel Stewart

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Quarterly Conference on the 12th day of August, 1995.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION CONTINUES

Motion was made by Brother Harold Robinson and seconded by Brother Phillip Church to accept letters as read. Motion was carried. Enrollment cards were passed out to delegates, deacons and ministers who did not enroll on Friday.

The letters were turned over to the Executive Committees for the business. Letcher County had no committee members present. Larry Robinson made motion to have protiems for them seconded by Clyde Stanford. After much discussion it was decided that they could have protiems to sit in on the meeting but would have no voice in it, passed by show of hands. The executive committee was excused and Brother Homer Lee Mullins took charge of the meeting.

The Pulpit Committee reported Brother Larry Robinson will the morning message and Brother Homer Lee Mullins in the afternoon.

Motion was made by Brother Eddie Overstreet and seconded by Robert Matney to adjourn from business for the worship service.

Brother Earet Rose, The Owsley Singers and Brother Eddie Overstreet sang some special songs. Brother Larry Robinson came forward to preach using for a text 1st Thess 2: verse 13. Brought a good message to the Christians. Song and invitation given. Dismissal and blessing over the food by Brother Harold Brewer until 1:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.

Congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" Prayer by Brother Brady Farmer. Scripture reading from 1st Peter 5: verse 9.

The moderator called for the report of the Executive Committee. The report was given by the clerk, their report was that they recommended that article 18 in the Articles of Faith would remain as is. Dennis Hinkle made a motion seconded by Edward Lee Adkins to accept the report after several questions were asked and discussed then, the vote was to accept the report and to table it for one year for the vote. They also reported that the yearly meeting would go to Dickenson County next year.

Motion by Brother Clyde Damron and seconded by Brother Richard Gibson to adjourn from business until our next meeting at Dickenson County unless called together for a special session by the moderator.

The moderator asked the the singers from New Durham to come and sing while an offering was being received for the Harvest Children's Home at Duffield, Va. The offering was in the amount of \$235.97. Brother Dwight Buckley asked a blessing on the offering.

MINISTER'S 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 Clyde Damron to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. Motion by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother Earet Rose 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. The letters were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Pastor Danny Sluss welcomed Conference to Splasdam Church at 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 1995. Bro. Roy Vanover led in singing "Where Could I Go". Bro. Billy Darrell Willis led in prayer. Clerk read scripture lesson from psalms 95: 1-7. Bro. Danny Sluss was elected Moderator and Bro. Finis Hill won Assistant Moderator. Minutes of the last Conference were read and approved. Letters from absent ministers were read. Bro. Danny Sluss read scripture from I Co. 1:18. He said that ministers should be humble men; for us to preach the gospel; for it is the only thing that will save our people. It takes the blood of Jesus to cover our sins.

Bro. Esley Ratliff asked for permission to speak. He said some of the teaching he grew up with, he could not find in the Bible. He ask for motion to put in minutes saying that oil for anointing by used only for what God's Word intended it for. He said for pastors to preach the Word. Bro. Danny Sluss read scripture from James 5 about anointing with oil. Number of Brothers spoke against Bro. Ratliff's motion. No second to the motion was made and Bro. Danny Sluss said lay over till next Conf. and let the Ordaning Council teach on anointing with oil. The comment was made that it is the pastors job to see that anointing and prayer be done according to God's Word.

Ordaining Council elected for the comming year consists of: Bro. Franklin Hall, Bro. Lester Mullins, and Bro. Ray Vanover. The Committe for Lifetime Cards for the comming year consists of: Bro. Freddy Boyd, Bro. Jack Meads, and Bro. Glyde Hay. The Clerk for the upcomming year is Bro. Avery Carty.

Bro. Terry Price came at 8:35 p.m. and read scripture from Matt. 24:44, Romans 1:15, I Timothy 6:18, II Timothy 4:6. He said that we all need to be prepared for the comming of the Lord. He said that preachers should pray for each other. He said that we ordain some men before they are ready. He also stated that we get more troubled over the small matters than we get over the real problems. He also said that we should be preaching more tithing.

At 9:00 p.m. the motion to adjourn the Conference until October was made and seconded. Bro. Frank Hall dismissed with prayer. Bro. Keith Dotson was given the right hand of fellowship into the Ministers' Conference.

Dickenson Co. Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Edison Boggs	P.O. Box 5, Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
*J.T. Hartsock	Castlewood, Va. 24224	Bear Wallow
James E. Jenkins	Rt. 1, Dante, Va. 24237	Martins Chapel
*Hie A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Frying Pan
Clude E. Reedy	Rt. 2, Madisonville, Tn. 37354	Peuthers Chapel

Gobel Rose
I. T. Stallard
James J. Hobbs
Ralph Rasnick
(* Denotes Pastor)

Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226
Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Va. 24279
1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, Tn. 37643
Hurricane Rd. Wise, Va. 24293

Counts Chapel
Gladly Fork
Rugsby
Frying Pan

Ministers to Recieve Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Johnny Anderson	Rt. 2, Box 100 B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
*Charles Baker	Rt. 2, Box 350, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Troy Belcher	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Luther Belcher	Rt. 2, Box 138B, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Clifford Bevins	P.O. Box 224, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
James E. Bolling	P.O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
*Freddy Boyde	Rt. 1, Box 524, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon
*Avery R. Carter	Rt. 2, Box 295, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel's Chapel
Randall D. Carter	P.O. Box 909, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Allen G. Conley	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers Chapel
Dallas Conley	Rt. 1, Box 439, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Emory Cook	P.O. Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
Larry Damron	Rt. 1, Box 26, Nora, VA 24272	Ramsey Ridge
Verlin Deel Jr.	Box 30, Birchleaf, VA 24420	Lick Creek
Eddie Edwards	P.O. Box 866, Clintwood, VA 24228	Fremont
Jack Fogleman	Rt. 2, Box 144, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
*Glynn Hale	Rt. 2, Box 86B, Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
*Franklin Hall	Rt.2, Box 310B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Dennis Hamilton	P.O. Box 1663 Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
*Clyde Hay	Clintwood, VA, 24228	Lick Creek
*Robert C. Hay	Rt. 1, Box 274E, Clintwood, VA 24228	Dyers Chapel
Billy D. Hibbits	7346 Hopkins Farm Rd., Wise VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Finis A. Hill	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
*Gary Hill	Clintwood, Va 24228	Valley View
*Tammy Hill	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
*Jerry L. Jenkins	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24227	Buffalo
Jack Johnson	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA	Valley View
David P. Kilgore	P.O. Box 193, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Jimmy Large	Rt. 2, Box 473, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Garcia B. Layne	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, VA 24230	George Fork
*E.B. Lee, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Nora, VA 24272	Light House
Vester McKinney Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228	Middle Branch
*Jack W. Meade	HC 05 Box 409, Coeburn, Va 24230	Meades Chapel
James D. Meade	HC 05 Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meades Chapel
Delman D. Moore	Rt. 2, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
James A. Moore	P.O. Box 280, Clinchco, VA 24226	Flemingtown
*Paul D. Moore	P.O. 365, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Michael Mulkey	P.O. Box 1962, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
Billy G. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Bobby Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 518C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
*David L. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 118C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Dempsie Mullins	Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Jack Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 268, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
*Johnnie Mullins	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
*Lester C. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View

