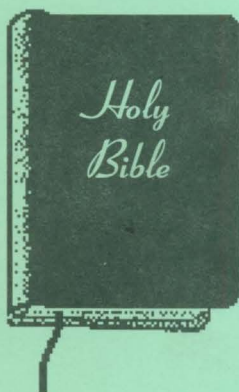


1999
Minutes of the
John Thomas Association
of
Freewill Baptists



77th Session

Held with the
Virginia • Kentucky • Ohio • Indiana

Peuther Chapel
Freewill Baptist Church
Clintwood, Virginia

September 10-11, 1999

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1998-1999

Amount received in letters 1999

Dickenson County.....	\$ 1750.00
Dickenson County for engraving.....	80.00
Letcher County.....	562.50
Letcher County for engraving.....	52.50
Pike County.....	887.50
Pike County for engraving.....	106.00
Pike County Love Offering.....	300.00
New Durham.....	300.00
New Durham for engraving.....	14.00
Hamilton County.....	43.75
Hamilton County Love Offering.....	<u>50.00</u>

Total received in Letters.....	\$ 4146.25
TOTAL RECEIVED 1999.....	\$ 4146.25

Amount in treasury 1998.....	\$ 13,190.61
TOTAL.....	\$ 17,336.86

Expenses for the year 1999

Clerk's fee.....	\$ 250.00
Harvest Children's Home.....	1000.00
Freewill Baptist Family Ministries Inc.....	1000.00
Camp Jacob.....	1000.00
Minutes, printing and shipping.....	<u>3159.00</u>

Total paid out.....	\$ 6409.00
Balance in treasury 1999.....	\$ 10,927.86

2000 John-Thomas Yearly Meeting Durham Freewill Baptist Church Jenkins, Kentucky

The next John-Thomas Association yearly meeting is scheduled to convene with the Letcher County Conference at the Durham Freewill Baptist Church near Jenkins, Letcher County, Kentucky, on September 8-9, 2000. To find the Durham Church follow the applicable directions:

From Pound, Va. - Take US 23 North to the Jenkins / route 805 exit. Take 805 south to route 3409. Turn right on 3409 and go 0.2 miles. The Church is on the left.

From Whitesburg, Ky. - Take US 119 North to US 23. Take US 23 north and follow the directions above.

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MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1999

Dickenson County.....	1400
Kermit Wallace, Sr. Rt.1 Box 495, Haysi, Virginia 24256	
Phone: 540-865-4567	
Letcher County.....	450
Larry R. Jones, 12157 Highway 160, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	
Phone: 606-633-0298	
Pike County.....	710
Dennis Hinkle, 2655 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, Ky. 41543	
Phone: 606-353-4571	
New Durham.....	240
Troy Harris, Rt.1 Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Phone: 540-859-2912	
Hamilton County.....	35
Levi Stewart, 22311 Stewart Rd., Milan In., 47031	
Phone: 812-623-2112	
Total Minutes.....	2835

MINISTERS, DEACONS, AND DELEGATES ATTENDING THE YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Robbie Hay	Franklin Hall	Gene Conley
Norman Cumbo	Vester McKinney Jr.	Jacob W. Meade
Charles W. Mullins	Remire Mullins	Ricky Mullins
Tarney Mullins	Willie R. Mullins	Terry W. Price
Jerry W. Robinson	Wille C. Rose	Ed Slemph
Danny Sluss	Joe G. Sluss	Steve Smith
Gary Stanley	Gregory A. Stanley	Wayne Stanley
Manie W. Strouth	Lynn Vanover	Luke Wright

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Homer L. Mullins	Edgar Sanders
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PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Edward L. Adkins	Homer Adkins	Roger Blackburn
Harold Brewer	Curtis E. Bridgeman	Velon E. Burgess
Dennis R. Hinkle	Robie (Buddie) Kendrick	Freddie Lewis
Kenneth Lowe	Eddie D. Overstreet	Burl Rodgers
Joe T. Smith	Bobby Varney	Jimmy Williamson

NEW DURHAM MINISTERS

Clyde Stanford	Willis Rasnake	Kenneth Sproles
Troy Harris	Larry Robinson	Giles Wilson

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Stephen Hamlan	Robert L. Matney	Leslie Stewart
James Wyatt	Leroy Reed	

VISITING MINISTERS

Winston Swiney	Charles A. Thigpen
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DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Larry Bise (D)	Kennith Branham	Carol Dotson
Donnie Elkins	Timothy Elkins	Max Hillman
Seibert Hillman (D)	Lanis Kiser	Bill Large
Dallas Large (D)	Raymond McCarty	Andrew Mullins
Cecil J. Mullins	Willie P. Mullins (D)	Youell Mullins
Leroy Reynold (D)	Roger C. Stanley	Roy Sutherland
Roger Vance	Kermit Wallace (D)	Bruce Willis (D)

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Kennth Childers (D)	Milford Craft (D)	William E. Gibson (D)
Myrda Hylton (V)	Billy Mullins (D)	Carl A. Rose
Earl L. Smith (D)		

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

Rolin T. Rutherford (D)	William Maynard (D)	Ronnie Church
Jackie Charles (D)		

NEW DURHAM DEACONS

Brady Farmer	Clyde Glovier (D)	Ronald Johnson (D)
Neil Tiller (D)		

