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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1994-1995

Amount received in letters 1996

Dickenson County	\$ 1,587.50
Dickenson County for engraving	37.00
Letcher County	562.50
Letcher County for engraving	52.50
Pike County	793.25
Pike County for obituaries	75.00
Pike County Love offering	300.00
New Durham	300.00
New Duham for engraving	35.00
Hamilton County	<u>87.50</u>

Total received in letters	\$ 3,830.25
Offering for Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn.	273.23
Offering for Camp Jacob	<u>340.78</u>
Total Received 1996	\$ 4,444.26

Balance in treasury 1995	\$ 8,746.26
Total	<u>\$13,190.72</u>

Expenses for the year 1996

Typewriter	\$ 105.99
Checks from bank	48.23
Clerk's fee	250.00
Children's Home Greenville, Tenn.	273.23
Camp Jacob	340.78
Minutes, printing and shipping	<u>2,562.70</u>

Total paid out	\$ 3,580.93
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Balance in treasury 1996	<u>\$ 9,609.79</u>
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JOHN-THOMAS YEARLY MEETING

Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church

Penntown, Indiana

The John-Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Hamilton County Conference of Freewill Baptists at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Penntown, Indiana, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September which will be September 12th and 13th, 1997.

Directions to the church: Take I-75 North toward Cincinnati. Stay on I-75 until you come to I-74 West, go to the Sunman-Milan exit which is exit #156, turn left and go to 4-way stop sign, proceed thru to first road on left turn left and go to stop sign, turn right, church is on the right.

Dickenson County	1270
Kermit Wallace, Rt.1 Box 495 Haysi, Va. 24256	
Phone: 540-865-4567	
Letcher County.....	450
Larry R. Jones, H.C. 84 Box 1920 Whitesburg, Ky 41858	
Phone: 606-633-0298	
Pike County	625
Dennis Hinkle, 2655 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	
Phone: 606-353-4571	
New Durm	240
Troy Harris, Rt. 1 Box 157, Vansant, Va 24656	
Phone: 540-859-2912	
Hamilton County	30
Levi Stewart, 22311 Stewart Rd. Milan, In 47031	
Total Minutes	2615

MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Roy C. Vanover	Joe G. Sluss	Lynn Vanover
Gene Conley	Gregory A. Stanley	Terry Price
Danny Sluss	Esley Ratliff	Remire Mullins
James G. Stanley	Ed Slemp	Willie C. Rose
Eddie Edwards	Howard Reynolds	Avery Carty
Robert C. Hay	Clyde Hay	Johnnie Mullins
Manie E. Sword	Franklin D. Hall	Luke Wright
Lester Mullins	Emory Cook	

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Homer Lee Mullins	Larry R. Jones	Allen Thacker
Charles Bolden		

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Robert (Bobby) Varney	Kenneth Lowe
Burl Rogers	Benny F. Slone	Homer Adkins
Edward Lee Adkins	Eddie Overstreet	Velon Burgess
Gary B. Thacker	Donnie Williamson	

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Larry Robinson	Clyde R. Stafford	Willie Rasnake
Giles Wilson	Roy Wilson	Kenneth Sproles
Troy F. Harris		

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Rick Layne	Robert L. Matney
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DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

William Mack Fink	James E. Counts (Jim)	Larry Bise
Charles Sutherland	Charles A. Long	Sam Anderson
Johnny R. Branham	Wesley Edwards	Dillard Fleming
Elmer Williamson	Carol Dotson	Raymond McCarty
Earet R. Rose	Franklin D. Stanley	

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Earl L. Smith	Milford Craft	William Edwin Gibson
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PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

Ronnie Dale Church	Rolin T. Rutherford	Jackie Charles
William H. Maynard	Jimmy Williamson	

NEW DURM DEACONS

Earnest Nuckles	Bill Ball	Roy L. Farmer
Brady Farmer	Ronald Johnson	Estel Ray

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Judy S. Branham	Patty Mullins	Faye Stanley
Bill Stanley	Deloris Carty	Thadeus O. Mullins
Nita Ratliff	Harry Nash	Shelia Boggs
Margaret Sutherland	Gertrud French	Frank Powers
Davis Elkins	Odell Lane	Hilda Lane
Gwyn Dutton	Opal Dutton	Elsie Thompson
Charles Saunders	Paul Bloodgood	Rita Counts
Marie McCarty	Daisy Blackstone	Mildred P. Long
Earnest Edgar Rose	Bob Hall	Norman Cumbo
Virginia Turner	Ruth Roknich	Fred Turner
Emma Smith	Cheryl Clay	Annette Ratliff
Anna Collins	Seader Mullins	

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Retia Jones	Wendell Hawkins	Louvella Swiney
Geraldine Hawkins	Tony Branham	

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Bonnie Rutherford	Peggy Maynard	Dollie C. Adkins
Verneice Overstreet	Mildred Varney	Donnie Robinson
Lula Gross	Sue Charles	Ample Ratliff
Mike Irick	Sharon Irick	Treva Hall
John H. Justice	Josephine Williamson	Bobbie Slone

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Ada Farmer	Helen Harris	Lucille Whitaker
Clyde Glovier	Eura Van Thompson	Harley Nuckles

Lois Nuckles
Phyllis Ann Bordwine
Phyllis Stanford
Willard Hart

Hurley Perkins
Tia Compton
Rita Rasnake

Sandra Robinson
Jim Bordwine
Linda Hart

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Hazel Stewart
Levi Stewart

Bernice Matney

Hazel Davidson

OFFICERS

➤Moderator Rev. Joe Glenn Sluss
➤Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Franklin D. Hall
➤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: 540-859-2912

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON: Earet Rose, Raymond McCarty, Luke Wright,
Donnie Elkins, Larry Bise

LETCHER: Milford Craft, chairman, Earl Smith, Sammy Fields,
(Alt.: William E. Gibson, Charles Bolden, and Teddy Damron)

PIKE: Bennie F. Slone, Robie (Buddy) Kendrick, Robert (Bobby) Varney

NEW DURM: Brady Farmer, Troy Harris, Ronald Johnson, Kenneth Sproles

HAMILTON: Robert Matney, Harold Robinson, Clarence Hubbard

INTRODUCTION

Friday Morning 11:00

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the 74th session at Clintwood, Va., on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 6 and Saturday September 7, 1996., at the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Lynn Vanover, pastor, gave everyone a hearty welcome and read a scripture found in Hebrews 4:14-16. The choir of the church sang "I'd Like to Talk it Over With Him," and prayer was led by the Rev. Luke Wright. Special singing was by Brother Earet Rose.

Brother Lynn Vanover came forward to bring the message and used as his text, II Cor. 4:1-7. He brought a very good message for the church, he then asked a blessing over the food and called the benediction. The congregation sang and had fellowship and was dismissed until 2:00 P.M.

Friday Afternoon 2:00

We met back for the afternoon service with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", and Brother Earet Rose led in prayer.

The clerk, Brother Bobby Varney, came forward to organize the Yearly Meeting for Business. He read from I John 3:1-9, to call the meeting to order. He asked for

nominations for a moderator, and Rev. Joe Glenn Sluss was elected to serve one year as moderator. He was given power to appoint all necessary committees. He appointed Brother Franklin Hall to be his assistant moderator and the following committees were then appointed.

Pulpit Committee

Ronnie Dale Church
William Maynard
Homer Lee Mullins

Audit Committee

Clinton Ray
Velon Burgess
Levi Stewart

The clerk and the treasurer had to be elected by the congregation. A motion was made by Brother Buddy Kendrick and seconded by Brother Homer Lee Mullins to retain the same clerk, a vote of yes passed. Brother Larry Jones made a motion seconded by Brother William Maynard to retain Brother Troy Harris as Treasurer, motion passed by vote.

Brother Franklin Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the minute books, Brother Frank Powers seconded the motion, the motion passed by vote of the conference.

Sister Dawn Sweeney from the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn., gave a report on their work there, she said they now care for 55 children and that several of the children had been saved during the last year. She said that they have to turn children away every day because they have no room, but that they are in the process of enlarging. An offering was recieved in the amount of \$273.33, and the blessing and thanks were said by Brother Lynn Vanover. Brother Frank Powers made a motion to accept her report, seconded by Brother Darris Ellis, the vote was taken and the motion passed.

The clerk had enrollment cards distributed to enroll delegates, etc.

The pulpit committee reported that Brother Larry Jones would preach at the afternoon services and that Brother Luke Wright would speak at evening services.

A motion was made by Brother Velon Burgess to adjourn from business for worship services until 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The motion was seconded by Brother Carol Dotson and carried by vote.

Brother Larry Jones came forward to bring the message, he read for a text, Luke 18:7 & 8. He brought a good message and we sang a congregational song and was dismissed by Brother Buddy Kendrick until 7:00 p.m., when we would return for worship service.

Friday Night 7:00

We met back on due time with Brother Carol Dotson in charge of the devotions. The congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On", and many prayer requests were made known from the congregation. The prayer was led by Brother Esley Ratliff.

Special singing was by Brother William and Sister Peggy Maynard from the Pike County Conference and Brother Ratliff and singers from the Valley View Church and Brother Joe Smith and Brother Buddy Kendrick from Pike County.

Brother Luke Wright came forward to bring the evening message using for a text Acts 13: 37-39. He brought a wonderful message concerning the sin debt paid by Jesus.

The congregation sang and had fellowship then were dismissed with prayer by Brother Bobby Varney, until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Brother Joe G. Sluss, the moderator, called the meeting to order by reading Eph. 4:1-13, for the scripture reading. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again", and prayer was led by Brother Larry Robinson. Enrollment cards were passed out for all of the delegates to enroll that had not enrolled on Friday.

The letters from the sister conferences were read by the clerk. They were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, in the Dickenson County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1996.

Greetings:

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

Officers elected for the following year:

MODERATOR:

Brother Luke Wright

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

Brother Franklin Hall

CLERKS:

Brother Lloyd Hillman

Brother Oval Hillman

Brother Kermit Wallace

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Brother Roy Vanover

Brother Franklin Hall

Brother Joe Glenn Sluss

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Brother Earet Rose

Brother Raymond McCarty

Brother Luke Wright

Brother Donnie Elkins

Brother Larry Bise

TREASURERS:

Quarterly Meeting- Sister Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund- Brother Donnie Elkins

Children's Home-Sister Ann Bartley

Scholarship Fund- Sister Jamie Bise

The Conference voted to buy 1,270 minutes. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$1,587.50. Engraving \$37.00.

STATISTICS

Churches	36	Sunday Schools	35
Church Membership	2137	Sunday School Membership	1545
		Ladies Auxiliaries	14

Balance from July 1995 to July 1996:

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2933.66

Emergency Fund \$2987.10

Children's Home Fund \$6105.83

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session

this the 26 and 27 of July 1996.