Lewis V. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 518, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mack Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Percy Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 395, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
*Remire Mullins	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
Ricky D. Mullins	8320 Crabtree Road, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
*Robert C. Mullins	9447 Pen Hollow Road, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
*Roy A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 460K, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Ted Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Virgil Mullins	Pound, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
*Willie R. Mullins	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Oscar Neece	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Walt Phillips	Rt. 3, Box 229A, Castlewood, VA 24224	Castlewood
Clifford Phipps	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valle View
*Robert L. Phipps	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachel Chapel
Arvil B. Pilkenton	P.O. Box 191, Pound, VA 24279	Mills Chapel
*Terry Price	Rt. 2, Box 392, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Esley Ratliff	Rt. 2, Box 3A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
*Howard Reynolds	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649	Castlewood
Jerry W. Robinson	Rt. 3, Box 399B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon
Lester Robinson	Rt. 2, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Nyal B. Robinson	Box 46, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
*Clyde E. Roop	Box 574, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine
ChapelElva Rose	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Harlan Lee Rose	15779 Bradford Rd. Culpepper, VA 22701	Clinchco
Willie C. Rose	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Ed Slemp	P.O. Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Davis Chapel
*Jackie Slemp	Rt. 2, Box 415A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Tom Slemp	Rt. 2, Box 425, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
* Danny Sluss	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
Joe Glenn Sluss	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers Chapel
*Steve Smith	Rt.3, box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Adam M. Stanley	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Gary Stanley	Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
James G. Stanley	Rt. 3, Box 575C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
*Nolan M. Stanley	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24230	Hibbard Chapel
Joseph P. Steele	Rt. 1, Box 209, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
*Manie W. Strouth	Box 958, Pound, VA 24279	Pine Creek
Eulis Sutherland	Rt. 3, Box 336A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
*Eddie Sturgill	P.O. Box 1141, Wise, VA 24293	Ferbie Chapel
*Glenn Sykes	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256	Tarpon
*Leon Sykes	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256	Tarpon
*Lynn Vanover	P.O. Box 1616, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Roy E. Vanover	Box 382, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Jerry Vitatoe	Rt. 1, Box 590, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon
Talt Wolford	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
*Luke Wright	Rt. 3, Box 243, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
*Billy D. Willis	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To The John Thomas Association while in session at the Owsley Freewill Baptist

Church on September 8-9, 1995.

The Letcher County Ministers' Conference met at the Budine Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M., on Friday, August 25, 1995. Brother Richard Gibson, Moderator, presided over the Conference. Officers for the following year are as follows:

Moderator:

Bro. Richard Gibson
Box 198
Lookout, KY 41534

Assistant Moderator:

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Box 339
Ashcamp, KY 41512

Ordination Committee:

Bro. Larry R. Jones (8-20-93)
Bro. Danny G. Mullins (8-25-95)

Bro. James N. Tackett (8-26-94)

Ministers to Recieve Good Standing Cards

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH
James N. Tackett (P)	Box 161, Lookout, KY 41542	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Box 3, Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
Stanley Ray Tackett	Box 18, Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
Carl Coleman	324 Rockhouse, Elkhorn City, KY 41561	Alleghany
Marvin E. Hylton, Jr.	Box 175, Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
Denny Little		Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
Jimmy Dean Looney	Box 30, Jackhorn Rd. Elkhorn, KY	Alleghany
Sonny Miracle (P)	Jonancy, KY 41538	Bethel
Timmy D. Hopkins		Bethel
Robert Lee Hampton	3067 Longfork Rd, Virgie, KY 41572	Bethel
Leon Bolden	Lickfork, Box 44, Pikeville, KY 41501	Bethel
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine
John C. DePriest (P)	Box 415, Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky 41537	Burdine
Don McKnight	HCR 3, Cumberland, KY 40823	Cloverlick
Marvis D. Dixon (P)	HCR 3, Box 810, Cumberland, KY 40823	Cloverlick
McCoy Tackett	Mets, KY 41510	Dorton
Teddy Tackett (P)	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, KY 41537	Dorton
Gerald Wright	Rt. 2, Box 74, Jenkins, KY 41537	Dorton
Garland Ratliff, Jr. (P)	Box 128A, Jenkins, KY 41537	Dunham
Woodrow Mullins (P)	Box 525, Caney Hwy, Pikeville, KY 41501	Energyville
Steve Childres	Rt. 2, Box 187, Wise, VA 24293	Energyville
Everett Mullins	Caney Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501	Energyville
Ernest McCown	195 Little Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501	Energyville
Rodney Smith (P)	Happy, KY 41746	Happy
Danny Gene Mullins (P)	Box 243, Cromona, KY 41810	Haymond
Millard Bates, Jr.	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858	Haymond
Danny D. Hurst (P)	Rt. 1, Box 67, Jenkins, KY 41537	Hemphill
Johnnie Colier	Box 291, Ermine, KY 41814	Hemphill
Floyd Sexton	HC 82, Box 910, Jackhorn, KY 41825	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins (P)	Box 339, Ashcamp, KY 41512	Hylton
Clyde Damrom	HC 72, Box 1148, Shelby Gap, KY 41563	Hylton
Tommy England	HC 72, Box 575, Ashcamp, KY 441512	Hylton
Larry R. Jones (P)	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, KY 4185	Kings Creek
Charle Bolden	HC 73, Box 995, Harold, KY 41635	Ligon
Doyle Caudill (P)	P.O. Box 1328, Clintwood, VA 24228	Marshall's Branch

Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, KY 41537	Marshall's Branch
Jimmy Adams	Box 67, Earmine, KY 41815	Moore's Chapel
Ralph R. Gill, Jr. (P)	P.O. Box 350, Jenkins, KY 41537	Old Fashioned
Herman Bates, Jr. (P)	Box 503, Jenkins, KY 41537	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, VA	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, KY 41815	Payne Gap
Ralph E. Profitt (P)	HC 34, Box 612, Neon, KY 41840	Pine Chapel
Earl Combs	Happy, KY 41746	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson (P)	Box 198, Lookout, KY 41534	Poor Bottom
Julian Gibson	Box 44, Hellier, KY 41534	Poor Bottom
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, KY 41512	Poor Bottom
David Bentley		Poor Bottom
Lester Boggs (P)	Box 13, Seco, KY 41849	Sesco
Tommy Phillips	Kona, KY 41829	Sesco

Note: (P) Indicates Pastor

Ministers With Good Standing Cards:

Minister	Adress	Church
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky 41534	Alleghany
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine
Kelton Robinette	Dorton, KY	Dorton
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, KY 41537	Dunham
Earl Breeding	Sesco, KY 41849	Hemphill
Vardrey Bolling	Payne Gap, KY	Payne Gap
William Crawford	Pound, VA 25279	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Jenkins, KY 41537	Payne Gap
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, KY 41537	Pine Chapel
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, KY 41537	Pine Chapel

Ministers Deleted From the Letcher County Conference:

Ministers Deceased - 3

Bro. Lloyd Addington Bro. Arnold Noles Bro. Ersel McPeek

Ministers moved to other conferences - 1 Bro. Bill R. Miller

Ministers deleted for other reasons - 1 Bro. Conley Tackett

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards 51

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards 10

Total Ministers In The Letcher County Conference 61

This report is give to The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church in session on September 8-9, 1995, by order of the Letcher County Ministers' Conferencel.