HAMILTON COUNTY DEACONS

Marion Stewart

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Janie Bise	Ida Branham	Sheila Boggs
Cheryl R. Clay	Jackie Clay	Lillian Counts
Helen M. Deloach	Gertrude French	Tammy Graham
Carolyn Hall	Dianna Hall	Joann Hall
Irene Hawkins	June Hill	Oliver Hill
Patty Hillman	Chester Keen	C. H. Kelly
Marie McCarty	Inetta Mullins	Patty Mullins
Ruth Mullins	Angie Rakes Patton	Brenda Price
Dewey Powers	Frank Powers	Clinton Rakes
Lois Rakes	Dana W. Ratliff	Lois Robinson
Emma Smith	Wilma Smith	Bill Stanley
Betty Stanley	Frank Stanley	Fred Turner
Beverly Wallace	Shelbie Willis	

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Lawrence E. Cook	Ruth Craft	Wendell Hawkins
Stephen Sanders	Merion Wright	

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Edward L. Abbott	Susie Abbott	Inis S. Charles
Barbara W. Blackburn	Clara Church	Phillip Church
Ida Justice	John H. Justice	Gaynelle Kendrick
Tunis Lumpkin	Peggy Maynard	Verniece Overstreet
Ample Ratliff	Donnie Robinson	Virginia Rogers
Bonnie Rutherford	Mildred Varney	

NEW DURHAM DELEGATES

Bill Ball	Jim Bordwine	Phyllis Bordwine
Peggy Dye	Dwaine Combs	Ada Farmer
Roy L. Farmer	Sue Glover	Faye Harris
Helen Harris	Phillip Imel	Earnest Nuckles
Harley Nuckles	Lois Nuckles	Hurley Perkins
Mary S. Perkins	Rita Rasnake	Sandra Robinson
Betty Sproles	Ralph Sproles	Lucille Whitaker
Mary Whited		

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Manie Bostic	Betty Church	George Church
Berniece Matney	Florence Reed	Hazel Stewart
Levi Stewart	Betty Wyatt	

VISITORS

Sandra Sluss	Lois J. Mullins	Pearlena McKinney
Emma McKinney	David Tolly	Joyce Mullins
Lenoir K. Jones	Virginia A. Barton	Loyd Hillman
Donald Blackstone	Pearl Blackstone	Ephram Turner
Vickie Wright	Jimmy Moore	Donna Hinkle
Joyce Robinson	Dolly C. Adkins	Martha Tiller
Millard Dye	Brady Harris	Mae Wilson
Lois Johnson	Phyllis A. Stanford	Jason Poe
Lana A. Owens	Mary Willis	Darrel Owens
Opal Church		

OFFICERS

Moderator.	Rev. Terry Price
Assistant Moderator.	Rev. Lynn Vanover
Clerk.	Rev. Eddie D. Overstreet
	P.O. Box 423, Pikeville, Ky. 41502
	Phone 606-478-2990
Treasurer.	Rev. Troy Harris
	Rt.1 Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24646
	Phone 540-859-2912

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: Raymond McCarty, Donald Elkins, Larry Bise, Seibert Hillman, Terry Price

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft (Chairman Emeritus) Earl Smith, Sammy Fields, William E. Gibson, Charles Bolden (1st Alternate), Teddy Damron (2nd Alternate)

PIKE COUNTY: Robert (Bobby) Varney, Robie (Buddy) Kendrick, Benny Slone

NEW DURHAM: Brady Farmer, Troy Harris, Ronald Johnson, Kenneth Sproles
Everett Rasnake Jr.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Leroy Reed, Robert L. Matney, James Wyatt

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 11:00 A.M.

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the 77th session at Puether Chapel, Clintwood, Va. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, 1999.

The Rev. Joe Glenn Sluss gave a hearty welcome to everyone and took charge of devotions. The Congregation sang "Victory In Jesus". Bro. Eddie Overstreet from the Pike County Conference led in prayer. Special singing by Bro. William and Sister Peggy Maynard and Bro. Eddie Overstreet. Prayer by Bro. Lynn Vanover for the sick and other needs that we might have.

Bro. Joe G. Sluss came forward using for a text, Numbers Chapter 13 and 14 "On The Edge of Greatness". He brought a very inspiring message to all the congregation of the Church. A special song was sung by Bro. Fred Robinson. Bro. Kermit Wallace called the benediction and blessing over the food. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven". All agreed to meet back at 1:30 P.M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P.M.

Everyone meet back on due time with the Clerk Bro. Bobby Varney coming forward to organize the Yearly meeting. The congregation sang "Rock Of Ages". Prayer was led by Bro. James Wyatt. The clerk called for a motion for Moderator Bro. Terry Price was elected by acclamation. Bro. Lynn Vanover was elected to be his assistant.

A motion was made to retain Bro. Bobby Varney as clerk. He declined his nomination for clerk due to his health. A motion was made for Bro. Eddie Overstreet to serve as clerk he was elected by acclamation. Bro. Troy Harris was elected treasurer by acclamation. The Moderator Bro. Terry Price appointed the necessary Committees. They were

PULPIT COMMITTEE

William Maynard
Kermit Wallace
Earl Smith

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Freddie Lewis
Steve Smith
Glenn Collins

Bro. Winston Swiney from the Childrens Home in Greenville, Tn. gave a report of the activities of the home. That by January 1st they will have 100 children. He noted that James Kilgore was acting director of the home at this time. A motion was made and second to accept his report. Motion carried.