Moderator: Brother Luke Wright

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

DELEGATE

Henry Anderson
Lee Honaker
Stella Honaker
Raymond McCarty
Harold Dotson
Tammy Graham
Cecil Mullins
Charles Sutherland
Annette Hylton
Gwyn Dutton
Cheryl Clay
Ida Branham
Oscar Silcox
Dillard Fleming
Sonya Belcher
Rita Counts
John Mullins
Wayne Mullins
Vickie Southerland
Frank Powers
Karen Dockery
Bob Phillips
Trula Large
Jim Nichols
Anna Hill
Charles Sanders
Mike Patrick
Thurman Sproles
Janie Bise
Mildred Long
Daisy Blackstone
Elsie Thompson
Trent Mullins
Edward W. Mullins
Juanita Blevins
Oak Mullins
Nita Ratliff
Virginia Turner
Anna Lester
Fay Comer
Johnny Branham
Patty Mullins
Frank Stanley

CHURCH

Bartlick
Buffalo
Buffalo
Clinchco
Davis Chapel
Duncan Gap
Duncan Gap
Dyer's Chapel
Ferbie Chapel
Flemingtown
Fremont
Fremont
Frying Pan
George's Fork
Glady Fork
Hill Ridge
Honey Camp
Hubbard Chapel
Lick Creek
Lick Fork
Light House
Martin Chapel
Meades Chapel
Middle Branch
Middle Branch
Mill Creek
Mills Chapel
Mills Chapel
Peuther Chapel
Phillips Chapel
Phillips Chapel
Pine Creek
Pyles Memorial
Pyles Memorial
Rachel's Chapel
Rugsby
Rugsby
Splashdam
Tarpon
Tarpon
Valley View
Yates Chapel
Yates Chapel

DELGATE

Irene Anderson
Dee Damron
Mike Crabtree
Marie McCarty
Howard Marshall
Elmer Mullins
Harry Nash
Gertrude French
Thettie Robinson
Opal Dutton
Emma Smith
Eugene Hay
Clyde Deloach
Veronica Belcher
Edgar Rose
Earet Rose
Bobby Mullins
Wayne Owens
Darius Elkins
Marvin Holbrook
Edward Boggs
Dallas Large
Katie Mead
Corrina Southerland
Hazel Duty
James Duty
Nina Patrick
Norman Cumbo
Larry Bise
Elmer Williams
Shirley Stanley
Ruby Phipps
Richard B. Mullins
Lois Carty
Bill Stanley
Shelbie Willis
Fred Turner
Ruth Rohnich
Debbie Bowman
Carroll Dotson
Judy Branham
Iretta Salyers

CHURCH

Bartlick
Buffalo
Clinchco
Clinchco
Davis Chapel
Duncan Gap
Dyer's Chapel
Dyer's Chapel
Ferbie Chapel
Flemingtown
Fremont
Frying Pan
George's Fork
Glady Fork
Hill Ridge
Hill Ridge
Honey Camp
Lick Creek
Lick Fork
Light House
Lone Pine Chapel
Meades Chapel
Meades Chapel
Middle Branch
Mill Creek
Mill Creek
Mills Chapel
Peuther Chapel
Peuther Chapel
Phillips Chapel
Pine Creek
Pine Creek
Pyles Memorial
Rachel's Chapel
Rachel's Chapel
Rugsby
Splashdam
Splashdam
Tarpon
Valley View
Valley View
Yates Chapel

We, the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists, recommend the following changes to the by-laws and organization section of the minutes of the John-Thomas Association Yearly Meeting:

Proposal #1: The Ministry

We recommend that the present wording of the subheading "The Ministry" sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 be changed as follows:

The Ministry

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word unless:
 - A. He feels divinely called, and makes report of the same to the church to which he belongs.
 - B. His church must be satisfied with his qualifications and calling.
 - C. The church may grant said person the license to exercise his gifts by exhortation for twelve months.
2. If he proves satisfactory to his church:
 - A. The church shall recommend him (by a letter signed by the pastor and clerk) to the Quarterly Meeting.
 - B. If the Quarterly Meeting finds him satisfactory, they will recommend him to the Ordaining Council. If proven satisfactory, he is ordained.
 - C. If not proven satisfactory by the Ordaining Council, he is kept under the license of said church until proven satisfactory to the Ordaining Council.
3. The Ordaining Council is appointed by the yearly meeting of the Quarterly Ministers' Conference, according to such terms as may be agreed upon between their own conference. (It is suggested that the Ordaining Council make a quarterly report to the Ministers' Conference of all activities.)
4. When a minister of another domination wishes to unite with a Freewill Baptist Church:
 - A. He must first join the church.
 - B. The next proceedings are the same as with licentiates, as given in step two (2) of this section.
6. If a minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist faith, he may at once be called to question by the church offended. He must be given a fair and impartial hearing, by evidence mainly by the Freewill Baptist members; if they shall sustain the charges, they shall deal with him as follows:
 - A. If the charges are against a licentiate, his said church has the exclusive right to deal with him, and their decision shall be final.
 - B. If the charges are against an ordained minister:
 - (a.) It is the duty of the church to which he belongs to hear the case. The church may call the Ordaining Council to its assistance, or report their decision to the Ordaining Council.
 - (b.) If satisfaction is not given, they then bring him to the Quarterly Ministers' Conference. They shall try the case, and their decision shall be final.

Proposal #2: By-Laws

We recommend that number 26 of the by-laws be removed from the by-laws and added to the first paragraph of "Reception of Members" to read as follows:

Any person who give evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper

administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted, is received into membership by a vote of the church. After members accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door into the church.

Proposal #3: Yearly Meeting Constitution and By-laws

In Article 7, we recommend that the words "not consistent" be changed to "consistent", to read as follows:

The yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws consistent with the Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

In Article 10, we recommend that the wording be changed to read as follows:

The Constitution, By-laws, Church Covenant, and Articles of Faith 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 last session.

Moderator: Reverend Luke Wright

Clerk: Kermit D. Wallace, Sr.

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 Valley View Freewill Baptist Church on September 6-7, 1996.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met at the Energyville Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, August 17, 1996. After opening the conference by singing, prayer, and Bible reading, Brother Herman Bates, Jr., was elected as Moderator of the Conference. Brother Homer Lee Mullins was appointed Assistant Moderator. The Sunday School Talk was given by Brother James Tackett, the Temperance Talk was given by Brother Charles Bolden. The committees were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Brother Milford Craft (Chairman)
Brother Earl Smith
Brother Sammy Fields

ALTERNATES:

(1) Brother William E. Gibson
(2) Brother Charles Bolden
(3) Brother Teddy Damron

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Brother Chester Mullins
Brother William E. Gibson
Brother Joe Basham

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE:

Brother Edgar Sanders (8-27-94)
Brother Homer Lee Mullins (8-26-95)
Brother Sonny Miracle (8-17-96)

Sermons were delivered by Brother Joe Glenn Sluss and Brother Gene Conley, visiting Ministers from Dickenson County Conference.

Delegates to the Conference enrolled as follows:

DELEGATE	CHURCH	DELEGATE	CHURCH
Larry R. Jones	Kings Creek	James N. Tackett	Alleghany
Connie Damron	Poor Bottom	Ethel Tackett	Alleghany
Milford Craft	Payne Gap	Barbara McKinney	Ligon
Angela McKinney	Ligon	Maye Dean Hall	Ligon
Retia Jones	Kings Creek	Allen Thacker	Ligon
Louise Potter	Burdine	Phyllis Thornsby	Energyville
Louella Swiney	Hylton	Ernest McCown	Energyville
Geraldine Hawkins	Hylton	Sonny Miracle	Bethel
Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Dunham	Wendell Hawkins	Hylton
Tony Branham	Alleghany	William E. Gibson	Burdine
Herman Bater, Jr.	Payne Gap	Nancy Branham	Alleghany
William Ratliff	Alleghany	Connie Ratliff	Alleghany
Charles Bolden	Ligon	Sue Winchell	Haymond
Reba Hall	Haymond	Sammy Fields	Poor Bottom
Lloyd Damron	Poor Bottom	Myrtle Lee Venters	Burdine
Margaret Ratliff	Poor Bottom	Elizabeth Marrs	Energyville
Thomas Ratliff	Poor Bottom	Hazel Thacker	Energyville
Georgia Mullins	Energyville	Alka Mullins	Energyville
Chester Mullins	Energyville	Leon Bolden	Bethel
Evelyn Bolden	Bethel	Joe Basham	Bethel
Sarah Basham	Bethel	Billy Akers	Bethel
Clyde Damron	Hylton	Matthew White	Tacketts Fork
Lisa White	Tacketts Fork	Homer Lee Mullins	Hylton
Cheryl McCarty	Hylton	Teddy Damron	Poor Bottom
Betty Coleman	Bethel	Terry Penley	Energyville
Nancy Ratliff	Dunham		

Delegates enrolled _____ 53

Total attendance _____ 55

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

We recommend:

In view of an oversight in the proposal to amend Article #18 of the Articles of Faith, language addressing the judgment was left out. We therefore withdraw the proposed amendment to Article #18 as it was submitted to the John-Thomas Association on September, 1995, concerning the Resurrection and resubmit the following amendment.

Proposed Amendment to Article #18 Articles of Faith

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 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:22,23,35-44; II Timothy 2:18; Phillipians 3:21; Daniel 12:2.

The Scriptures also teach that there will be a judgement that will follow the resurrection, each in its own order. - II Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 13:41-43; Matthew 25: 46; Romans 2: 6-16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20: 12-13.

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

FOURTH QUARTER STATISTICS

Churches	21	Youth Leagues	6
Membership	1,442	League Membership	122
Sunday Schools	21	Ministers (active)	50
S.S. Membership	792	(with lifetime cards)	9
Auxillaries	12	(Licensed)	8
Aux. Membership	146	Deacons (active)	78
		(under watchcare)	8

Please send 450 copies of the Minutes. Enclosed is \$562.50 for Minute copies and 52.50 for Obituaries, for a total amount of \$615.00.