Moderator:

Bro. Richard Gibson

Clerk:

Larry R. Jones

HC 84 Box 1920

Whitesburg, KY 41858

(606) 633-0298

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with The Belfry Freewill Baptist Church August 25, 1995. Brother Dwight Buckley called the conference to order for fellowship and prayer. Brother Herbert Goff led us in prayer. Brother Dwight Buckley

called the conference to order for bussiness reading from St. Luke, chapter 21, verses 1-4. There were no reports of any Brothers walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. We had a discussion on giving and receiving letters of good standing. Brother Donnie Williamson made a motion to letter up to The John Thomas Association, seconded by Brother Velon Burgess and the motion was carried by vote of the conference. The following is a list of Officers and the Ministers to receive good standing cards.

Moderator:

Rev. Dwight Buckley
Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fork Rd.
Pikeville, KY 41501

Ordaning Council:

Rev. Curtis Wellman
Rev. Herbert Goff
Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Clerk:

Dennis Hinkle
2655 Pinsonfork Rd.
McAndrews, KY 41543

Executive Committee:

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

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Owsley FWB Church near Pikeville, KY

Pike County Conference, September 8th and 9th, 1995

Ministers to Recieve Good Standing Cards

Name:	Address:	Church:
Robert (Bobby) Varney	169 Hwy. 1056, Pinsonfork, Ky 4155	Belfry
Herbert Goff	4003 Upper Coon Rd., Raccoon, KY 41557	Grassy
David G. Varney	Kimper, KY 41537	Edo
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, KY 41514	Belfry
Curtis Wellman	Hardy, KY 41531	Bluespring
Homer Adkins	2939 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Edward Lee Adkins	154 Elisha Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fk Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Stonecoal
Velon Burgess	4112 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Ray Leedy	Stone, KY 41567	Octavia
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, KY 41560	Caney Creek
Jimmy Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, KY 41535	Belfry
Emery H. Varney	Canada, KY 41519	Bluespring
Gerria Reynolds 3286	Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia
Dennis Hinkle	2655 Pinsonfork Rd., 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	Canada
Darrell Roberts	410 Upper Chole Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
William Akers	Sidney, KY 41564	Mt. Zion
Rodger Blackburn	Box 38, McAndrews, KY 41543	Belfry
Keith Anderson	Kimper, KY 41539	Edo
Joe Coleman	119 Broadbottom Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Trimble Chapel
Jamie L. Billiter	439 Upper Coon Cr. Rd., Raccoon, KY 41557	Grassy

Brad Williamson	Box 35, Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Larry Hubbard	463 Pigeon Roast Rd., Canada, KY 41519	Bluespring
Mike Riley	HC 65, Box 326, Regina, KY 41559	Greasy Creek
Ballard Yates	HC 76, Box 1546, Ransome, KY 41558	Bluespring
Bill Mosley	138 New Camp Rd., S. Williamson, 41503	Leckieville
Adam Dotson	Box 361, Hardy, KY 41531	Canada
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	43 Callaham Branch, Kimper, KY 41537	Meathouse
Perry Kendrick	780 A Knoll Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	168 Billy Compton Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
Simmie C. Adkins	5807 Nelson Dr., Newport, MI 48166	Owsley
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, KY 41529	Edo
Jackie Maynard	Goody, KY 41529	Canada
Frank Bryant	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	Box 195, Raccoon, KY 41567	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	P.O. Box 65, Stone, KY 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr., Williamson, WV 25661	Leckieville
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, KY 41501	Virgie
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Toler's Creek
John Paul Smith	Raccoon, KY 41577	Grassy
Burl Rogers	2373 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia
Roger Parsons	1239 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501	Stone Coal
Roger Williamson	Box 13, Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Rodney Williamson	Box 81, Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Tommy Webb	Box 196, Red Cr. Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Stone Coal
Billy R. Miller	Stone Coal Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Stone Coal
James Randall May	11890 W. Sookeys Ck. Rd., Pikeville, Ky 41501	Caney Creek
Curtis E. Bridgeman	P.O. Box 564, Virgie, KY 41572	Sookeys's Creek
Edward Burgess	579 Main St. P.O., Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Ray Williams	88 Road Br., Pikeville, KY 41501	Sookeys's Creek
Jimmy Skeens	North Carolina	Stone Coal

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Name	Address	Church
O.H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 200, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, KY 41561	Unity
Sid May	Hardy, KY 41531	Bluespring
Phillip Bostic	Meta, KY 41501	Grassy
Buford Thacker	Shelbiana, KY 41562	Toler's Creek
Bennie Slone	115 Meathouse Rd., Kimper, KY 41537	Owsley
Tom Carroll	465 Peach Orchard Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
Luther Boyd	78 Wolf Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Onis Varney	107 N. Taylor St., Box 303 Cherry, Ill 61317	Octavia

Total number of ministers to recieve good standing cards	62
Number of ministers with lifetime cards	9
Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference	71
Done by the order of the Pike County Ministers' Conference this 25th of August, 1995.	
Rev. Dwight Buckley, Moderator	
Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk	

NEW DURHAM COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The New Durham Ministers' Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church, Honaker, Virginia on August 10, 1995.

MODERATOR

Rev. Troy Harris
Rt. 1, Box 157
Vansant, VA 24656

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Avery Barton
Rt. 2, Box 451
Honaker, VA 24260

CLERK

Brady Farmer
Star Rt. Box 143
Rowe, VA 24646

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Larrie Robinson, Chairman
Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Giles Wilson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Brady Farmer, Chairman
Elbert Rasnake
Rev. Troy Harris
Rev. Kenneth Sproles
Bro. Ronnie Johnson

MINISTERS TO RECIEVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

Name	Address	Church
Rev.,Larrie Robinson	Rt.1, Box 451, Lebanon, VA 24266 880-1067	East Lebanon
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	2644 Watauga Rd, Abingdon, VA 24211 628-7064	Straight Hollow
Rev. Giles Wilson	HC 4, Box 663, Council, Va 24260 859-2749	Mt. View
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, VA 24260 880-9024	East Lebanon
Rev. Troy Harris	Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, VA 25656 859-2912	Fletcher's Ridge
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	HC 4, Box 204,Bee,VA 24217 859-2149	Mt. View
Rev. Willis Rasnake	HC 4, Box 592, Council, VA 24260 859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Sammie Deskins	Rt. 2, Box 98, Honaker, VA 24260 873-5814	Clinch View
Rev. Avery Barton	Rt. 2, Box 451, Honaker, VA 24260 859-2952	Drill Chapel
Rev. Terry Mitchell	Rt. 2, Box 452, Honaker, VA 24260 859-0155	Drill Chapel

COMMITTEE ON LIFETIME CARDS:

Name:	Address:
Rev. Clyde Stanford	Lebanon, VA
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Bee, VA
Rev. Ronnie Johnson	Council, VA

MINISTERS HOLDING LIFETIME CARDS

Name:	Address:	Church:
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, VA 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, VA 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelly	Clevleand, VA 24255	Clinch View
Rev. Glen Peck	Drill, VA	Drill Chapel

Done by order of New Durham Ministers' Conference August 10th, 1995.