Bro. Winston Swiney introduced Bro. Charles A. Thigpin promotional Director of the Tennessee State Association of Freewill Baptist. Bro. Charles gave a report on the College and Bible School. A motion was made and second to accept his report as given. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Price excused the Audit Committee to examine the Treasurers books. The Audit Committee reported that the books of the Treasurerman Bro. Troy Harris were found to be in order. A motion by Bro. James Wyatt to accept their report as given. Motion carried.

The Pulpit Committee reported Bro. Charles A. Thigpen would preach this afternoon service. Bro. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick would preach the 7:00 P.M. service.

A motion was made by Bro. Buddy Kendrick to adjourn from business for Preaching service. Motion carried.

Bro. Thigpen came forward to preach using for a subject "Questions About Heaven". A good message was delivered. Bro. Terry Price and his wife sang a special song. Bro. Lynn Vanover lead in prayer. Bro. Brady Farmer called the benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

We were welcomed back at 7:00 P.M. for service by Bro. Norman Gumble. Bro. Norman spoke on Gods Love and His impact on our lives. Bro. Raymond McCarty called for the congregation to sing "The Way Of The Cross Leads Home". Bro Norman called for prayer request, which was many. Bro. Remire Mullins led in prayer. Bro. Frank Powers gave an inspiring testimony. Special singing by Bro. Freddie Lewis, Sister Hillary, Bro. William and Peggy Maynard, Bro. Eddie Overstreet the Hamilton County Singers, Bro. Remire Mullins, Sister Brenda Price, Bro. Rolin T. Rutherford, Bro. James Wyatt.

Bro. Buddy came forward and sang "There's Something In The Love Of God", and brought forth a wonderful message, Preaching on the 14th chapter of Job the 14th verse, using for a text "If A Man Dies Shall He Live Again". Bro. Buddy brought forth a very spiritual message. A congregational song was sung and Bro. Raymond McCarty dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

The yearly meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. the Moderator called the meeting to order speaking on unity. Bro. Raymond McCarty called the Congregation to sing "Send The Light". Bro. Ed Slemple led in prayer. The Clerk called for everyone who had not enrolled on Friday to get enrolled for business.

The Moderator asked for the minutes of the last yearly meeting to be accepted as printed in the minute books. A motion was made by Bro. Kermit Wallace to accept the contents of the last minutes, but not the type set that was used. Second

by Bro. Vester McKinney. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the letter of the Sister Conferences be read. The Clerk came forward and read the letters, which are as follows.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS STATE OF VIRGINIA

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, in the Dickenson County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1999.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference convened with Ferbie Chapel Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July for our Conference. We elected for the following quarter: Moderator Brother Joe Glenn Sluss and Assistant Moderator Brother Chris Strange.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Brother Raymond McCarty	Brother Danny Sluss
Brother Donald Elkins	Brother Remire Mullins
Brother Larry Bise	Brother Manie W. Strouth
Brother Seibert Hillman	
Brother Terry Price	

CLERKS:

Brother Lloyd Hillman
Brother Kermit Wallace
Brother Bob Hall

TREASURERS:

Quarterly Meeting Fund-Sister Patty Mullins
Emergency Fund-Brother Donnie Elkins
Children's Home Fund-Sister Ann Bartley
Scholarship Fund-Sister Janie Bise

The Conference voted to buy 1400 minutes. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$1750.00.

Engraving \$60.00.

STATISTICS:

Churches	36	Sunday Schools	35
Church Membership	2253	Sunday School Membership	1580
Ladies Auxiliaries	11		

Balance from July 1998 to July 1999:

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 2,395.21
Emergency Fund	\$ 3,517.10
Scholarship Fund	\$10,587.26

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session this the 23rd and 24th of July 1999.

Moderator: Brother Joe Glenn Sluss

Clerks: Brothers Lloyd Hillman, Kermit Wallace and Bob Hall

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES TO THE JOHN THOMAS 1999 YEARLY MEETING