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 Valley View Freewill Baptist Church. The Pike County Conference met with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church on August 24, 1996. Brother Curtis Wellman called the Conference to order for business by reading from the 15th chapter of I John. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Assistant Moderator
Rev. John Vance

Clerk
Rev. Dennis Hinkle

Business Committee
Rev. Donnie Williamson
Rev. Homer Adkins
Rev. Burl Rogers

Finance Committee
Brother Brad Williamson
Bro. Gerria Reynolds
Brother Danny Bevins

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

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

Pulpit Committee
Brother Jeff Tackett
Brother Rolin T. Rutherford
Brother William Maynard

Treasurer
Rev. Velon Burgess

Statistics

Churches	18	Sunday School Membership.....	718
Church Membership	1625	Ladies Auxiliaries	8

Ministers	73	Auxiliaries Membership	147
Sunday Schools	16	Mid Week Service Attendance ...	353

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in the treasury June 1995	\$ 3,924.25
RECEIVED - August 1995 to June 1996	3,804.55
EXPENSES - August 1995 to June 1996	3,441.15
Balance June 1996	\$ 4,287.65

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Delegate	Church	Delegate	Church
Mildred Varney	Belfry	Eddie Overstreet	Owsley
Mike Irick	Owsley	Dolly Stevens	Toler Creek
Verniece Overstreet	Owsley	Lula Gross	Grassy
Mabelene Stevens	Toler Creek	Sharon Irick	Owsley
Matthew Stevens	Toler Creek	Sonny Hall	Owsley
John H. Justice	Owsley	Treva Hall	Owsley
Rolin T. Rutherford	Belfry	Jimmy Williamson	Owsley
Josephine Williamson	Owsley	Cathy Webb	Stonecoal
Bonnie Rutherford	Belfry	Billy R. Miller	Stonecoal
Virginia Rogers	Octavia	Johnny Ray Justice	Owsley
Edward Lee Adkins	Trimble	Vicie Gibson	Owsley
Maggie Howell	Toler Creek	Billie B. Burgess	Owsley
William Maynard	Owsley	Dale Church	Belfry
Peggy Maynard	Owsley	Phillip Church	Octavia
Donnie Robinson	Greasy	Loene Lawson	Toler Creek
Jackie Charles	Grassy	Sue Charles	Grassy
Sara Charles	Grassy	Dolly C. Adkins	Trimble
Gaynell Kendrick	Belfry	Edna Coleman	Trimble
Ample Ratliff	Grassy		

We are enclosing \$1,168.25 for minutes and \$75.00 for engraving, and a \$300.00 love offering. We are requesting 625 minute books.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 24th day of August, 1995.

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 DURM CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Valley View Free-will Baptist Church at Clintwood, Va., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1996.

Greetings:

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

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator:

Kenneth Spores

Assistant Moderator:

Rev. Larry Robinson

Clerk:

Troy Harris

Rt. 1 Box 157

Vansant, Va. 24656

Phone: 540 859 2912

Executive Committee:

Brady Farmer

Troy Harris

Ronald Johnson

Kenneth Sproles

Ordaining Council:

Larry Robinsons, Chairman

Edward Dye

Giles Wilson

Treasurer:

Brady Farmer

HC 65 Box 143

Rowe, Va. 24646

Phone: 540 859 2853

STATISTICS

Churches	9	Licentate	1
Church Membership	315	Sunday Schools	8
Ministers	13	S. S. Membership	353

Balance from August 1995 to 1996:

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2878.80

Emergency Fund \$3091.21

Conference voted to buy 240 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes \$ 300.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries \$ 35.00

Done by order of New Durm Conference

Moderator:

Kenneth Sproles

Assistant Moderator:

Larry Robinson

Clerk:

Troy F. Harris

LIST OF DELEGATES

James Osborne

Phyllis Stanford

Peggy Dye

Harley Nuckles

Lois Nuckles

Jim Boardwine

Earnest Nuckles

Thelma Meadows

Ronnie Johnson

Sandra Robinson

Brady Farmer

Velva Meadows

Estel Ray

Deborah Barton

Darnell Keith

Hurley Perkins

Fred Ervin

Bill Ball

Alternates:

Ada Farmer

Eura Thompson

Phyllis Bordwine

Linda Hart

Sheryl Keith

Helen Harris

Rita Rasnake

Tia Compton

Lucille Whitaker

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dickenson County Conference at the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Va., on the sixth and seventh of September, 1996.

The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met with the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church at Flat Rock, Indiana on August 10th, 1996. The Rev. Leroy Reed welcomed everyone and all joined in prayer. Brother Clarence Hubbard led the congregation song "I Feel Like Traveling On". He then declared the meeting open and read the by-laws, and business was conducted in order. The election of the new officers were as follows:

Clerk:

Levi Stewart
22311 Stewart Rd.
Milan, In. 47031

Assistant Clerk:

Lena Couch
103 Backus Dr.
Alexandria, Ky. 41001

Treasurer:

Hazel Davidson

Assistant Treasurer:

Hazel Stewart

Ordaining Council:

Robert L. Matney
Harold Robinson
Leroy Reed
Rick Layne (alternate)

Statistics:

Churches	3
Church Membership	124
Ordained Ministers	6

Executive Committee:

Robert Matney
Harold Robinson
Clarence Hubbard

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand August 1995	\$ 1,057.97
Receipts	333.50
Disbursements	118.45
Balance on hand August 1996	\$ 1,273.02

Conference voted to buy 30 minute books. Amount enclosed for minutes is \$37.50 and also enclosed is \$50.00 for John-Thomas Association.

DELEGATES:

Hazel Stewart
Marion Davidson
Jim Teltoe

Hazel Davidson
Nancy Hubbard
Cora Lay

Marion Stewart
Emily Teltoe
Florence Reed

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference on August 10, 1996

Moderator: Clarence Hubbard
Clerk: Levi Stewart

The John-Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Hamilton County Conference of Freewill Baptists at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Penntown, Indiana, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September which will be September 12th and 13th, 1997.

Directions to the church: Take I-75 North toward Cincinnati. Stay on I-75 until you come to I-74 West, go to the Sunman-Milan exit which is exit #156, turn left and go to 4-way stop sign, proceed thru to first road on left turn left and go to stop sign, turn right, church is on the right.

Saturday Morning Session Continues

A motion was made by Brother Frank Powers to accept the letters, it was seconded by Brother Roy Vanover. The motion passed by a vote of aye.

The moderator called for the Executive committees from each conference to retire and examine the letters for any business to bring before the yearly meeting.

The pulpit committee report was that Brother Buddy Kendrick would preach the morning service, and that Brother Roy Vanover would preach the afternoon service.

Brother Ed Slomp from Camp Jacob was asked to come forward and give a report on Camp Jacob. He reported that the camp was doing good, and reported about the different activities that was going on there, as well as about the number of campers that had attended. He reported that the camp was progressing fine. Brother Carol Dotson made a motion that was seconded by Brother Frank Powers to accept his report as given. The motion passed by a vote of aye. An offering was received for Camp Jacob in the amount of \$340.78.

A motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to adjourn from business for worship service until the afternoon session. The motion passed by a vote of aye.

The congregation sang "Send the Light" then Brother William Maynard and Sister Peggy sang two songs and Sister Judy Branham did a recitation of John 3:16. Brother Danny Sluss then led in prayer.

Brother Buddy Kendrick and Brother Roy Vanover changed services to preach because Brother Kendrick was on the Executive Committee.

Brother Vanover came forward and read from II Peter 1:1-10. He brought a wonderful message about being a light and being ready to enter into Heaven. It was a very spiritual message.

The benediction and blessing on the food was asked by Brother Joe Sluss. Sister Patty Mullins sang "My God Is Real" and we were dismissed until Saturday afternoon.

Saturday 1:30 P.M.

We were called back together with Brother Roy Vanover leading the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus". Brother Giles Wilson and his singers sang and then Brother Lloyd Hilman led us in prayer. The moderator read from Romans 6:14-17 to call the meeting back in session.

The moderator called for a report of the Executive Committees. Brother Bobby Varney, chairman of the executive committees, reported that the only business in the letters were as follows: Letcher County sent a request to the yearly meeting that they wanted to withdraw their resolution they sent in last year, wanting to change or

reword #18 of articles of faith. They submitted a new change which would not only reword the article but add more to it.

Dickenson County submitted proposals which are as follows, under the heading of **Ministry**; Articles # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the by-laws be rewritten in the minute books.

Proposal #2 **By-laws**: to change by-law #26

Proposal #3 **Yearly Meeting By-laws**: wants to change article #7 and article #10.

We the Executive committees discussed the proposals and agreed that it would be to the best interest of the yearly meeting to leave these as printed in our present minutes.

The Executive committee agreed that the clerk's fee of the yearly meeting should be increased by \$150.00, making the fee a total of \$250.00 yearly.

A motion was made by Brother William Maynard to accept the report and was seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson. The motion was accepted by a vote of aye.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Brother Frank Powers and seconded by Brother Velon Burgess to adjourn from business until the next yearly meeting in Hamilton County. Motion carried by vote.

MINISTER'S YEARLY CONFERENCE

The Clerk, Brother Bobby Varney came forth to organize the Minister's Yearly Meeting by asking who we would want to be the moderator. Brother Bennie Slone made a motion that the same officers of the yearly meeting be used for the minister's meeting, Brother Buddy Kendrick seconded the motion, the motion passed by a vote.

Brother Bobby Varney read the letters from the various ministers conferences they were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The conference was welcomed to the Buffalo Church by Brother Remire Mullins. Brother Roy Vanover led the song, "Uncloaked Day," then Brother Willie Mullins led in prayer. The clerk read scripture lesson from II Samuel 22:1-4. Brother Howard Reynolds was elected as the moderator and chose Brother Terry Price as his assistant.

Minutes of the April conference were read and approve as read. The clerk read the letters from absent ministers. Brother Roy Vanover asked if he could be moved to Davis Chapel Church, so that they could ordain a man from that church. Bro. Lee Rose said the guidelines in the Minutes book tells us how that a minister is ordained; he said that a letter to the Conference recommending the man for ordination was the way to handle ordination; Davis Chapel agreed.

Finance report was read and approved as read. Brother Johnnie Mullins ask if we could talk about the proposals of the April Conference, presented by Letcher County to the last yearly meeting concerning general resurrection. Brother Vester McKinney said that they aren't really changing anything, just trying to make things more clear. Bro. Joe Sluss said that Letcher Co. had seen some error's in the way it was written. He said they were going to submit a new proposal in September, 1996. Brother Lester Robinson spoke briefly, saying not to let such matters of foolishness split us apart; but let us come together and be ready to go when the Lord

returns. Officers elected for coming year:

Ordaining Council:

Joe Glenn Sluss
Roy Vanover
Franklin Hall

Committee for lifetime cards:

Clyde Hay
Freddie Boyd
Jack Mead

Clerk:

Avery Carty

Brothers Ollie Cantrell and Michael Patrick joined the Ministers Conference. There were nine ministers who reported to the conference by letter. The conference was dismissed in prayer by Brother Earet Rose.