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Rt. 1, Box 157
Vansant, VA 24656

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HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Hamilton County Ministers' Conference of Freewill Baptists met with The Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church, on August 12, 1995.

Moderator:

LeRoy Reed
7450 W. Co. Rd. 1110 North
Greensburg, Indiana 47240

Ordaining Council:

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Rev. Robert Matney
Rev Harold Robinson
Alt. Rev. LeRoy Reed

Clerk:

Rev. Harold D. Robinson
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Florence, KY 41042
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Executive Committee:

Rev. Robert Matney
Rev. Harold D. Robinson
Rev. LeRoy Reed

Ministers To Recieve Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Harold D. Robinson	7737 Hollywood Dr., Florence, KY	Pipe Creek
Clarence Hubbard	Rt. 7, Box 150, Greensburg, IN	Norristown, IN
Dewey Higdon	7382 W. Range Rd. Needham, IN	Norristown, IN

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards:

Name	Address	Church
LeRoy Reed	7450 W. County Rd. 1110 N., Greensburg, IN	Pipe Creek
Robert Matney	4526 B. Rt. 29, Galion, OH	Mt. Tabor

Done by order of the Hamilton County Conference on the 12th day of August, 1995.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CONTINUED

Brother Juliam Gibson made a motion seconded by Brother Edward Lee Adkins to accept the letters as read.

The Executive Committee report that Letcher County had submitted a resolution to the yearly meeting and it was passed on to the Ministers yearly meeting. This was to change article #6 as follows, " All ministers moving to another conference shall have that conference to write to the conference he left and request a letter of recommendation, if the minister is in good standing the conference will send such a letter." The committee reccomended that the article #6 be left as is printed in minute book. A motion was made by Clyde Stafford to accept the report of committee and leave article #6 as printed. Motion was seconded by Dwight Buckley. Motion carried.

Brother Bobby Varney made a motion seconded by Brother Velon Burgess to adjourn from business until next year unless called together for a special meeting by the moderator.

The moderator called Bro. Earet Rose to sing, he sang " Lord Stand by Me".

Rev. Homer Lee Mullins came forward and read John 14: 1-4, "Let not your hearts be troubled" he brought a good message. The congregation sang and was dismissed by Rev. Velon Burgess.

OBITUARIES

Joseph "Joe" Adkins



Joseph "Joe" Adkins was born May 8, 1936, in Pike County. He departed this life December 17, 1994, at our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Ky.

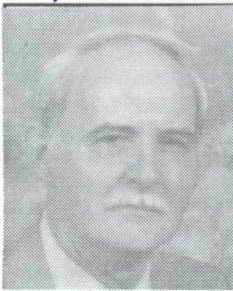
He was the son of the late Adam Adkins and Gracie Wallace who survives. He was a dispatcher and taxi driver. He was a member of the Trimble Chapel Church in Prestonsburg, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Alicia Stephen Adkins of Prestonsburg, Ky; and one sister, and a sister, Christine Binfran of Elkhorn City.

The funeral was conducted December 19, 1994, at Trimble Chapel Church with Brothers Joe Coleman, Edward Adkins and Ken Isaac officiating. Burial was made at Elkhorn City.

Sadly missed by family and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Rev. Richard Lee Watson



With precious and loving memories, I will attempt to write an obituary of my dad. he was born October 22, 1930. At the age of 64 years on March 22, 1995, he went home to be with Lord. He was the son of the late C.C. "Lammy" Watson and Hazel Burnette Watson Smith.

He was a minister of 32 years and a brick mason for 35 years. He was a Korean Conflict veteran. Dad was a Free-will Baptist minister and a member of the Leckieville Free-will Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. He spent most of his life in Chattaroy, W.Va., with his wife of 45 years, Ada Mae Booth Watson. There were five children born to these wonderful parents. A son, William R. Watson, chattaroy; four

daughters, Rita Vanhooose, chattary, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Raliegh, N.C., Lydia "Tommie" Montgomery of Kentucky, and Rhonda Watson, Jacksonville, N.C.

Dad had one brother, Norman Watson, Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Garnet Vickers and Rea Jean Corly, both of Brooksville, Fla., and a stepfather, Basil Smith of Brooksville, who died shortly after dad. He also had eleven, loved grandchildren.

Dad loved to preach and read God's Word. We can always remember seeing dad read and study the Bible. The joy of seeing children learn God's Word and help others and leading lost souls to Christ. Dad pastored several churches and loved the time he could do so. He faithfully rejoiced in God's love by sharing in his blessings and laboring with people. Dad gave help and encouragement to all. He had a host of relatives and friends who mourn his passing. And now he has laid aside these earthly trials and resting from all sickness and problems. I know dad is happy and he's enjoying the good things that God reserved for him. We the family and friends miss him, but hope to meet him in Heaven where we will separate no more.

- Written by your daughter, Rita.

Allen Bise



it is with sad hearts today that we mourn the passing of our loved one, Allen Bise. Allen was the son of A.L. and Jenny Bise. He was born on March 17, 1918. He passed away at his home on Caney Ridge, Sunday, January 8, 1995, making his stay on earth 76 years, nine months and eight days.

Allen was a retired coal miner, member of Local Union 1256, and a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was of the Freewill Baptist faith and attended Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

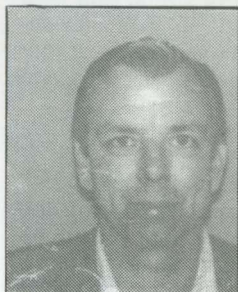
He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Fay Ball Bise; two brothers, Tom and Eual Bise; one son, Freddie Allen Bise and his wife Rita; two daughters, Peggy Marie and her husband David DeBord, and Janis Fern and her husband Ken Anderson; four grandsons, James "Jamie" Bise and his wife Alice, Anthony Bise and his wife Catrinia, Corey Bise and Charles Anderson; one granddaughter, Daniella Anderson; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren Bise.

Speical thanks to Elizabeth sheppard and her husband and daughter, Jim and Beth, during Allen's sickenss.

Allen will be missed by his family and friends. He loved life and was the happiest at home with his family.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto and rest.
Lay down, thou weary one; lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was weary, worn, and sad.
I found in Him a resting place. And He has made me glad. Amen!

Homer Blankenship



In memory of a loving father and husband. Homer Blankenship was born the son of Jack and Francis Blankenship. In his passing, he was survived by his mother and father; two daughters, Patsy Blankenship Spencer and Rachel Blankenship Hall; one son, Homer Matthew Blankenship; his wife, Brenda Rich Blankenship; four brothers, Albert, Tommy, Billy and Jackie Blankenship; and three sisters, Opal Harmon, Emma Rich, and Betty Attkinon.