<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
James Swiney	Bartlick	Joann Swiney	Bartlick
Allen Deel	Bartlick	Bill Turner	Buffalo
Sarah O'Quinn	Buffalo	Arlene Kiser	Buffalo
Lola Phillips	Castlewood	Marie McCarty	Clinchco
Rita Keen	Clinchco	Chester Keen	Clinchco
Clifford Bevins	Davis Chapel	Youell Mullins	Duncan Gap
Cecil Mullins	Duncan Gap	Paula Parsons	Duncan Gap
Roy Sutherland	Dyers Chapel	Patricia Brigham	Dyers Chapel
Thettie Robinson	Ferbie Chapel	Ada McCoy	Ferbie Chapel
Jennifer Strange	Ferbie Chapel	Vona Mullins	Flemingtown
Walter Hawkins	Flemingtown	Irene Hawkins	Flemingtown
Cheryl Clay	Fremont	Emma Smith	Fremont
Ida Branham	Fremont	Marie Powers	Frying Pan
Wayne Powers	Frying Pan	Betty Stanley	Georges Fork
Helen DeLoach	Georges Fork	Danny DeLoach	Georges Fork
Marie Boggs	Glady Fork	Veronica Belcher	Glady Fork
Seibert Hillman	Hill Ridge	Patty Hillman	Hill Ridge
Ronnie Robbins	Hill Ridge	Dana Ratliff	Honey Camp
Tarncy Mullins	Honey Camp	Angie Ratliff	Honey Camp
Viola Boggs	Hubbard Chapel	James Mullins	Hubbard Chapel
Leroy Reynolds	Lick Creek	Dewey Powers	Lick Creek
Sue Sperow	Lick Creek	Frank Powers	Lick Fork
Brenda Price	Lick Fork	Sheila Boggs	Lick Fork
Clarabelle McCoy	Light House	Goldie McCoy	Light House
Edward Boggs	Lone Pine Chapel	Bob Phillips	Martin's Chapel
Dallas Large	Meade's Chapel	Junior J	Meade's Chapel
Katie Meade	Meade's Chapel	Cahterine Calo	Middle Branch
Anna Jean Hill	Middle Branch	Tanya Rose	Mill Creek
Leanna Blansett	Mill Creek	Lisa Mullins	Mill Creek
Nina Patrick	Mill's Chapel	Ruth Sproles	Mill's Chapel
Wanda Clay	Peuther Chapel	Janie Bise	Peuther Chapel
Larry Bise	Peuther Chapel	Bill Palmer	Phillip's Chapel
Elmer Williams	Phillip's Chapel	Inetta Mullins	Pine Creek
Kenny Stevens	Pine Creek	Joann Hall	Pine Creek
C. H. Kelly	Pyles Memorial	Ruby Perkins	Pyles Memorial
Goldie Mullins	Pyles Memorial	Wilma Smith	Rachel's Chapel
Bill Stanley	Rachel's Chapel	Nita Ratliff	Rugsby

Bruce Willis	Rugby	Shelbie Willis	Rugby
Fred Turner	Splashdam	Beverly Wallace	Splashdam
Kermit Wallace	Splashdam	Oliver Hill	Tarpon
June Hill	Tarpon	Lillian Counts	Tarpon
Angie Patton	Valley View	Betty Hill	Valley View
Clinton Rakes	Valley View	Dianna Hall	Yates Chapel
Frank Stanley	Yates Chapel	Gretta Bolling	Yates Chapel

ASSOCIATION ALTERNATES TO THE JOHN THOMAS YEARLY MEETING

Lloyd Sutherland	Bartlick	Vickie Sutherland	Bartlick
Chris Deel	Bartlick	Ann Sutherland	Buffalo Creek
Ruth Mullins	Buffalo Creek	Katrina Stanley	Buffalo Creek
Myrlene O'Quinn	Clinchco	Tammy Graham	Duncan Gap
Lena Whisenhunt	Dyers Chapel	Opal Dutton	Flemingtown
Athanee Fleming	Flemingtown	Sue DeLoach	Fremont
Gerald Hibbits	George's Fork	Reatha Hibbits	George's Fork
Joe McCowan	Honey Camp	Shelley McCowan	Honey Camp
Andrew Ruryk	Honey Camp	Lisa Sperow	Lick Creek
Ella Jean Crabtree	Lick Fork	Rebecca Browning	Lick Fork
Darius Elkins	Lick Fork	Mike Grimes	Meade's Chapel
Charles Saunders	Mill Creek	Loretta Salyers	Phillip's Chapel
Lorene Holbrook	Phillip's Chapel	Carolyn Hall	Pine Creek
Elsie Thompson	Pine Creek	Juanita Blevins	Rachel's Chapel
Debra Blevins	Rachel's Chapel	Rex Salyers	Rugsby
Susie Salyers	Rugsby	Virginia Turner	Splashdam
Sandra Sluss	Splashdam	Willie P. Mullins	Splashdam
Lois Robinson	Tarpon	Roger Vance	Tarpon
Iris Jo Rakes	Valley View	Joyce Baker	Valley View
Janice Stanley	Valley View	Patty Mullins	Yates Chapel
A. C. Rose	Yates Chapel	Avery Ratliff	Yates Chapel

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Larry R. Jones, Clerk
12157 Highway 160
Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
(606) 633-0298

William E. Gibson, Treasurer
P.O. BOX 179
Jenkins, Ky. 41537-0179

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Peuther Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on September 10-11, 1999.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met at the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, August 14, 1999. After opening the conference by singing, prayer, and

Bible reading, Bro. Sonny Miracle was elected as Moderator of the Conference. Bro. Pete Newsom was appointed Assistant Moderator. The Sunday School Talk was given by Bro. Phillip Rife. The Temperance Talk was given by Bro. Bobby Stiltner. The committees were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Milford Craft (Chairman Emeritus)
 Bro. Earl Smith
 Bro. Sammy Fields
 Bro. William E. Gibson
 Bro. Charles Bolden (1st alternate)
 Bro. Teddy Damron (2nd alternate)

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Bro. Earl Smith
 Bro. Robin Taylor
 Bro. Carl Rose

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE:

Bro. James Tackett (8-16-97)
 Bro. Richard Gibson (11-14-98)
 Bro. Billy Akers (8-14-99)

Sermons were delivered by Bro. Luke Wright and Bro. Homer Lee Mullins.

One Hundred sixteen (116) delegates and nine (9) visitors were enrolled for a total attendance of one hundred twenty-five (125). This gathering was blessed with singing, sound doctrinal preaching, and an ordination service.