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
*Hje A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, VA 24228	Frying Pan
Clyde E. Reedy	Rt. 2, Madisonville, Tn. 37354	Peuthers Chapel
Gobel Rose	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
I. T. Stallard	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
James J. Hobbs	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, N. 37643	Rugsby
Ralph Rasnick	3996 Hurricane Rd. Wise, VA 24293	Frying Pan
Mack Mullins	Rt.2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap

(* Denotes Pastor)

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
*Freddie 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	Buffalo
Verlin Deel Jr.	Box 30, Birchleaf, VA 24220	Lick Creek
Eddie Edwards	P.O. Box 866, Clintwood, VA 24228	Fremont
Keith Dotson	Clintwood, Va. 24228	Lick Fork
*Glynn Hale	Rt. 2, Box 86B, Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
*Franklin Hall	Rt.2, Box 310D, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Dennis Hamilton	P.O. Box 1663 Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
*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
*Tammy Hill	Box 376, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
*Jerry L. Jenkins	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Jack Johnson	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	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	Georges 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	10186 Bold Camp Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230	Meades Chapel
James D. Meade	HC 05 Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meades Chapel
Delman D. Moore	Rt. 3, 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
Micheal Mulkey	P.O. Box 1062, 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 24293	Hubbard Chapel
Jack Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 268 A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
*Johnnie Mullins	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228	Phillips 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
Percy Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 11123 Birchfield Rd., Wise VA	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	Pyles Memorial
*Roy A. Mullins	Rt. 3 Box 360 K, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Ted Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Virgil Mullins	9000 B Woodrow Hollow Rd., Pound, VA	Hubbard Chapel
Willie R. Mullins	P.O. Box 794, 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	Valley 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	Buffalo
*Howard Reynolds	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649	Castlewood
*Jerry W. Robinson	Rt. 3, Box 399B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Creek
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 Chapel
Elva 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 1176, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie 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 24279	Hubbard 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	Clincho
*Lynn Vanover	P.O. Box 1616, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Roy E. Vanover	Box 382, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Jerry Vitaoe	Rt. 1, Box 590, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon
Talt Wolford	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Buffalo
*Luke Wright	Rt. 3, Box 242, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mack, Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Ola G. Cantrell	P.O. Box 3801, Wise VA, 24293	Duncan Gap
Micheal Patrick	Rt.1, Box 633, St. Paul, VA 24283	Mills Chapel
Wayne Mullins	Rt.2, Box 423, Coeburn VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Donald Smith	P.O. Box 2074, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachel Chapel
Gregory A. Stanley	P.O. Box 612, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Fork
Cráig Tumidiski	14539 Bull Run Rd., Coeburn, VA 24230	Light House

22 LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To The John-Thomas Association while in session at the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church on September 6-7, 1996.

The Letcher County Ministers' Conference met at the Energyville Freewill Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M., on Friday, August 16, 1996. Brother Homer Lee Mullins, Assistant Moderator, presided over the Conference. Officers for the following year are as follows:

Moderator:

Brother Richard Gibson
Box 198
Lookout, KY 41534

Assistant Moderator:

Brother Homer Lee Mullins
Box 339
Ashcamp, KY 41512

Ordination Committee:

Brother James N. Tackett (8-26-94)
Brother Danny G. Mullins (8-25-95)
Brother Garland Ratliff (8-16-96)

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	Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, KY 41534	Alleghany
John H. Coleman (P)	P.O. Box 338, Shelbyana, KY	Bethel
Sonny Miracle (P)	Jonancy, KY 41538	Bethel
Timmy D. Hopkins	P.O. Box 696, Virgie, KY 41572	Bethel
Robert Lee Hampton	3067 Longfork Rd, Virgie, KY 41572	Bethel
Leon Bolden	Lickfork, Box 44, Pikeville, KY 41501	Bethel
Everett D. Mullins	Caney Highway, Pikeville, KY 41501	Bethel
Ralph Vicars (P)	Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky 41537	Burdine
Don McKnight (P)	HCR 3, Cumberland, KY 40823	Cloverlick
Marvis D. Dixon	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)	62 Mullins Lane, 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
Homer Lee Mullins (P)	Box 339, Ashcamp, KY 41512	Hylton
Clyde Damron	HC 72, Box 1148, Shelby Gap, KY 4563	Hylton
Tommy England	HC 72, Box 575, Ashcamp, KY 41512	Hylton
Larry R. Jones (P)	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, KY 41858	Kings Creek
Charles Bolden (P)	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 (P)	Box 67, Earmine, KY 41815	Moore's Chapel
Audie Stewart	P.O. Box 202, McRoberts, KY 41815	Moore's Chapel
Floyd Sexton (P)	HC 82, Box 910, Jackhorn, KY 41825	Old Fashioned
Jesie Lane Miller	Rt. 1, Box 13, 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
Steve Childers	Rt. 2, Box 187, Wise, VA 24293	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	Seco
Tommy Phillips	Kona, KY 41829	Seco

Note: (P) Indicates Pastor

Ministers With Good Standing Cards:

Minister	Address	Church
John C. DePriest	Box 415, Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, KY 41537	Burdine

Kelton Robinette
Charles Gallion
Earl Breeding
Vardrey Bolling
William Crawford
Percy Elkins, Sr.
Caleb Holbrook

Dorton, KY
Jenkins, KY 41537
Seco, KY 41849
Payne Gap, KY
Pound, VA 25279
Jenkins, KY 41537
Jenkins, KY 41537

Dorton
Dunham
Hemphill
Payne Gap
Payne Gap
Pine Chapel
Pine Chapel

Ministers Deleted From the Letcher County Conference:

Ministers Deceased - 2 (Brother Darius Williams, Brother Jonah Wright)

Others - 3 (Brother Jimmy Dean Looney, Brother Robert Lee Hampton,
Brother Randolph R. Gill, Jr.)

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards 50

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards 09

Total Ministers In The Letcher County Conference 59

This report is given to The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in session on September 6-7, 1996, by order of the Letcher County Ministers' Conference.

Moderator:

Brother 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 23, 1996. Brother Tommy Webb called the conference to order for fellowship and prayer. Brother Jimmy Skeens led us in prayer. Brother Tommy Webb called the conference to order for business and the election of a moderator for the next twelve months was held. He did a scripture reading from the 10th chapter of John. There were no reports of any Brothers walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. We had a discussion on baptism and Brother Buddy Kendrick told us about how a minister should always be a light. Brother Curtis Wellman made a motion to letter up to The John-Thomas Association, seconded by Brother Mike Dingess and the motion was carried by a vote of the conference. The following is a list of Officers and the Ministers to receive good standing cards.

Moderator:

Rev. Robie Kendrick
Belfry, KY 41514

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

Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, Clintwood, VA
Pike County Conference, September 6th and 7th, 1996

Ministers to Recieve Good Standing Cards

Name:	Address:	Church:
Robert (Bobby) Varney	169 Hwy. 1056, Pinsonfork, KY 41555	Belfry
Herbert Goff	4003 Upper Coon Rd., Raccoon, KY 41557	Grassy
David G. Varney	7963 St Hwy. 194E, 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	Trimble Chapel
Edward Lee Adkins	154 Elisha Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fork 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	105 Family Lane, 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	P.O. Box 153, Goody, KY 41529	Canada
Darrell Roberts	P.O. Box 3382, Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
William Akers	Sidney, KY 41564	Mt. Zion
Rodger Blackburn	Box 38, McAndrews, KY 41543	Belfry
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
Ballard Yates	HC 76, Box 1546, Ransome, KY 41558	Bluespring
Bill Mosley	138 New Camp Rd., S. Williamson, KY 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	250 Oxford Rd., Winchester, 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 41501	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	29 Hunt St., Kimper, KY 41529	Edo
Jackie Maynard	420 Peter St., Williamson, WV 25661	Canada

Frank Bryant	522 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	5158 Zebulon Hwy, Pikeville, KY 41501	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	Island Creek
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	Stonecoal
Roger Williamson	Box 104, Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Rodney Williamson	Box 81, Huddy, KY 41535	Canada
Tommy Webb	Box 196, Red Cr. Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Stonecoal
Billy R. Miller	Stone Coal Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Stonecoal
James Randall May	1180 W. Sookeys Ck. Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	Caney Creek
Curtis E. Bridgeman	P.O. Box 564, Virgie, KY 41572	Sookeys's Creek
Edward Burgess	P.O. Box 577, Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley
Ray Williams	88 Road Br., Pikeville, KY 41501	Sookeys's Creek
Jimmy Skeens	1501 Clark St. Marion, NC	Stonecoal
Leslie Tackett	P.O. Box 74 Kimper, KY 41539	Stonecoal
Michael Dingess	Box 551, Matewan, WV 25678	Bluespring
James Runyon	4245 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097	
Eddie Overstreet	P.O. Box 423, Pikeville, KY 41502	Owsley

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Name:	Address:	Church
O.H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 200, Beech Bluff, TN	Octavia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, KY 41561	Unity
Sid May	Hardy, KY 41531	Bluespring
Phillip Bostic	Meta, KY 41501	Grassy
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 receive good standing cards	65
Number of ministers with lifetime cards	8
Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference	73

Done by the order of the Pike County Ministers' Conference on August 23, 1996.

Rev. Robie Kendrick, Moderator
Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk

NEW DURM COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The New Durm Ministers' Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Strait Hollow Freewill Baptist Church, on August 8, 1996.

MODERATOR

Rev. Roy L. Wilson
HC 4, Box 204
Bee, VA 24217

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Larrie Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, VA 24266

CLERK

Brady Farmer
HC 65, 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
Brother 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. Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, VA 24255	Clinch View

Rev. Glen Peck Drill, VA Drill Chapel
Done by order of New Durm Ministers' Conference August 8th, 1996.

Moderator:	Assistant Moderator:	Clerk:
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Rev. Larrie Robinson	Brady Farmer
HC 4, Box 204	Rt. 1, Box 451	HC 65, Box 143
Bee, VA 24217	Lebanon, VA 24266	Rowe, VA 24646

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Hamilton County Ministers' Conference of Freewill Baptists met with The Norristown Freewill Baptist Church at Flat Rock, Indiana, on August 10, 1996.

Moderator:	Ordaining Council:
LeRoy Reed	Rev. Robert Matney
7450 W. Co. Rd. 110 North	Rev. LeRoy Reed
Greensburg, Indiana 47240	Rev Harold Robinson
	Alt. Rev. Rick Layne

Clerk:	Executive Committee:
Richard Harris	Rev. Robert Matney
6531 River Rd.	Rev. Harold D. Robinson
Harrison, Oh. 45030	Rev. Clarence Hubbard

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
Rick Layne	7226 St. Rt. 19, Mt. Gilead, OH	Mt. Tabor
Richard Harris	6531 River Rd., Harrison, OH	Pipe Creek

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards:

Name	Address	Church
LeRoy Reed	7450 W. County Rd. 110 N., Greensburg, IN	Norristown
Robert Matney	4526 C.R. 29, Galion, OH	Mt. Tabor

Done by order of the Hamilton County Conference on August 10, 1996.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CONTINUED

A motion was made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins to accept the letters as read, it was seconded by Brother Clyde Hay. The motion passed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned for the worship service.