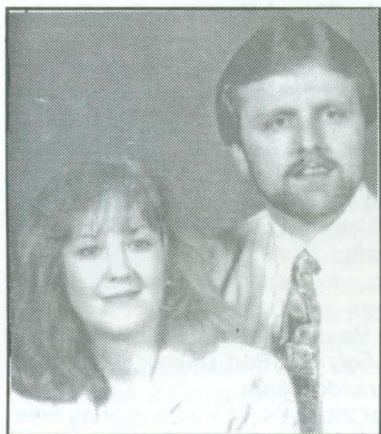
On May 5, 1995, we experienced a tragic loss. Our beloved father passed away to go home with our dear Lord. We all miss his wonderful laughter and words of wisdom and encouragement. Even though we weep with sorrow, we still have the memories of him that we love and hold

dear to our hearts.

Home was a member of the Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church. Even when he was ill, he gave thanks and praised our Father's holy name.

- Written by his daughter, Patsy Spencer, wife, Brenda Blankenship, and son, Homer Matthew Blankenship, with inspiration from a loving father and husband

Jacqueline Rogers Blair



Known as "Jackie" to all who knew her, she was born to the late James and Lexie Smallwood Rogers on August 3, 1953, at Dorton, Ky.

She passed away on October 9, 1993, along with her husband, Roger Blair. Because of a car accident, their short married life as man and wife was a month and 19 days.

Love for them was strong and the glow of happiness shined upon their happy faces. Oh how proud she was to be the wife of a young minister.

She was in management of the Food City Stores in Pikeville, Ky., for 12 years. She always had a smile and a kind word for customers and employees alike, she was so loved by all who knew her. She was dedicated in her work and devotion to her son.

Jackie came to the Lord January 17, 1993, and was baptized January 24, 1993, by her husband, Roger, and Bro. Sunny Miracle. Jackie and Roger were members of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church at Virgie, Ky. Her love for God, church and family made her short life on earth complete, simple things made her happy.

Friends of many will remember her humbleness, kindness and thoughtfulness. Her sisters and family will remember her as the best friend and sister anyone could ever have, no one can recall anything but love and sweetness in her actions and words.

She is survived by one son, Garry Nicholas Trout, age 10 years; two step-children, Justin L. Blair, age 12, and Alexander Kaitlin Blair, age seven years; and three sisters, Wanda Hamilton of Virgie, Judy Belcher of Nicholsen, Ga., and Sharon Young of Rolla, Mo.

Without a doubt, Jackie and Roger are both in Heaven. Without a doubt, we miss them dearly.

—With love , Wanda, Judy and Sharon.

Rev. Roger Lee Blair

We thank God for a son, father and a brother like Roger. The hour was never too late or the weather too cold to go to someone in need. His smiling face, could brighten up the darkest day and when trouble came he would pray about it and say, "Things will be all right now," and it usually was. He loved God with all his heart.

Words can never tell all he did for family and friends.

Roger's life on this earth was not long, he was born on September 21, 1959, and died on October 9, 1993. God called him home at the age of 34 years, but his time here was not in vain. Many souls were won to God as he preached and sang for the glory of God.

Roger was saved at the age of 16 years and at the age of 19, he was ordained at the Pigeon Freewill Baptist Church. Roger worked for many years for the Keeble Company. He and his wife Jackie were members of the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church where they served God, until God called them home.

Roger was the son of Eugene and Beatrice Blair of Painstville, Ky.

He is survived by one son, Justin Lee Blair, age 12 years; one daughter, Alexander Kaitlin Blair, age 7; one stepson, Garry Nicholas Trout, age 10 years; and one sister, Eugenia Sue VanHoose of Sika, Ky.

His life was always an inspiration to family and friends. We praise God for the years we were blessed to keep him. Only God knows how much we love him.

— Written by mother and dad

William Floyd Church



William Floyd Church, 80, of Ransom, died Sunday, September 25, 1994 at his residence.

Born October 14, 1913, in Pike County, he was the son of the late James and Rebecca Church. He was preceded in death by five brothers, one sister and one grandson.

He was a retired coal miner, a World War II veteran and a member of the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church at Ransom.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie Raines Church; four daughters, Kathleen Gleenn, Durham, N.C., Mary Kay Isom, McCarr, Ky., Martha Morn, Bland, Va., and Angie Chafin, Fort Gay, W.Va.; four sons, Frank, Michael and Floyd Jr., all of Ransom, and Dale Church, Huddy, Ky.;

three sisters, Mary Alice Cook, Pinsonfork, Ky., Pearlie Maynard Huntsville, Ohio, Uleuia Roberts, and Urbana, Ohio; four brothers, Sylvanis, Burl, Delmer and Chester all of Ransom; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, September 28, 1994, at the Bluespring Free-will Baptist Church with Larry Hubbard, Emery Varney, Buddy Kendrick, Curtis Wellman and others officiating.

Burial was in the Alley Cemetery at Ransom. Pallbearers were grandsons and sons-in-law.

Willie Baldridge, Jr.



In loving and tearful memory of my husband and my children's father, Willie Baldridge, Jr.

He was born May 22, 1919 to Hobert and Maggie Spriggs Baldridge. he was united in marriage to Madeline Coleman Baldridge on November 12, 1942. To this union was born six children: William Roger Baldridge, Janie Sue Cantrell, Patricia Murphy, Connie Damron and Jimmy Baldridge. He was a good husband and father and grandfather. God called our oldest son, William Roger, home on September 17, 1963.

He leaves behind nine grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren which were so precious to him.

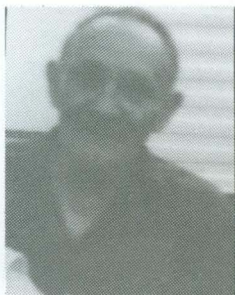
He was a member and trustee of the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church for 46 years. He was faithful and supportive to the church.

He was a Disabled American Veteran. After a short illness, God called him home.

Our hope and prayer is that we will meet again in Heaven someday.

- Written by his wife, Madeline Baldridge.

John Langley Little



John Langley Little, 80, of Lookout, Ky., died May 3, 1993, at her home.

He was born in Pike County, September 8, 1913, a son of the late Rubin and Dicy Newsome Little.

He was survived by his wife, June Belcher Little; six sons, Kenneth and Claudie Little, both of Bowling Fork, Adam and Scotty Little, both of Ashland, Johnny Little of Lookout, Leroy Little of Robinson Creek; five daughters, Rose Williams of Hellier, Ky., Judy Baker of Florence, Ky., Helen Price of Rockhouse, Ky., Louellen Rose and Nellie Carol Little, both of Lookout; one sister, Ocie Rowe of North Carolina; 33 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 6, 1993, at the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church with the Revs. Richard Gibson, Greg White and Estill Mullins officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Caney Creek.

June Little



June Little, 75, of Lookout, Ky., died July 29, 1993, at her home.

She was born in Pike County, May 8, 1917, a daughter of the late Cleve and Caroline Hall Belcher.

Her husband, John Langley Little, preceded her in death.

She is survived by six sons, Kenneth and Claudie Little, both of Bowling Fork, Adam and Scotty Little, both of Ashland, Johnny Little of Lookout, Leroy Little of Robinson Creek; five daughters, Rose Williams of Hellier, Ky., Judy Baker of Florence, Ky., Helen Price of Rockhouse, Ky., Louellen Rose and Nellie Carol Little, both of Lookout; two sisters, Etherl Rose of McRoberts, Ky., and Dulcie Rowe of Caney Creek, Ky.; one brother, Willie Belcher of Caney Creek; 33 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 1, 1993, at the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church with the Revs. Richard Gibson, Greg White, Estill Mullins and Clyde Damron officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Caney Creek.