The Letcher County Conference sends as delegates to the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association all Ministers of the Letcher County Conference as well as the following:

DELEGATE	CHURCH	DELEGATE	CHURCH
William E. Gibson..	Burdine	Billy Mullins.....	Burdine
Truman Conley.....	Burdine	Lavon Conley.....	Burdine (Alt.)
Bobby Lucas.....	Burdine (Alt.)	Albert Smith.....	Burdine (Alt.)
Bill Burke.....	Energyville	Earl Smith.....	Happy
Wade Gayheart.....	Happy	Kenneth Childers.....	Hylton
Stephen Sanders.....	Hylton	Lawrence Emory Cook..	Hylton
Wendell Hawkins....	Hylton (Alt.)	Marion Wright.....	Hylton (Alt.)
Larry Bentley.....	Moore's Chapel	Corbin Maggard.....	Moore's Chapel
Clifford Mullins.....	Moore's Chapel	Wilma Taylor.....	Pine Chapel
Leanza Mullins.....	Pine Chapel	Robbie Taylor.....	Pine Chapel

FOURTH QUARTER STATISTICS:

Churches.....	20	Youth Leagues.....	7
Membership.....	1,541	League Membership.....	97
Sunday Schools.....	19	Ministers (active).....	53
S.S. Membership....	685	(with Lifetime Cards).....	9
Auxiliaries.....	12	(Licensed).....	26
Aux. Membership....	150	Deacons (active).....	74
		(under watchcare).....	10

The Letcher County Conference meets on the Saturday before the third Sunday in November, February, May, and August at 9:30 A.M.

Please send four hundred fifty (450) copies of the Minutes. Enclosed is \$562.50 for Minute copies and \$52.50 for seven (7) obituaries, for a total amount of \$615.00.

The next John Thomas Association yearly meeting is scheduled to convene with the Letcher County Conference at the Dunham Free Will Baptist Church near Jenkins, Letcher County, Kentucky, on September 8-9, 2000. To find the Dunham, Church follow the applicable directions:

From Pound, Va.:

Take US 23 North to the Jenkins / route 805 exit. Take 805 South to route 3409. Turn right on 3409 and go 0.2 miles. The church is on the left.

From Whitesburg, Ky.:

Take US 119 North to US 23. Take US 23 North and follow directions above.

From Pikeville, Ky.:

Take US 23 South to the Jenkins / route 805 exit. Take route 805 South to route 3409. Turn right on 3409 and go 0.2 miles. The church is on the left.

Done by order of the Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptists.

Larry R. Jones, Clerk

Letcher County Conference

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood Va., September 10th and the 11th 1999.

The Pike County Conference met with the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church on August 28, 1999. Bro. Robie Kendrick called the Conference to order for business by reading the 23rd Psalms. Officers elected were as follows.

Moderator

Rev. Lonnie Francis

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtis Wellman

Rev. Herbert Goff

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Roger Blackburn

Clerk

Rev. Dennis Hinkle

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Benny Slone

Business Committee

Rev. Bobby Varney

Rev. Homer Adkins

Rev. Rex Sammons

Alternate Executive Committee

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Homer Adkins

Rev. Velon Burgess

Finance Committee

Bro. James Runyon

Bro. Adam Dotson

Bro. Freddie Lewis

Pulpit Committee
 Bro. William Maynard
 Bro. Ted Lockard
 Bro. T. Ruthford

Treasurer
 Rev. Velon Burgess

Statistics

Churches.....	19	Sunday School Membership.....	825
Church Membership...	1789	Ladies Auxiliaries.....	11
Ministers.....	78	Auxiliaries Membership.....	147
Sunday Schools.....	17	Mid Week Service Attendance..	415

Treasurer's Report

Amount in the treasury June 1998.	\$5,377.67
RECEIVED - August 1998 to June 1999	\$5,066.25
EXPENSES - August 1998 to June 1999	\$4,603.53
Balance June 1999	\$5,840.39

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Name	Church	Name	Church
Mildred Varney	Belfry	Eddie Overstreet	Owsley
Verniece Overstreet	Owsley	John H. Justice	Owsley
Rolin T. Rutherford	Belfrey	Bonnie Rutherford	Belfrey
Virginia Rogers	Octavia	Bonnie Williamson	Belfrey
Dean Williamson	Belfrey	Barbara Blackburn	Belfrey
Gaynelle Kendrick	Belfrey	Billie Burgess	Owsley
Dale Church	Belfrey	Clara Church	Belfrey
Eddie Abbott	Edo	Susie Abbott	Edo
William Maynard	Owsley	Peggy Maynard	Owsley
Ida Justice	Owsley	Jackie Charles	Grassy
Sue Charles	Grassy	Ample Ratliff	Grassy
Donnie Robinson	Greasy Creek	Tunis Lumpkin	Belfrey

We are enclosing \$887.50 for Minutes, \$106.00 for engraving and a \$300.00 love offering. We are requesting 710 minute books.

Done by order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this the 28th day of August 1999.

Moderator: Rev. Lonnie Francis
 215 Yeager Dr.
 Williamson, WV. 25661
 Phone 304-235-2907

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

NEW DURHAM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, VA, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1999.