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and Brother Easley Ratliff and his wife sang "I Hope We Can Walk the Last Mile Together". After which prayer was led by Brother Manie Strouth.

Brother Buddy Kendrick came forward to bring the message, using Acts 24:15, for the text. "There shall be a ressurection of both the just and unjust" was the main message. He brought a wonderful message to the Christians. We were then dismissed by Brother Franklin Hall.

OBITUARIES

Rev. Henry H. and Naoma (Price) Ball



In memory of Henry and Naoma Ball from Davenport, Va. Both have made their destination after living a long life here. They worked for the Lord for many years. Now they are resting free from all sickness, trouble and cares. They were united in marriage on November 19, 1919. They had 13 children and all are still living except two.

Henry was born Nov. 9, 1895 to Ceymour and Alola (Duty) Ball. He was ordained to preach by the Freewill Baptist Church on April 24, 1938. He and his wife were members of the Clinch View Freewill Baptist Church at

Sandy Ridge. He passed from this life July 30, 1971, at the age of 75.

Naoma was born Feb. 4, 1901, to William and Matilda (Cook) Price. She passed from this life May 3, 1996 at the age of 95. Her flowers still grow on the hill and memories still live on. She had so many friends to come and see her when sickness took its toll. Giles and Mae are two of these. How much we appreciate and love them all. They will never know how much.

Written by son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Virginia

Jack Blackburn



Jack Blackburn, 68, of Bent Branch Road, Pikeville, passed away Saturday September 2, 1995, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born December 5, 1926, in Mingo County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Ballard and Elzie Bevins Blackburn of Meta, Ky.

He was a retired carman for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad where he worked for 42 years. Jack was also a member of the Johns Creek Disabled American Veterans chapter 166, a Korean War Veteran, a member of the T.C.U. union and a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceeded in death by one brother, Petty Gene

Blackburn of Meta, Ky.

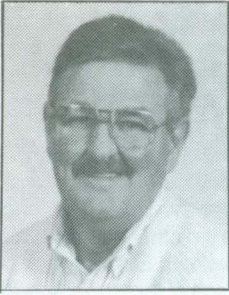
Survivors include his wife Mildred Stanley Blackburn of Bent Branch Road Pikeville; two sons: Keith Paul Blackburn of Open Fork Road, Pikeville and Kenneth Dale Blackburn of Bent Branch Road; one brother: William P. Blackburn of Earlander, Ky.; three sisters: Betty Elkins of Wurthland, Ky., Mattie Ratliff of Open Fork Road, Pikeville, and Bronis Huffman of Phoenix, Arizona. Jack was also survived by two grandchildren: Paula Sue Blackburn and Michelle Renee Blackburn; and by two daughter-in-laws that he dearly loved, Deborah Sue Taylor Blackburn and Betty Jean Little Blackburn.

Funeral services were September 6, 1995, at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church with Herb Goff, Pete Smith, and others officiating. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery at Sidney, Ky.

We, the family, feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Loved and missed by friends, family, and wife.

Written by: his wife, Mildred Blackburn

Rodolph Bentley, Jr.



Rodolph Bentley, Jr., better known as Junior, of Stanville, Kentucky, was born to the late Maggie Cole Bentley and Rodolph Bentley on February 15, 1943. After spending 53 years upon the earth, the Lord called him home on July 22, 1996, at about 2:10 p.m.

His wife of 34 years, Josephine Boyd Bentley, stood by him faithfully during their wonderful marriage. They both took their marriage vows seriously as was demonstrated the last few months of Junior's earthly life, when he required several months stay in the hospital in Lexington, Ky. Jo was by his side continuously.

To this beautiful marriage was born three children. They are Maverick Bentley, Rhonda Nelson Bentley, and Timmy Bentley. No one could question the love Junior had for his children or his five beautiful grandchildren: Waylon Ray Nelson, Emmanuel Chase Nelson, Benjamin Bentley, Cody Tyler Bentley, and Corey Austin Bentley. His family was the most important earthly thing to him. Second only to his relationship with God. And his family generously returned his love.

Junior had four brothers, Clyde Bentley, James Bentley, Danny Bentley and Ricky Bentley. Also, he had four sisters, Alice Hall, Rita Bolten, Millie Vass, and Sally Short.

Junior never amassed great worldly riches, yet if you were able to ask him now, he would no doubt tell you the greatest wealth a man could own is a loving family, good friends, and a close relationship with a wonderful savior. There's no amount of money that can purchase either. Junior had all three, which made him very wealthy.

Junior called Stone Coal Freewill Baptist his church home. Church and his Christian Family was another very important part of his life. He served Christ joyfully for 26 years.

Junior loved to work with his hands. He was a carpenter by trade. He knew any good building must be built on a solid foundation. Junior gave his life to Jesus in 1970. Jesus became the foundation for all his future plans. Everything he built from that day forward had Jesus as the architect.

Even during the last few days of his earthly journey when his body was filled with pain and discomfort, the mention of his Savior brought tears of joy to his eyes. He truly had a friend in Jesus.

Even though Jesus had been a good friend for 26 years, Junior never fully realized just how good a friend he was until Monday at about 2:10 p.m., when his friend finally removed all his pain and suffering and took him to a new home where there shall be no mention of trials and heartaches and suffering again.

If Junior could only talk to his family right now, I believe he would say, "What a beautiful place Heaven is! Don't miss it for anything! Please meet me here."

Ella McClanahan Boyd



Ella Boyd of Hurricane Creek, Pikeville, Ky., was born to the late Willie and Golda McClanahan on May 29, 1919. She lived 76 years and 362 days upon God's beautiful earth, then moved to a more beautiful home, heaven, early the 26th day of May, 1996.

The Rev. Luther Boyd won her love, and they became husband and wife over 52 years ago. Luke and Ella spent these years happily married. They shared every available moment of time they could together. Where one was the other was also. You could not say Ella without Luke or Luke without Ella.

To this union was born four children. Each of them very special and greatly loved. Harold Dean Boyd of Island Creek, Josephine Boyd Bentley, of Mare Creek, Donnie Lee (Danny), and Mary Ann. Danny and Mary Ann both preceeded Ella to heaven.

Ella had a large family of brothers and sisters. Her brothers are Joe, Arlin, James, Tommy, and William McClanahan; and her sisters are Myrtle Hincman and Marie Clapp. She was preceeded in death by her sister, Judith McClanahan Akers, and two infant siblings.

Ella's pride and joy were her grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Her living grandchildren are: Maverick Bentley, Rhonda Bentley Nelson, Timmy Bentley, Kenneth Boyd, Tina Boyd Justice, Jeff Boyd, and Jamie Boyd. She was proceeded in death by three grandchildren, Darren Boyd, Nina Boyd, and Sandra Dean Boyd.

She is also survived by a loving daughter-in-law, Brenda Boyd and a loving son-in-law, Jr. Bentley.

Ella met another important man in her life over 40 years ago. Although she never in this life saw him visibly, she loved and served him joyfully for these many years. Because of him many times she arose early and went to bed late. She sacrificed her time and talents on his behalf and shed many tears of joy and gladness at his feet. He lifted her above her many heart aches and much sadness on many occasions. He stilled many a storms in her life. He sent her food from heaven many a people know not of. She drank from his very cup until her own cup runneth over. He gave to her a larger family of brothers and sisters. And finally he walked with her through the valley of the shadow of death, and he took her to a brand new home not built with the hands of man, but by his own hands. His name is Jesus! and her new home is called Beulah Land.

Janice Branham



In loving memory of Janice Bernice Branham, spouse of Ruey Branham. Born February 12, 1937, to Ottis Hopson and Thelma Bartley Hopson. Deceased December 23, 1995.

She is survived by one son: Randy Branham of Hellier, Ky.; four daughters, Anna Faye Rose of Clintwood, Va., Donna Ignelzi of Jacksonville, N.C., Theresa Taylor of Hellier, Ky., and Belinda Hancock of Jacksonville, N.C.; ten grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother Russell Hopson of Jacksonville, N.C.

Deanie, as she was called by family and friends, was a special person. She was a loving mother and grandmother and a special friend to many. Deanie was a dedicated christian and a member

of the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church.

We love and will miss our mother dearly. Let us not weep for mother, but rejoice for Heaven has gained a special angel.

Charles Ray Daniels



It is with a saddened heart that I attempt to write my husband's obituary. Ray died April 1, 1996, at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He went to be with Jesus early that Monday morning. He had a longing to go home, being weak in body and having suffered so much pain for the last ten years.

His church family and friends heard him testify many, many times how that he knew God was his source of strength and how God lovingly watched over him and cared for him. He was an inspiration to others to trust Jesus and to lean on him. Today, I believe with all my heart that Ray is enjoying the good things God has prepared for him and he's happy. I can imagine him being so excited about all the beautiful things he's seeing. Ray will get to

stroll all over Heaven and he'll get to meet friends and loved ones that went before him. How exciting it must be!

Our hope is in Jesus! Ray was born on February 28, 1934, at Vulcan, WV. His parents were Harris and Ruth Daniels who preceeded him in death, also preceeding him in death was a sister, Magalene, and his first wife, Francis Matilda Daniels.

Ray had worked for R.C. Bottling as a production manager until 1984. He was a member of Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors: Wife: Christine; James Stack of Forest Hills, Ky., a young man raised as a son from infancy; stepsons: Wayne, Mark, and Gregg Dennis of Kansas City, Mo.; stepdaughters: Joan McCoy and Barbara Elswick of Forest Hills, Ky.; sisters: Margaret Blair and Pat Jude, both of Cleveland, Ohio; grandchildren: Jacklyn Stack of Forest Hills; Wayne, William, Wesley and Angela of Kansas City.

Ray was buried on April 3, 1996 in the Scott Cemetery at Narrows Branch (Hardy, Ky.), with Lonnie Francis and Josh Hall officiating.

Ray was a special person to so many people and truly our loss is Heaven's gain. Our home will never be the same and his presence is everywhere. I'm thankful for the 12 years we had together and my life is richer for having known Ray Daniels.

Written by: His loving wife, Christine Daniels

Bryan Keith Howell



Bryan Keith Howell was born May 24, 1972. He was the only child of Johnny and Ann Blackburn Howell of Right Fork of Island Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Bryan attended Mullins Elementary and graduated from Mullins High School in May, 1990. He attended Prestonsburg Community College and transferred to Eastern Kentucky University as a junior. Bryan had always loved to draw and chose to major in art and police administration. He had completed his first semester of his junior year at Eastern when he lost his life on March 10, 1995.