Victoria Layne

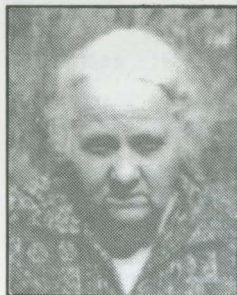


Victoria Layne was born June 23, 1900, and on Saturday, May 20, 1995, a gentle voice said, "Come," and she departed this life. She was a member, clerk and Sunday School teacher in the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church for forty-one years.

She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. We know that God knows best. We are looking forward to seeing her again.

— Her loving daughter, Lucille Arwood.

Frankie Ray Johnson



Its with very much sadness in my heart to try to write this obituary of my grandmother, Frankie Ray Johnson. She lived on this earth for 82 years, 10 months, 23 days.

She was born April 30 to the late Jack and Mary Ray and died after a short illness on March 7, 1992. She was married to Elmer C. Johnson on December 1, 1924.

She had five sons, the late Burley Johnson, Wendell Johnson, Robert Johnson, the late Dann Johnson and Roy Johnson; seven daughters, the late Ruby Chester, Loretta Trogon, Ruth Elmore, Mary Miracle, Nella Clark, Judy Anderson, Sylvia Sowards, and the late Alpha Johnson who died at the age of nine months; 23 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four sisters and two

brothers.

She was a member of the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. She leaves behind many friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

I will always love you mammy.

– Written by her granddaughter, Ann Stewart

Thomas Jefferson Newberry



It is with mixed emotions that we attempt to say farewell to our loving husband, father and grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Newberry. As we sit and attempt to put into words our feelings, we find that no words can describe our deep feeling of loss. Yet we have a sense of comfort in knowing that our loved one is not suffering as he passed through the gates of Heaven.

Thomas Jefferson Newberry was born September 3, 1923, near Haysi, Va. He is survived by four sisters, Mae Thornsbery of

Falls Church, Va., Faye Thornsbery of Lexington, Va., Lenora Gemrose of Texas, and Arbutus McClaine of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by Grace Golden and Carrie Thornsbery. He married Stellan Ann Owens on October 19, 1946, and to this nion was born three sons, Roger and Randy Newberry, both of Clinwood, and Kenneth Newberry of Castewood, Va.

Papaw was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a member of V.F.W. 8979 and a member of the D.A.V. He accepted the Lord as his creator and savior, he was baptised and attended the Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church. Papaw often found comfort in his Bible, which he read from cover to cover many times.

Papaw was a kind, gentle and loving man who accepted his daughters-in-law and granddaughters-in-law as his own children. He took great joy in his grandchildren and loved them dearly.

Papaw, we, your wife, children, grandchildren and friends were so very blessed to have you in our lives. It has been said that "for all things there is a reason," and we know that our Lord has brought you home to be with him for a purpose. We look forward to the day we can all join hands in a land where we'll suffer no more. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

– Your loving family

Mable B. McCoy



It is with much sadness and with a heavy heart that I will try to write this obituary of my most precious mother. Giving my mom up was the hardest thing I ever had to do. But I gave her to a wonderful God who is taking care of her now. To know that she isn't suffering and in pain anymore helps me and my family to go on. My mom left us all a great testimony. She never complained or blamed God, she only wanted to talk about Jesus and her home in Heaven. I know she is at peace and I want to thank our God that she is no longer suffering.

My mom, Mable B. McCoy, 61 years old, died at home with her family and friends around her. She departed this life January 29, 1995. She was born August 15, 1933, at Mohawk, W.Va.

She was the daughter of the late Arther and Ella Cline Birchfield. Her husband, Walter "Doc" McCoy, also preceded her in death on October 18, 1982. But I know in my heart they are finally together in Heaven.

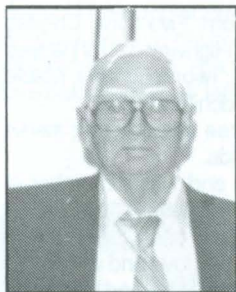
Mom gave her heart and life to Jesus on December 2, 1978. She took membership with the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church where she was a good and faithful member. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and belonged to the Joy and Peace Singers.

My mom is gone but she is in my heart and mind forever, she will always be missed by me; Brenda; her three grandchildren, Jimmy Lee, Renee, and Ronnie Lee; her three great-grandchildren, Jessica Sue, Merigham Shea, and Justice Lee.

I know you are in Heaven, mom, and I will see you again, that was a promise we made to each other, so we will see each other again. I love you mom.

— Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Brenda McCoy

Rev. Ersel McPeek



By request, I will try in much sadness and by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of a most beloved father-in-law and father, the Rev. Ersel M. McPeek.

He was born October 17, 1908, in Pike County, Ky., to Milo and Caroline Moore McPeek. He married Lena D. Whittaker on June 6, 1931.

Ersel was a retired coal miner and a minister of the Payne Gap Freewill Baptist Church. He was converted and baptised in 1933. Ordained to preach in 1936. He ministered in Virginia and Kentucky and traveled all over, holding revivals and pastoring churches in Letcher and Pike Counties for 58 years.

He passed from this life to go home to be with Jesus on Sunday, September 18, 1994, at the age of 85. He leaves behind his wife, Lena D. Whittaker McPeek; seven children—two daughters, Alta J. McPeek Bolling and Carol D. McPeek Sperrick; five sons, Clarence E. McPeek, Kenneth E. McPeek, Charles D. McPeek, R. Lester McPeek and Larry D. McPeek; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, one brother, the Rev. Ralieg L. McPeek; one sister, Beatrice McPeek; and a host of friends and loved ones.

My friends, where as death has once more invaded our ranks and removed from the walks of life our beloved Bro. Ersel. His soul having departed to dwell in "The Undiscovered Country from whose born no traveler returns." It was our sad duty to give him up. He endured his sickness with patience and great faith in God. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

— Written by Vardrey H. Bolling, son-in-law
Alta J. McPeek Bolling, daughter

Lawson Gannon



Lawson Gannon, 82, of Grassy Branch Road, Raccoon, died Tuesday, January 3, 1995, at his home

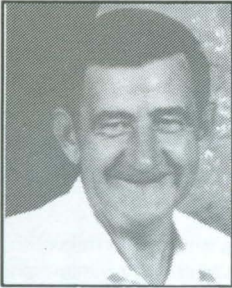
He was born in Pike County, September 4, 1912, a son of the late John and Hester Maynard Gannon.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Rife Ganon; three sons, Kenneth Gannon of Pikeville, McKinley Gannon and Teddy Gannon, both of Raccoon; two daughters, Ruth Gannon and Phyllis Tackett, both of Raccoon; five sisters, Margie Campbell of Florida, Josie Gannon of Vanworth, Ohio, Della Blackburn of Oak Hill, Ohio, Lola Youn of Piqua, Ohio, Jean Daugherty of Georgia; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were January 6, 1995, at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church, with Herb Goff and Pete Smith officiating. Burial was in the Rife Cemetery at Grassy.