Greetings:

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

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR:

Moderator:

Rev. Giles Wilson (3 months)

Assistant Moderator:

Rev. Kenneth Sproles (3 months)

Clerk:

Troy Harris
Rt. 1 Box 157
Vansant, VA 24656
(540) 859-2912

Treasurer:

Brady Farmer,
HC65 Box 143
Rowe, VA 24646
(540) 859-2853

Assistant Clerk:

Jim Boardwine
Honaker, VA 24260

Emergency Fund Treasurer:

Willard Hart
Lebanon, VA 24266

Executive Committee:

Brady Farmer
Rev. Troy Harris
Ronald Johnson
Rev. Kenneth Sproles
Everett Rasnake, Jr.

Ordaining Council:

Chairman: Rev. Larry Robinson
Rev. Troy Harris
Rev. Giles Wilson

Church Statistics:

Churches.....	9	Licentiate.....	3
Church Membership.....	334	Sunday Schools.....	8
Ministers.....	12	Sunday School Membership.....	334

Conference voted to buy 240 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes \$300.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries \$14.00

Balance from August 1998 to July 31, 1999:

Quarterly Meeting Fund..... \$3037.16

Emergency Fund..... \$2514.42

Done by order of New Durham Conference

Moderator: Rev. Giles Wilson

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Kenneth Sproles

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

LIST OF DELEGATES

Ronald Johnson	Brady Farmer	Dewaine Combs	Bill Ball
Phillip Imel	Peggy Dye	Phyllis Miller	Matthew Sutherland
Harley Nuckles	Gonion Edwards	Wanda Edwards	Loraine McGlothlin
Earnest Nuckles	Jim Boardwine	Neil Tiller	Shirley Thompson
Darnell Keith	Clyde Glovier	Sue Glovier	

ALTERNATES

Roy Farmer	Helen Harris	Lois Nuckles	Hurley Perkins
Sandra Robinson	Mary Whited	Ralph Sproles	Mary Sue Perkins
Betty Sproles	Faye Harris	Rita Rasnake	Phyllis Boardwine
Virginia Ball	Evelyn Dye	Russell Sykes	Lucille Whitaker

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE TO JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Dickinson County Conference at Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Virginia, on the tenth and eleventh of September, 1999.

The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met with the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church at Flat Rock, Indiana on August 8th, 1998. The Rev. Leroy Reed welcomed everyone and after prayer and a congregation song, Rev. Leroy Reed, Moderator declared the Conference open and read the By-Laws, and conducted the Business in order.

The election of the new officers were as follows:

Clerk:

Levi Stewart
22311 Stewart Rd.
Milan, Indiana 47031
812-623-2112

Treasurer:

Hazel Davidson

Assistant Treasurer:

Hazel Stewart

Assistant Clerk:

Leslie Stewart
22252 Stewart Rd.
Milan, Indiana, 47031
812-623-2669

Ordaining Council:

Harold Robinson
Rick Layne
James Wyatt
Robert L. Matney (alternate)

Statistics:

Churches..... 3
 Church Membership..... 128
 Ordained Ministers..... 7
 Licensed..... 2

Executive Committee:

Leroy Reed
 Robert L. Matney
 James Wyatt

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand August 1998	\$ 1,850.84
Receipts	\$ 322.93
Sub-Total	\$ 2,173.77
Disbursements	\$ 106.25
Balance on hand August 1999	\$ 2,067.52

Conference voted to buy 35 minutes books. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$43.75 and also enclosed is \$50.00 for John-Thomas Association.

Delegates:

Florence Reed
 Nancy Hubbard
 Hazel Davidson
 Leslie Stewart

Bernice Matney
 Marion Stewart
 Betty Wyatt

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference on August 7, 1999.

Moderator:

Leroy Reed
 7450 W. Co. Rd. 110 N.
 Greensburg, Indiana. 47240
 812-663-8962

Clerk:

Levi Stewart
 22311 Stewart Rd.
 Milan, Indiana. 47031
 812-623-2112

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION CONTINUED

The Moderator asked for the letters to be accepted. A motion was made by Bro. Robert McCarty and second by Bro. Frank Powers to accept the letters as read. Motion carried.

The moderator ask if there was any visiting ministers. There was not any present. The Moderator ask for the visitors to come forward and give their reports.

Bro. Jason Poe from the Harvest Home Ministries came forward and reported on the needs of the home and how the ministry was so uplifting to the children and families. The Moderator asked for a motion to accept Bro. Jason Poe's report. Bro. Jackie Charles made a motion to accept his report, second by Bro. Dallas Large. Motion carried.

The Pulpit committee reported that Bro. Leroy Reed would preach the morning service and Bro. Larry Robinson would preach the evening service.

Bro. Robert (Bobby) Varney came forward to read a letter he received concerning the minute books from the Dickenson County Conference. They

were asking the Association to refund their money paid out for minute books in 1998. Stating that they was not satisfied with the minute books. Bro. Bobby read all the complaints that were in the letter. Bro. Bobby Varney made a motion to refund their money at this time. Bro. Buddy Kendrick second this motion. Several discussions were brought up on the subject. Bro. Troy Harris reported that a check for \$1492.50 was made out to Randell House Publishing Co. on the 11-30-98, and that the amount of \$1750.00 was received from the Dickenson County Conference for 1400 minute books in 1998. The amount The Association received from the Dickenson County Conference, exceeds what was paid for the total minute books. Motion failed by vote of the Association.

Bro. Frank Powers made a motion to forget and forgive and to go on and not be picky with the minute books. Second by Bro. Leroy Reed. No vote was cast on this motion.