Bryan was a precious son who respected his parents and never gave them problems. Everyone who knew him regarded him highly and had only good words to say about him. His untimely passing leaves such emptiness and loneliness in my heart. My prayer is that we shall spend eternity together in God's presence and that God will grant me the strength to endure each passing day without him.

Sadly missed by his parents, Johnny and Ann Howell

Hazel Goff



Hazel Goff 76, of Raccoon, died at 8:40 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 1996, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Pike County, May 8, 1920, the daughter of the late Leige Mercer and Elizabeth Thompson Mercer Goff.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ronnie Goff of Raccoon; four daughters, Phyllis Beck, of Salem, Ohio, Karen Bentley of Raccoon, Shelia Burnette and Sharon Lowe, both of Grassy Fork of Raccoon; two sisters, Pebble Rowe of Rockhouse, Zella Gayheart of Georgia; one stepbrother, Herbert Goff of Raccoon; one stepsister, Dolly Brown

Salisbury of Raccoon; 13 grandchildren, and five-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1p.m. Sunday, August 11, in the Justice Funeral Chapel, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikeville. Arrangements were under the direction of Justice Funeral Services of Pikeville.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (John 11: 25,26)

Submitted by her loving family

Rev. Arthur Quentin Keith



In loving memory of Quentin "Dot" Keith. He was the son of the late Rufus R. Keith and Maxie Dotson Keith, born on January 13, 1920. He was the eldest of five children: Harold Keith of Vickery, Ohio; Mary Jean Compton of Clintwood, Va.; Charlie Keith and Alger Keith of Coeburn, Va. He departed this life on July 27, 1995, at the age of 75.

He was a member of Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, and had been an ordained Freewill Baptist minister for over 50 years. He was the fourth generation in a family line of ministers that included: (father) th Rev. Rufus R. Keith, (grandfather) the Rev. W.J. Billy Keith. and (great-grandfather) the Rev. Forrest Kennedy. During his ministry, he pastored at

Rugsby, Yates, Pippins, Pine Grove, and Davis Chapel Churches. He also had a great love for gospel singing and sang in several gospel group up over the years.

On January 30, 1940, Quentin was united in marriage to Dussie L. Salyer. Of their union, five daughters were born: Onalee Keith of Coeburn, Va., Janice Graber of Castalia, Ohio, Lavada Yates of Gray, Tenn., Trennia Dotson and Kathy Stanley, both of Coeburn, Va.; four grandchildren: Tammy Kromer of Castalia, Ohio, Randy Marshall of Salem, Ohio, Shannon Yates of Knoxville, Tenn., Shawn Stanley of Jacksonville, Fla.; and four great-grandchildren: the late Kelly Kromer of Castalia, Ohio, Jason and Rodger Marshall, both of Salem, Ohio, and Sydney Stanley of Jacksonville, Fla.

Though our hearts are saddened by his absence, we know that he has only gone away to be with a "Friend" where we'll meet him there someday.

with love, The Family

Beulah Ilet Silcox Johnson



In memory of our loving mother, Beulah Silcox Johnson. She was born March 28, 1917, in the Debusk section of Dickenson County, Virginia. Mommy went to be with the Lord on February 29, 1996, making her stay on earth 78 years, 11 months and one day. She was the daughter of Henry and Mae (Leftwich) Silcox.

Mommy was a pillar of strength within her family and the community. Her passing brings unusual sadness to the family, to the community and to Dickenson County.

She was a most gracious person, kind in disposition, generous with family, neighbors and friends. She was willing to lend a helping hand to those in need or distress. All of us who had the privilege of knowing and being associated with mommy were blessed

beyond measure.

On November 8, 1941, she married Joseph (Joe) Johnson who preceeded her to Heaven on January 9, 1993. In February 1952, mommy and daddy gave their lives to Jesus Christ and she faithfully served the Lord since that time. Mommy was the rock and foundation behind Daddy's nearly 42 years of ministry. She was a member of the Middle Branch Freewill Baptist Church.

To this marriage were born 13 children. Nine sons: Archie, Jerry, Buddy, Joe, Ronnie, Jack, Gray and Dennie. Four daughters: Nancy Louise, Reba, Linda and Betty. Two sons, Bobby and Jimmy, preceeded her in death. She also leaves two sisters: Slatha Hay and Macie Tackett.

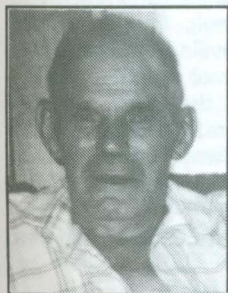
She leaves behind 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and numerous relatives and friends.

Mommy, you withstood the storms and struggles of this life. You were our Rock of Ages and our pillar of strength. We love you dearly, you will be missed by us and the numerous lives you've touched during your journey through this world.

Mommy rest in peace and spend an eternal life in heaven with daddy.

Written by: Your Children

Jim Justice



Jim Justice, 84, of Grassy Creek Road, Raccoon, Ky., formerly of Edgewater Road, Hellier, Ky., died Tuesday July 2, 1996, at his home.

He was born in Pike County, February 2, 1912. The son of the late Abner and Liza (Maynard) Justice.

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

He was preceeded in death by his wife Zebbie (Taylor) Justice. He is survived by two sons: Butler Justice of Senacville, Ohio, and Jimmy R. Justice of Hellier, Ky.; five daughters, Clellene Ratliff of Ashcamp, Ky., Rose Jean

Justice of Hellier, Ky., Linda Allers of Port Clinton, Ohio, Ruth Ann Buck of Westerville, Ohio, and Mary Carolyn Guitner of Centerburg, Ohio; three sisters, Pluma Vipperman of Kimper, Ky., Jewelene Elem of Raccoon, Ky., Nancy Gatton of Cleveland, Ohio, 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Written by his broken-hearted children

Ralph Maynard

It's with a sad heart that we write the obituary of Brother Ralph Maynard. Brother Ralph passed away at the Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He was 68 years old, born February 21, 1927, in Williamson (Mingo County), West Virginia. He was the son of the late Adrian and Meldo (Endicott) Maynard. He was also preceeded in death by wife, Pauline Maynard; three brothers: George, Lunis, and Everatte Maynard; and three sisters: Irene Runyon, Emma and Ethel Maynard. He was a retired miner and U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include: two sons: Randolph and Raymond Maynard, both of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Robert Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY; one sister, Ruby King of Waverly, Ohio; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Brother Ralph was baptized at the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church on July 29, 1979, by Brothers William Harrison and Willard Ray. He remained a faithful member there until God called him home, November 8, 1995. Our community and church will sadly miss Brother Ralph because he loved all of us and stood ready to help us at any time. When prayer requests were called for he always asked for prayer for his neighbors. He would say to remember the Church, "Pray that it will grow and prosper." Sleep on Brother Ralph, we will all pray that we will meet you on Heaven's shore. We will miss you until then.

Written by Members of the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church

William (Cotton) Maynard

With the help of the Lord, I write the obituary of my husband. William (Cotton) Maynard was born May 5, 1939, at Johns Creek, Ky. He was the son of Faye (Lyons) Maynard of Pikeville, Ky., and the late Wade Maynard.

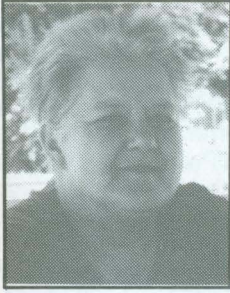
He was preceeded in death by a son, Bobby, two brothers, and one sister. He went to meet the Lord on April 1, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. He was 56, 10 months, and 26 days. He attended school at John's Creek, Ky., and served in the Army reserves from 1959 to 1969. He married Phyllis (Hinkle) Maynard on July 25, 1959.

Surviving children left to mourn his loss are: Randall of Louisville, Ky.; Ricky of Williamson, W. Va.; Ronnie and Reene both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and four grandchildren. Other survivors: one brother, Russell of Joe's Creek, Ky.; four sisters, Glendora Lowe, Zora May, and Nancy Blackburn all of Pikeville, Ky., and Eilleen Clevengar of Canada, Ky.; and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Cotton was baptized with Christ on September 16, 1965, at the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years. All of us will sadly miss him, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Children always remember your daddy's teachings to "Trust in God" above all things and prepare to meet him in Heaven.

Sadly missed by his wife, Phyllis Maynard

Polly Kelly



Polly Kelly, 60 years old, of Jenkins, Ky., passed away Thursday, December 7, 1995, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. Born January 7, 1935, in Pike County, Ky., she was the daughter of Delphia Hall of Shelby Gap, Ky., and the late Jack Dolph Hall. She was married to the late Jack Kelly, who preceeded her in death, as well as, four children who died in their infancy. Polly was a member of the Hytton Freewill Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by her mother Mrs. Delphia Hall of Shelby Gap; three sons: Dolph Kelly of Jonancy, Ky., James Ike Kelly of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Vincent Kelly of Jenkins, Ky.; three sisters: Mrs. Grace Ann Lewis of Lafayette, La., Mrs. Francis Potter

of Dorton, Ky., and Mrs. Helen Adkins of Bloomington, Ind.; eight grandchildren; three-great grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives.

Daisy McCoy



With the help of the Lord, I write the obituary of a dear friend and sister in the Lord, Daisy McCoy. She was preceeded in death by her parents, the Rev. Jim and Mellie Kilgore. Daisy was born December 16, 1915, and passed from this life on January 27, 1996, at Norton Community Hospital, making her stay here on earth 80 years, one month and 11 days.

Daisy married Emory McCoy March 21, 1935. To this union was born five children: Clifford, Gladys, Jerold, ClaraBelle, and Wanda. They have all preceeded her in death except ClaraBelle, who stayed right beside Daisy until the end. Daisy had one brother, Denver, who preceeded her also. She has two brothers, Bennett Kilgore and Beecher Kilgore, and one sister, Dorthy Edwards,

who along with Emory and ClaraBelle will mourn their loss. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, and a host of friends who will miss her.

Daisy was saved and baptized over 50 years ago. She was a member of the Lighthouse Church and served as clerk for over 40 years.

Everyone who knew Daisy loved her. Anytime anyone died or had any trouble, Daisy was one of the first to call around and see that food was fixed or whatever was needed. She loved the Lord with all her heart and filled her seat in the church as long as she was able. She would request prayers for her lost loved ones, she wanted them to be saved so they could be together in Heaven. Daisy loved Emory and ClaraBelle so much and I want to say to everyone that she would want us to help them in any way we can. Daisy's seat in the church will be empty, but if we live for the Lord until He calls us home, Daisy will be waiting on the other side with a smile on her face and her arms opened wide to welcome us home and tell us she loves us as she did here in church.