Gratho Newsome



With much sadness and broken hearts, the sisters of Gratho Newsome will, by the help of God, write the obituary of our beloved brother.

Gratho was the oldest of five children and the only son. He was born March 28, 1931, to the late Duran and Martha Coleman Newsome. He departed from us April 12, 1994, making his stay 63 years and 14 days. Gratho was united in marriage to Mary Jane Hmailto on March 3, 1951. Mary departed this life March 23, 1983.

To this union, seven children were born: Five sons, Charles and Greg of Penny Road, Jerry of Caney Highway, Karl of Harless Creek, and Terry of Brownstown, Mich.; two daughters, Mable

Hall of Wheewright and Delores Smith of Penny Road; and 15 grandchildren.

He is also survived by his second wife, Barbara Newsome; three stepchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was a great musician, playing several different instruments, and was a member of several different bands. He loved to go to the nursing homes and play music.

You could see the change in Gratho, he had started attending church often. He loved the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church pastor, Sonny Miracle. They showed him love and welcomed Gratho to their church. We do believe he got forgiveness. He told people he had before his leaving. He would reach his hands toward Heaven and ask for mom and dad to wait.

He really enjoyed the Bethel Church. He told them on his way to Lexington, he was coming back and going back to Bethel. He returned home but was so sick he never got to go back to church. We want to say, "Thank you," to the ones at Bethel for all the kindness you all showed him, for the ones who visited him at Jenkins Hospital, the ones that went to St. Joseph in Lexington and to the ones that visited him at home.

We could sit and write forever and still not tell of the wonderful things and precious memories he left with us.

— Written by his heart-broken sisters,
Edna Caudill, Faye Osborne, Juanita Johnson, and Helen Tucker.

Flora Dell Reedy



Flora McIvory Dell Reedy was born September 17, 1903, and died February 23, 1995. She was one of eleven children born to Andy Floyd and Martha Clevenger Deel in Buchanan County Virginia. In this large and self sufficient family, she learned to work hard and to be a good example of the values we talk about so much today. We celebrate her life with love and joy because of the honesty, simplicity, sincerity and cheerfulness she exemplified each day of her life.

She became a teacher, working in Dickenson County, Virginia, where She met and married Clyde Reedy, also a teacher and later a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church. a few years after their marriage, she stopped teaching to rear their five children, make a home, and raise a big vegetable garden each year to help support the family. she taught again during World War II for a number of years to help out in the emergency, but stopped as soon as possible when the war was over.

In her home community near Clintwood, Virginia, she was a devoted Christian person and a member of the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church since 1932. While living in Madisonville, Tennessee, she attended the chestua United Methodist Church as long as she was able.

She was a wonderfully supportive and loving wife to her husband with whom she celebrated 68 years of marriage on February 12 this year. She loved her family, especially giving attention and love to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Christmas celebrations were very big events to her and she started planning for the next one as soon as the last one was over.

She loved daily living even after she was not able to move around very well. A few years ago she finally convinced herself that it was not an extravagance to talk on the phone long distance to her three sisters and friends back in Virginia. She was always concerned about their welfare more than her own.

Her life has spanned the most exciting period in history—the 20th century. she knew the days of horse and buggy; if anyone could afford a buggy, the Great Depression; the effects of World War I on her community; World War II; and the developments in science, medicine and transportation. she was always interested in what was happening in the world, but her love belonged to her family.

Rev. Reffer Justice



In loving memory of Rev. Reffer Justice who was born on November 8, 1930, in Pike County and passed from this life on June 12, 1995, after a long illness.

Reffer was the son of the late Jimmy and Aurora Justice. He is survived by his loving wife, Susie Justice; eight children, Denville, Jimmy, Benny, Draxie, Maxine, Gloria, Mary and Diana; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four step-children, four step-grandchildren; and one bother, Steve.

Reffer was a christain for 40 years and a member of the Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church. He is sadly missed by all, especcally the members of the Stone Coal Freewill

Baptist Church. Brother Reffer was a faithful worker in the church physically and spiritually.

– Written by his loving wife, Susie Justice.

Dicie B. Roberts

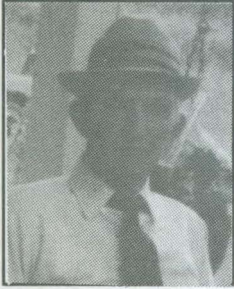


Dicie B. Roberts, 84 years of age, of Penny Road, Pikeville, Ky., passed away May 7, 1994. She was born May 2, 1910, the daughter of the late Tan Branham and Mary Alice Newsome Branham. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Roberts in 1982; and by one son, William Lawrence Roberts, in 1993.

Dicie was a charter member of the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church and was a retired restaurant cook and baker.

She is survived by one son, Henry Lee Roberts of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters-in-laws, Betty Roberts of Penny Road, Pikeville, and Donna Roberts of Columbus; two half-brothers, Dock Branham of Pikeville, and Tandy Lee Branham of Columbus; one half-sister, Drucie Hobson of Robinson Creek, Ky; three grandchildren, Richard Roberts, Debbie Roberts and Mary Margaret Roberts; three great-grandchildren, Ben Roberts, Brandie Roberts and Sara Roberts.

Kyle E. Thompson



Kyle E. Thompson, 83, of the Big A Mountain section of Route 2, died Saturday, November 6, 1993, at his home.

He was a native of Honaker and resided in the Big A Mountain area his entire life. He was a charter member of the Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church and was a retired farmer and also a former miner.

Survivors include his wife, Eura Von Fuller Thompson; four daughters, Freda "Kitty" Lusby and Nancy Gaye Williams both of Prince Frederick, Md., Kaye McClain, Phoenix, and Evonne Crout, Lusby, Md.; two sons, Joe W. Thompson and R.I. Thompson, both of Honaker; two sisters, Daisy Fletcher, Honaker, and Eula Gay Cox, Cedar Bluff; two brothers, Glen Thompson of California., and Earl Gene Thompson, Honaker; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

— A loving wife, Eura Von Thompson

Sadie Juanita Smith



It is with sad heart I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear friend and sister in Christ, Sadie Juanita Smith.

Juanita was born April 13, 1928, and departed this life on December 13, 1994, making her stay on this earth 66 years and eight months. She was a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church of Clintwood, Va.

She is survived by two sons, James Smith and Larry Smith of Clintwood; one daughter, Janice Abraham of Richmond, Va.; two sisters, Bonnie Flint of Clintwood and Emma Rose of Maryland; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; several neices and nephews.

It is hard to express how much I miss her since we were mostly shut-ins and telephone buddies as well as good friends. She is sincerely missed by all her friends.

— Written by Agnes Mooney, Sister in Christ

Syrvelvia Carroll Clark Sparks

In loving memory of Syrvelvia Carroll Clark Sparks born June 2, 1929, to the late Nathan and Delphia Hall Carroll. She was called away September 4, 1994.