Bro. Kenneth Sproils made a motion for the Association to ask Randell House Publishing Co. for their money back. Second by Bro. Fred Turner.

Bro. Kermit Wallace made a motion to amend Bro. Kenneth's motion second by Bro. Bob Hall.

Bro. Kenneth agreed to amend his motion. Bro. Kermit's motion was to ask Randell House to either replace the minute books or refund their money. The motion carried by vote of the Association.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn from business to preaching, Bro. Donnie Roberson made a motion to adjourn, second by Bro. Levi Stewart. Motion carried.

Bro. Raymond McCarty came forward asked the congregation to sing "When We, All Get To Heaven" Bro. Eddie Abbott led in prayer. Sister Patty Mullins came and gave a spiritual testimony and sang "Beulah Land". Bro. Marion Stewart was asked to read a poem, but he wasn't able. Bro. Terry Price read it in his place. The Owsley singer's sang "Oh What A Day". Bro. Leroy Reed came forward and read from chapter 5 verse 13 of 2 Chronicles. Bro. Leroy delivered a message on "Crossroads and The Glory Of The Lord".

A wonderful message was brought forward. Bro. Robie May gave the benediction and blessing over the food. Association was dismissed and to meet back at 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:30 P.M.

The Association met back at 1:30, with Bro. Terry Price calling the meeting to order. Bro. Danny Sluss came forward asking the congregation to sing "When We All Get To Heaven". Bro. Terry read from Psalms 33. Bro. Terry then led in Prayer. The Moderator read the proposals that were submitted to the yearly meeting from the Pike County Conference in 1998, to add the phone numbers of the ministers to the minute books. Bro. Bubby Kendrick made a motion to stand for the vote, second by Beverly Wallace. Motion carried by standing vote of the Association.

The Moderator read the recommendations that were submitted by the Dickenson County Conference in 1998. As to the bylaws and organization section of the minutes, the Moderator asked for a standing vote. Bro. Robert

Matney counted the votes. They are as follows. There was 38 standing votes "For" and 68 standing votes against. The recommendations were voted down by the Association never to be reintroduced again.

Bro. Troy Harris gave a report on the Love Offering in 1998. He stated that it had been divided three ways. Bro. Troy then recommended that the Association send \$1,000.00 dollars to each organization. A motion was made by Bro. Troy Harris to send each organization \$1,000.00 dollars, second by Bro. Earl Smith. Motion carried by vote of the Association.

Bro. Joe Sluss came forward and apologized to the Association for his remarks that were made on the 9-10-1999, Friday morning session. All accepted his apology with Love and Forgiveness.

Bro. Vestal McKenney Jr. gave very uplifting remarks to the Association about how Bro. Bobby Varney had been a great clerk to the Association and what an outstanding job he had done over the years with the work that goes along with the clerks job.

The Association then gave Bro. Bobby Varney a standing ovation in regards to his work as Clerk.

Bro. Buddy Kendrick made a motion to adjourn from the yearly meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting in 2000. Second by Bro. Leroy Reed. Motion carried.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Moderator of the yearly meeting, Bro. Terry Price came forth to organize the Ministers Conference. Bro. Terry asked for a motion to elect a Moderator to serve for one year. Bro. Bubby Kendrick, made a motion to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting. Second by Bro. Bobby Varney. Bro. Robert Hay made a motion that nomination cease, second by Bro. Bobby Varney. Motion carried by vote of all.

Bro. Joe Sluss made a motion to omit the reading of the ministers names, second by Bro. Dennis Hinkel. Motion carried by vote of all.

The Moderator asked the Clerk to come forward and read the letters from the various conferences, they were as follows.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church on September 10-11, 1999.

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met at the Ferbie's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church at 7:30 PM, Thursday, July 22, 1999. Officers for the following year are as follows:

Moderator:
Brother Franklin Hall
Rt 2 Box 310D
Clintwood, Va. 24228

Assistant Moderator:
Brother Chris Strange
10047 Bold Camp Rd.
Pound, Va. 24279

Ordaining Council:

Brother Manie Strouth
 Brother Danny Sluss
 Brother Remire Mullins

Life Time Card Committee:

Brother Jack Meade
 Brother Finas Hill
 Brother Allen Viers

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Johnny Anderson	Rt 2 Box 100B Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Joe Bailey	Rt 1 Box 640 Dante, Va. 24237	Mills Chapel
Charles Baker (P)	Rt 2 Box 350 Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Troy Belcher (P)	Rt 2 Box 184 Pound, Va. 24279	Glady Fork
Luther Belcher Jr.	Rt 2 Box 138B Pound, Va. 24279	Glady Fork
Clifford Bevins (P)	PO Box 224 Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
Ronald Boggs	9612 Bold Camp Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbies Chapel
James E. Bolling	PO Box 361 Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Ola G. Cantrell	PO Box 3801 Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Randall Carter (P)	PO Box 1207 Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Avery R. Carty (P)	Rt 2 Box 295 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel's Chapel
Allen Gene Conley	Rt 1 Box 246 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Peuther Chapel
Dallas Conley	Rt 1 Box 439 Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Emory Cook	PO Box 321 Dante, Va. 24237	Phillips Chapel
Verlin Deel Jr. (P)	Box 30 Birchleaf, Va. 24220	Bartlick
Marvin C. Dockery	Rt 1 Box 257 Nora, Va. 24272	Light House
Keith Dotson	Rt 2 Box 275A Clintwood, Va. 24228	Lick Fork
Glen Hale (P)	Rt 2 Box 86B Castlewood, Va. 24224	Bear Wallow
Franklin Hall (P)	Rt 2 Box 310 D Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Clyde Hay	PO Box 341 Clintwood Va. 24228	Lick Creek