Emory, you and ClaraBelle will be rewarded for all you did for Daisy. We know you loved her and did everything you could for her. She suffered so much in the last days of her life here, but now she is resting from her labors. In Psalms 116, verse 15, it tells us precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Daisy will be remembered for her faith and belief in prayer. When she was so sick, she would tell them Pray, Pray, Pray. We have lost a great prayer warrior here on earth, but Heaven has gained a saint. So don't worry about Daisy, she has fought the good fight of faith and one day will wear a crown. I thank God that I had the privilege to know Daisy as I did. Today we will say good-bye to her, but someday we will meet again to never part any more...

Written by Juanita Johnson

Dewey Lee McCoy



With precious and loving memories I write the obituary of my husband and my children's father. Dewey Lee McCoy, 65, of South Williamson, died Thursday, April 25, 1996 in Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, Ky. Born January 22, 1931, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Dow and Polly Dotson McCoy.

He was also preceeded in death by three brothers: Woodrow, Brady and Watter "Doc" McCoy, and two sisters: Virginia Maynard and Ethel Plummer.

He was a retired N&W railroad conductor, an honorary Kentucky Colonel, a member of Stone Lodge 890 F&AM, U.T.U. , and Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Elizabeth Ann Blair McCoy; three sons, Ikey Lee and Ted McCoy both of South Williamson, and Dewey Lee McCoy II of Charlotte, N.C.; one brother, Walker McCoy of Goody, Ky.; two sisters, Chlotine and Ada Brown of Forest Hills; three grandchildren, Ikey Lee McCoy II, and Leah McCoy both of South Williamson, Ryan Lee McCoy of Slaters Branch; and one great-grandchild, Savannah McCoy of South Williamson.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 28, 1996, at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, with Lonnie Francis officiating.

Burial: Fairview Cementery, Williamson, W.Va.

He was a strong christian. He continued to influence people as they watched him fight the battle with cancer. He never once belived he would lose and he didn't. He went home to be with the Lord Jesus.

A loving wife, Elizabeth McCoy

Dora Virginia Robinson

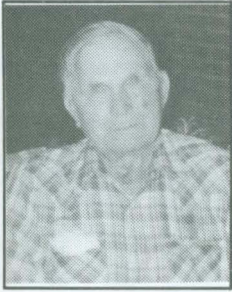


Dora Robinson, "Mom Rochie", born February 25, 1917, passed from this life July 30, 1996, while in the Russell County Medical Center and was preceeded in death by her husband Carl Smith Robinson who died in 1971. Suffering many years from a slow progressive illness, she never complained nor questioned God, but instead continued to read her Bible, pray and worship as she always did. A member of the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church, she was one of the faithful ones to be there at church time for as long as she was able to attend. Dora was a faithful witness and blessing to all those who knew her and a special thanks is due to three special friends whom she loved

very much, Connie, Nancy, and Robin. God surely blessed us with a good mother, grandmother, and friend, but I, my wife Sandra, and my two daughters, Crystal and Vanessa, know she has left the suffering on this side and is finally at rest and free from the pains she endured with so much patience for so long. Her desire was to go home, and at the proper time, thanks be unto God for answering her prayer. We remember still her singing, as she would wake us in the night, but now the words of her favorite hymn are more precious than ever. "Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art".

Written by: Larry Robinson, son

Elbert Rasnake



In loving memory of Elbert Rasnake, my father, and a good christian man, I write this obituary.

He was born November 2, 1901. He had lived a good and faithful life for Christ as long as I can remember. He was a deacon for the Freewill Baptist Church for many years, but the Lord called him home to be with mother in Heaven. We will miss him very much, for he was a light in our home.

Sleep in peace in heaven Dad, because you could not walk at last here on earth, but God will give you feet that will not hurt anymore, and you can walk hand-in-hand with mother in Heaven on the golden shore.

Written by William and Thelma

Rebecca (Dixie) Salisbury



It is with sadness that I write an obituary of my dear grandmother, Dixie Salisbury. She was born December 23, 1913, in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Matt and Serina Adkins McKinney.

She was proceeded in death by her first husband, Elbert Justice, and her second husband, James Salisbury.

Unto her first marriage was born 10 children, five of which died in infancy. Of the five children that lived to adulthood the oldest, Curtis Justice, proceeded her in death at age 57. Survivors include: three daughters: Lorine Damron of Shelbyana, Martha Wilburn and Rebecca Salisbury both of Harold; and one son: John Justice of Demossville, Ky. She

also leaves 26 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Mother's Home Old Regular Baptist Church for 56 years. She lived as a faithful member until the death angel called her home. Dixie lived a good life and tried her hardest to get her children in church. She believed that she always had to be there for her children and grandchildren and hated most to leave us. In the end, she looked only to Jesus and hoped her children would look to Jesus as well.

After her passing, many of her children have returned to Jesus and I believe that she now knows that she raised us all the best she could and taught us to love Jesus the way she did.

Written by: Robin Bentley, grandchild

Rev. Edward Perkins



There's never a moment that's right in our lives for losing a person we love, even though they have suffered terribly, but we truly know that our precious loved one is now at peace and is in the loving arms of our Lord.

Rev. Edward Perkins, a loving husband, a wonderful Dad, a truly beautiful, humble man, passed away April 17, 1996. He was such a blessing to everyone who knew him, always so soft spoken and full of love for everyone. He always provided for us and most important gave us a wonderful christian home so rich in love and caring, and always taught us to pray and love God.

He was born April 8, 1917, to Marshall and Venia Perkins. He left behind his wife of 58 years, Sister Estelle Perkins, three sons, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceeded in death by one son, in August, 1989.

During his many, many years of serving God, he preached the gospel for about 35 years, pastoring several churches. He was pastor of The Guiding Light Church for approximately 30 years, and at the time of his death was an honorary pastor there. For many years he served on the New Durm Ordaining Council.

During his years of illness and suffering, he had so very much courage and faith. No matter how sick he was, he always praised God and thanked him for his blessings. He was truly one of the most humble people in the world.

Daddy, we know you are now singing with the angels and that yours is the sweetest voice there, because you touched so many lives while on this earth. We love you and are just waiting to see that sweet smile and see you clap those big, loving hands while praising God. Wait for us by the river of life, because we will see you there.

Wife, children, and grandchildren

Rev. Buford D. Thacker



In memory of a devoted servant, Buford D. Thacker, who was called home to be with the Lord on March 8, 1996.

Buford was united in marriage to Margaret Ann Diles Thacker on April 23, 1960. To this union was born three loving children: Sheldon Scott Thacker of Toler, David Wayne Thacker of Robinson Creek, Dottie Ann Thacker of the home. Buford was also survived by three grandchildren: Brandon Scott Thacker, David Nathaniel Thacker, and Anna Lashea Thacker.

Buford was born to the late Miles and Anna May Thacker on Jan. 13, 1935. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters.

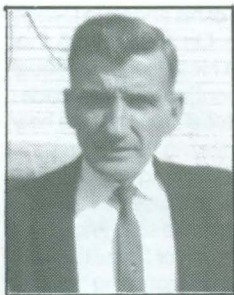
The funeral was conducted March 11, 1996, at Greasy Creek Freewill Baptist Church with brothers Homer Lee Mullins, Jimmy Jack Adkins and Estil Mullins officiating. Burial was at Annie E. Young Cemetery.

God blessed Buford with kindness and wisdom to preach his Word for 28 years of the 29 years he served him. We're most thankful for the light he shined and the time we had with him.

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

Written by his loving family

Clyde Thomas Perrigan



In loving memory of our daddy, Clyde Thomas Perrigan born December 27, 1914, in Dickenson County, Virginia. He was the son of Claude and Fallie Perrigan.

Daddy married Pearl Reedy on May 29, 1937. To this union eight children were born. Marie McCowan of Doran, Va., Clyde B. Perrigan of Trammel, Va., Shirley Puckett of Clinchco, Va., Clayton Perrigan of Mansfield, Ohio, Charlotte Rose of New Port News, Va., Brenda Estep of Richlands, Va., and Emma McKinney of Clintwood, Va.

Daddy was a disabled coal miner. He accepted Jesus as his savior and was baptized April 23, 1963. Jesus called him home June 18, 1966.

Daddy was a kind and gentle person and a wonderful

father.

This picture was taken of Mom and Dad on Easter Sunday before he was called home in June, 30 years ago. Mother and Daddy are buried on Nealy Ridge in the Reedy Family Cemetery. Mother and Daddy will always be alive in our hearts. We thank God for a Christian mother and father.

Written by his daughter Emma McKinney

Pearl Reedy Perrigan



In loving memory of our mother, Pearl Reedy Perrigan, born April 16, 1909, in Dickenson County, Virginia, to Orra and James Peter Reedy.

She married Clyde Thomas Perrigan and to this union was born eight children. Marie McCowan of Doran, Va., Clyde B. Perrigan of Trammel, Va., Shirley Puckett, of Clinchco, Va., Clayton Perrigan of Mansfield, Ohio, Charlotte Rose of New Port News, Va., Brenda Estep of Richlands, Va., and Emma McKinney of Clintwood, Va. Mother had 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. One son, Herzel, and her husband preceeded her in death.

Mother was baptized by the Freewill Baptist April 12, 1925. Mother was a Christian for over 70 years, and lived a good christian life before her family and friends. She was in failing health for several years before she was called home on September 26, 1995. We thank our high and holy God that she was our mother. We miss her very much, but we know she had a better place to go where she'll not suffer anymore.

Written by her daughter Emma McKinney



On September 5, 1977, God sent one of his angels to Dennis, Mary and Jennifer to enjoy for a season. On July 6, 1996, God called Stefanie back to her real home in Heaven. Even though God only left her here 18 years and 10 months, Stefanie made a path into our lives that will last forever. Stefanie melted the heart of everyone who had the privilege of meeting her.

Stefanie was so kind, gentle and understanding that you didn't have to ask her if she was a christian. It just showed all over her. In Matthew Chapter 7, verse 16, Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs or thistles?" Matthew 7:18 Jesus said, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

It's impossible to mention by name all the loved ones Stefanie has left behind, so other than immediate family, we will just say she left behind a host of relatives, friends, and classmates to mourn her loss.

The people who will miss her most and really need your prayers are her mother and daddy, her sister, her grandmother, and her boyfriend Chris. Jennifer and Greg's twins; Tanner and Tyler, are only three months old but they will miss her too. She loved them with all her heart and if they could talk they would tell you they loved her too.

If Stefanie could speak to all the loved ones she has left behind, I'm sure she would want all of us to know John 3:16 it says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Because I'm sure what she used to believe by faith she has now experienced. We can all see Stefanie again, but we have to believe that God sent his only Son so that we might have life and have it more abundantly, just the way Stefanie believed.