She was first married to John Clark Jr. who preceded her in death on October 9, 1960. To this union was born six children, Pauline Thompson of River Rough, Mich., Earnie Clark of Clyde, Ohio, Dutch Clark of Grethel, Ky., FloEleen Clark who preceded her in death, Mickey Clark of Meadow Bridge, W.Va., and Ricky Clark of Grethel. She has two brothers, Reevis Carroll and Eugene Carroll both of Grethel. Five sisters, Earvina Adkins of Galveston, Ky., Treva Collins of Honaker, Ky., Ivlee Slaughter of Fremont, Ohio, Irene Sparks and Mary Hall both of Grethel. She also had 13 grandchildren, 2 of which preceded her in death.

In 1968, she married Roberts Sparks Jr. of West Virginia. No children were born to this marriage.

Syrvelvia gave her heart to God in 1956. She attended Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church.

Everyone that knew her loved her, because she truly cared about other people. She was always there for her family, to help in anyway she could. She is greatly missed by her family and friends. It has been so hard living without her, but we know we will be with her again in Heaven someday. We know she is at peace now. We love you so much mom, you will be in our hearts always. We know you have only gone away with a friend.

– Written by Dutch and Jenny Clark

Thomas J. Tackett, Jr.



Thomas J. Tackett, Jr., better known to family and friends as Tommy, passed away Saturday, April 22, 1995, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

Tommy was a member and minister of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Rockhouse, Ky. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Thomas A. Cecil Masonic Lodge.

Tommy was born in Pike County on March 18, 1944, to the late Thomas J. and Rillie Hopkins Tackett. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas J. Tackett, II.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Jewell Pruitt Tackett; two daughters, Robin Renee Robinson of Pikeville, and Brittany Nicole Tackett of Virgie; one son, Tommy Dwayne Tackett of Virgie; one granddaughter, Amber LaShea Tackett of Virgie; and four sisters, Jackie Lout Burke of Coolidge, Ariz., Jeanette Denison, Linda Shoemaker and Elizabeth Joyce Barnette, all of Virgie.

Tommy will be sadly missed by friends and neighbors who were enlightened by his presence.

– Written by his broken hearted and lonely wife, Jewell Tackett.

Virginia Dye



My heart is sad and yet my spirit rejoices as I sit and write this obituary of my mother, Virginia Lee Greer Runyon Dye. She was born on August 19, 1939, in a small four room house at Tierney Hollow, Stone, Ky. I've always been told that her father held her in his arms and danced with joy the night she was born.

Virginia "Jenny" gave her life to the Lord when she was seven years old and began a journey from which she would never turn back. Even as a child she loved God and became a witness for Him, and Papaw says she helped lead him to the Lord shortly thereafter. She lived a happy childhood life and when she was sixteen, she fell in love with Robert Lee Runyon of Huddy, Ky., and married him on February 17, 1955. This union was blessed

with eight children, Mary Smith of Runyon's Branch, Robert Runyon of Belfry, Pearl Smith of Ball Fork, James Runyon of Lexington, Bessie Hunt of Belfry, Laura Tufts of Lexington, T.I. Runyon of Stone, and Majorie Jenkins of Johnson City, Tennessee.

After twenty years of marriage Bobby succumbed to cancer. Jenny was 36 years old with eight children. This load would have devastated many people but not my mother. Never doubting that the Lord would see her through, she went back to school and finished her GED and then went to college where she completed a degree in sociology. In the meantime, she met and married Kenneth Dye and move to Tennessee to be near her parents, Oscar and Pearl Greer who had relocated there in 1976.

After living in Tennessee for ten years, these Kentucky hills called her back home to be near her children. She lived at Ball Fork of Pond Creek until she, too, died of cancer. She was fifty-four years old. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, three sons and three daughters-in-law, five daughters and five sons-in-law, and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two premature children and one beloved grandson, Steven Runyon.

She was a starting member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church and became a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church in the early 1970s when her father, Oscar Greer, served as pastor. She remained a member until she died. She dedicated her life to loving and caring for the elderly and was employed at hospitals and nursing homes for most of her life.

Mom was a loyal member of her church. If she was able to walk, she walked into church, and when she was unable, she was carried in where she rejoiced with her church family. She was blessed with a beautiful voice and sang for the Lord whenever called upon. When we were all very young babies, Mom began taking us to church and she loyally and steadfastly fulfilled her obligation as a Christian parent by having her children in church almost every time the doors were opened. I've been told by many older members of the churches Mom attended that it was a sight to see her coming into church with all of her children following behind. She has been rewarded for her efforts as seven of her eight children and six grandchildren have given their life to the Lord.

She was such a strong Christian influence on so many people and if you gave her half a chance, she would tell you her testimony and tell you how much she loved the Lord Jesus. she continued to influence many people as they watched her fight the battle with cancer. She never once believed she would lose and she didn't. In fact, September 29, 1993, was my mother's Victory Day—the day she went home to be with her Father.

I remember that she always told us in person and signed all her letters to her children with the note, "Remember, Mommy loves you, but God loves you more." her prayers for her children saved us many times and I can still hear them ringing in my ears. She never lost sight of God's love and she forever kept her small hand in His mighty one. Today, she is enjoying the rewards that God promised her. She is so sadly missed by her family and friends. We love you, Mom.

— Written by her daughter, Bessie Runyon Hunt

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. The 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 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 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 annual 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 to faithfully 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 licentiate; which is as follows:

When he feels Divinely called he is given a license by the 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 the 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 ministers, 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.

8. The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists or any conference or church belonging to the Association will not:

1. Ordain any woman into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.

2. Ordain any known homosexual into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.

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 Meeting 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 minister's 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

Tow or more churches wishing to organize 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 ministers 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 the 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 judgement 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 the 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.

- standing 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 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 to 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 will 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 assistants 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 denomination, 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 denominations, 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 the 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. – I 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, who 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. – I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15; I John 2:2.
3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. – 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; I Tim. 2:4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for wan 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 save. – Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:1-10.
7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. They by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved. – II Tim. 4:7; 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 might be happy, would they give place to His divine; 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; John 6: 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." – I cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5, Mark 9: 36-37; Matt. 19:14.
13. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. – Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1: 19,20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16.
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 1:15-16; 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. Freewill Baptists understand the Bible teaches the following facts: on the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present (Acts 2:4, 8, 11).

Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirms the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:1-40, Hebrews 2:4).

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues (I Corinthians 12:10,30). When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow (I Corinthians 14:18, 19, 23, 33). The gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification (I Corinthians 12:13).

We believe that speaking in tongues as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches, and will not be permitted.

We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:8b-20).

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; II Peter 2:3; Ez. 33:31; Eph. 5:3; I Cor. 6:19; Rom. 1:28-29; I Tim. 6:10; Prov. 28:16.

DIGEST OF CHURCHES

	Dickenson County	Letcher County	Pike County	New Durham	Hamilton County	Totals
<u>CHURCHES:</u>	37	21	19	9	4	90
Membership	2154	1528	1657	306	60	5705
Sunday Schools	35	19	17	8	0	79
Membership	1635	737	732	351		3455
<u>MINISTERS:</u>						
Ordained	93	51	62	10	3	219
Licensed	3		3			
Lifetime	9	10	9	4	2	34
Ladies Aux.	14	11	7			32

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 listed by year:

Dickenson	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durham	1998
Dickenson	1999
Letcher	2000
Pike	2001
Dickenson	2002
Letcher	2003
Pike	2004