Written by Uncle Lee and Aunt Myrlene along with the family

Attie Bell Webb



It's with a sad and broken heart, we write this obituary of our mother, Attie Bell Webb. She was a very beautiful person who loved everyone. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. But most of all, she was a devoted christian, who loved the Lord with all her heart. She always told her children about the Lord, and taught them how to pray.

She helped lead many souls to Christ, of whom I'm one. Even when the doctors told her that she couldn't have dialysis anymore she just said, "Okay." She loved the doctors and nurses so much and they loved her. I like to remember her smile and bright eyes when she saw all her children and grandchildren around,

along with her husband.

Even until the end she still smiled and laughed, telling her friends and family about the Lord. We were blessed to have a mother like her, who told us about the Lord. But most of all, we were blessed to have her a whole week to tell her goodbye. This I will always thank God for. She was a member of Stone Coal Church for a short while. She loved all the members so much. She told me this many times. When she couldn't go to church because of illness, she always said, "Tell them to pray for me." I would like to thank all the ministers for going to her house to have church. She loved that so much. Her departure is sad for me but we will meet again on the resurrection morning. We'll say goodbye for now, until we meet again. We will miss you.

The Family

Rhoda May White



With the help of our dear Lord, I write the obituary of my dear mother Rhonda May White.

She was born March 1, 1939, and departed this life on October 13, 1993, making her stay on Earth 54 years, six months and 13 days. She was the daughter of the late Lucy Cross Adams, who died when she was eight years old, and the late Elder Milford Adams. Grandpa met and married Elizabeth Newsome Adams, who helped raise mom and the others.

Mom had five brothers: Walker, Walter, Milford Junior, Estil and Roy Lee (deceased); one sister, Lou Ella White of Jackson, Ohio.

At the age of 17, mommy married our daddy, Matt White, and to this union were born six children: Linda Adams of Grethel, Ky., Mary Tabor of Columbus, Ohio, Debra Tabor of Gallipolis, Ohio, Kathy Hurt, Elsie Tucker, Matthew White, all of Beaver, Ky.; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mommy raised us all to know that the love of the Lord was the most important thing in this world. In her last few years, her sickness grew worse. She stayed in a lot of pain, but she never wanted to miss church. We would almost have to carry her, but she still wanted to go. Mom was a regular member of Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church for over 13 years.

Mom also love the Old Regular Baptist Church and tried to instill in our hearts to go hear all and hold fast to what is right.

The night mom died, the Lord told me he was taking her home that night. I know we all miss her very much, but I know she has no more pain, no more burdens or troubles to bear. My prayer is that daddy and all of the children and grandchildren always remember that mommy is waiting for us to meet her. So sleep on dear mother until that day when we will meet again.

Written by your broken-hearted family, Matt and children

Ollie Woods



Ollie Woods went home to be with the Lord on April 15, 1996, at the age of 90. She was born September 25, 1905, the daughter of John and Emily Spears. She was a resident of Mingo Manor Nursing Home in Williamson, W. Va., and was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

Ollie is survived by six children: Mavis Burton of Perris, Calif.; Willis Bowen of Williamson, W. Va.; Donald Bowen of Lake Alfred, Fla.; Wanis Bowen of Frostproof, Fla.; Joan Morley of Boulder City, Nev., and Ronald (Archie) Bowen of Spencer, Ind. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

Ollie was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother, and her family is thankful for her presence with them for so many years. She will be sorely missed, but her loved ones rejoice in the knowledge that she is resting with her Savior in Heaven.

Jack Williams



In loving memory, of Jack Williams, age 64, of Hellier, Ky. Passed away Sunday, March 17, 1991, in Pike County, born October 31, 1926, in Pike County.

He was the son of the late Tom and Sarah Elizabeth (McPeck) Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Christine (Robinson) Williams; two daughters: Ginger Yvonne Branham of Hellier, Ky., Judy Anne Farris, of Granville, Ohio; two sons: Jackie Ronald and Keith O'Neal Williams both of Hellier, Ky.; three brothers, Bob and Daris Williams both of Hellier, Ky., Eugene Williams of Louisa, Ky.; three sisters: Marjorie Williams of Columbus, Ohio, Stella Kidd of Michigan, and Flora Willman

of Hardy, Ky.; and one half-brother Roger Williams of Ashland, Ky.

Jack was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Everyone who knew Jack loved him. He was like a second father and grandfather to many in the community. Jack was an active member and deacon of the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church. We will miss Daddy, but we have comfort in knowing he is with Jesus in Heaven.

Written by his broken-hearted daughter, Ginger Branham

Christine Robinson Williams



In loving memory of Christine Robinson Williams, born to the late Jim and Lizzie Robinson April 27th 1928, deceased April 9th 1996, the loving wife of the late Jack Williams.

Christine is survived by two sons: Jackie Ronald Williams and Keith O'Neal Williams both of Hellier, Ky.; two daughters: Judy Ann Farris of Granville, Ohio, and Ginger Yvonne Branham of Hellier, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers: Junior and Tommy Robinson, both of Hellier, Ky.; and a host of in laws, nephews, nieces and friends.

She was preceeded in death by three sisters: Geneva Butler, Wilma Faye Hill and Patricia Robinson; and one grandson, Larry Allen Farris.

Christine or Granny, as she was called by family and friends in the community, was very dear to everyone. She was a devoted and loving wife. She was also a loving and caring mother and grandson not only to her children and grandchildren but to many in the community. Christine was a dedicated christian and a member of the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church.

We will love and miss our mother dearly but it she could send us a message it would be:

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our father's will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus's land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Rev. Daris Williams



In loving memory of my husband and the father of my children, the Rev. Daris Williams. Daris was born March 3, 1917, in Pike County, making his stay on God's footstool, 79 years. He was born, to the late Thomas and Elizabeth McPeeks Williams.

Daris was united in marriage to Martha Lorene England Williams on May 25, 1935. To this marriage was born five children: Millard Williams of Hellier, Ky., James M. Williams, of Columbus, Ohio, Patricia Ann Greene, of Cooksville, Tenn., Parthenia June Butler and Jannie Lou Tackett, both of Hellier, Ky.

His brothers and sisters yet living are: Eugene Williams, of Louisa, Ky., Bobby Ray Williams, of Hellier, Ky., Stella Kidd, of Michigan, and Margie Williams of Columbus, Ohio.

He leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Daris was a retired coal miner and a minister of the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church. He will be missed by many.

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

Written for his wife Martha by their nephew

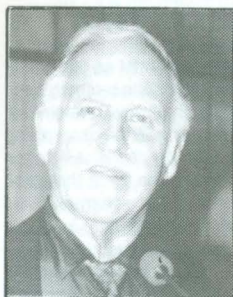
Luther Ray



In memory of my husband, Luther Ray, born January 7, 1924, and departed this life December 26, 1995, making his stay on this earth 71 years, 11 months and 19 days. He is survived by his wife, Ola Ray; two children: David Ray and Patty Dorton; and two grandchildren: Byron and Amanda Dorton.

Luther loved going to church when he was able. He became a christian and was baptized November 1956. He joined the Freewill Baptist Church and was a faithful member until his death. He is sadly missed by his family.

Rev. Billy Darrell Willis



With a sad and aching heart we write the obituary of my loving husband and our father.

Billy Darrell Willis was born on August 27, 1936, and God called him home November 20, 1995, making his stay on Earth 59 years, two months and 24 days.

He was the son of Bill and Ada Murphy and was preceded in death by two infant sisters, Emogene and Claudetta Willis.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Mary Agnes Mullins Willis, three daughters, Karen Sue Fleming, Donna Mary Owens and Jennifer Lacretha Mullins. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Billy Darrell was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County. He was a retire miner at Clinchfield Coal Company and a member of UMWA Local

Union 7170. He met Jesus on January 13, 1974, and was baptized and became a member of the Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church on January 20, 1974.

After conversion, his life was consumed with the Lord's service. His days were spent reading and studying and searching our God's Word for the many activities to which he dedicated his life such as Sunday School teacher, leader of the Bible Study and worker. One of his most satisfying jobs was when God called him as a Deacon on September 9, 1978. This was the one job he served for the Lord in which he felt he could never do enough. Jobs such as carrying out tables, helping to fix and to build, and helping to clean the church were to satisfy his longing to serve God totally. Written or spoken words will never describe the totality with which this man placed God above all things. He dedicated his very existence to working to make the church and its people what they ought to be.

To him, a deacon was dedicated and stayed ready to go about God's work; but God had much more in store for this hard-working godly man. He was blessed most by God calling him to preach the gospel on July 24, 1982. He was used first by God to be an evangelist, but God had chosen a different path for him than evangelizing. He saw that his heart was for the christians. He often tried to preach to the sinner but his concern was with the christians; to help them stay on the path of righteousness.

He was always rejoicing, crying, shouting and singing God's praises. He could feel God's presence whether it be in a song, a prayer, reading the scriptures, testifying or just speaking about the Lord. Often times, people would referred to him as the "weeping prophet."

His devotion to God was unquestionable to those who knew and loved him. Even in his dying words, he as still teaching to his family and the church by instructing them. He said, "Family and church, get grounded in the Word and be rooted on the Solid Rock. Keep it going through the church that I've fought a good fight and kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Billy had longed for some time to go to be with the Lord. He was "not afraid to die." He often said if God needed someone, to take him and let someone else have more time.

When the doctor came in to tell him that there was nothing more they could do, he only said, "That's okay, doc." He did not shed a tear, or even frown, only said, "I'm ready to go." Even then he was concerned about another's feelings as he said to his wife, "Don't cry and cause me to worry about you." This gentle but firm man was always thinking of others first.

Words cannot express the love we have for him as his wife and girls. He was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather. His family was his life and he will always be with us in the things he has taught and the examples he has set. His desire was to live long enough to see his girls saved. He did and he saw most of his grandchildren saved also.

We, the family, feel blessed to have been with him in his final days on Earth and to have been at his side, holding his blessed hand even during his last breath.

With this farewell, we say "Goodbye to you and we'll see you in Heaven - be waiting on us by the river! We love you!"

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 Super, 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 Super.

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 untie 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 licentiates; 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

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting a council of not less than five members and one ordained 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."

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YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John-Thomas 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 want of a Christ who died for Him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or another, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. – Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:1-10.
7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved. – II Tim. 4:7; 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 Thess. 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 Durm	Hamilton County	Total
CHURCHES:	36	21	18	9	3	87
Membership	2137	1442	1625	315	124	5643
Sunday School	35	21	16	8		80
Membership	1545	792	718	3		3408
MINISTERS:						
Ordained	94	50	65	10	4	223
Licensed	8		8			
Lifetime	10	9	8	3	2	32
OTHER:						
Ladies Aux.	14	12	8			34

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:

Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson	1999
Letcher	2000
Pike	2001
Dickenson	2002
Letcher	2003
Pike	2004
Dickenson	2005
Hamilton	2006