Robert C. Hay (P)	Rt 1 Box 274E Clintwood, Va. 24228	Dyers Chapel
Billy D. Hibbitts (P)	7346 Hopkins Farm Rd. Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Finas A. Hill (P)	Rt 1 Box 156 Haysi, Va. 24256	Splashdam
Tam Hill (P)	Box 376 Nora, Va. 24272	Hill Ridge
Jerry Jenkins	Rt 1 Box 37 Nora, Va. 24272	Buffalo
Jack Johnson	PO Box 1044 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
John Johnson	Rt 1 Box 259C Clintwood, Va. 24228	Yates Chapel
David P. Kilgore	PO Box 193 Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Earl Lee	Rt 1 Box 204G Nora, Va. 24272	Light House
Rönnie Lester	PO Box 14 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Vester McKinney Jr.	Rt 1 Box 345 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Middle Branch
Jack W. Meade (P)	10186 Bold Camp Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Meades Chapel
James D. Meade (P)	HC 05 Box 409 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meades Chapel
Delman D. Moore	PO Box 2141 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
James A. Moore	PO Box 280 Clinchco, Va. 24226	Flemingtown
Paul D. Moore	PO Box 365 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Georges Fork
Billy Gene Mullins	Rt 3 Box 269 Clintwood Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Bobby Mullins (P)	Rt 3 Box 518C Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Charles Wayne Mullins	6836 North Fork Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Valley View
David L. Mullins	PO Box 2002 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Jack Mullins	Rt 1 Box 268A Clintwood, Va. 24228	Yates Chapel
Lester C. Mullins (P)	Rt 2 Box 331 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Lewis V. Mullins	Rt 3 Box 518 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp

Michael Mullins	Rt 3 Box 164E Haysi, Va. 24256	Buffalo
Norman Mullins	7730 Cranes Nest Rd. Coeburn, Va. 24230	Davis Chapel
Remire Mullins (P)	PO Box 271 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Buffalo Creek
Rickey D. Mullins (P)	8320 Crabtree Rd. Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Roy A. Mullins	Rt 3 Box 360K Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Tarncy Mullins	Rt 3 Box 520 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Virgil Mullins	Woodrow Hollow Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Wayne Mullins	Rt 2 Box 423 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Willie R. Mullins	PO Box 794 Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Jerry Owens (P)	PO Box 114 Birchleaf, Va. 24220	Frying Pan
Michael Patrick (P)	Rt 1 Box 633 St. Paul, Va. 24283	Mills Chapel
Clifford Phipps	Rt 3 Box 547 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Robert L. Phipps (P)	Rt 3 Box 546 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Rachel's Chapel
Bruce Pilkenton	PO Box 191 Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Silas Porter Jr.	6859 Dewey Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Terry Price (P)	Rt 2 Box 392 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Lick Fork
Michael Rasnick (P)	Rt 1 Clinchco, Va. 24226	Mill Creek
Howard Reynolds (P)	PO Box 67 Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Castlewood
Jerry W. Robinson (P)	Rt 3 Box 399 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Tarpon
Lester Robinson	10146 Ferbie Rd Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbies Chapel
Nyal B. Robinson	PO Box 46 Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbies Chapel
Clyde E. Roop (P)	PO Box 574 Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Elva Rose	Rt 2 Box 245 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel's Chapel

Harlan Lee Rose	15779 Bradford Rd. Culpepper, Va. 22701	Clinchco
Willie C. Rose	Rt 1 Box 479 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Hill Ridge
Thomas Shell	PO Box 104 Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Burnis Shortt	PO Box 546 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pyles Memorial
Ed Slempp	9701 Bold Camp Rd. Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbies Chapel
Jackie Slempp (P)	Rt 2 Box 415 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rugsby Chapel
Tom Slempp	Rt 2 Box 425 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Davis Chapel
Danny Sluss (P)	Rt 1 Box 93 Haysi, Va. 24256	Splashdam
Joe Glenn Sluss (P)	Rt 1 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Peuther Chapel
Donald Smith Jr.	PO Box 2074 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Rachel's Chapel
Steve Smith	Rt 3 Box 417 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Peuther Chapel
Charles Wayne Stanley	11927 Highway 119 Partridge, Ky 40862	Yates Chapel
Gary Stanley (P)	Rt 2 Box 244 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel's Chapel
Gregory A. Stanley	PO Box 612 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Lick Fork
James G. Stanley (P)	Rt 3 Box 575C Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Nolan M. Stanley	Rt1 Box 714 Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Chris Strange (P)	10047 Bold Camp Rd Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbies Chapel
Manie W. Strouth (P)	PO Box 958 Pound, Va. 24279	Pine Creek
Ulis Sturgill	PO Box 1102 Pound, Va. 24279	Glady Fork
Eulis Lee Sutherland	Rt 3 Box 336A Clintwood, Va. 24228	Buffalo Creek
Glenn Sykes	Rt 1 Box 195 Haysi, Va. 24256	Tarpon
Leon Sykes (P)	Rt 1 Box 116 Haysi, Va. 24256	Tarpon
Lynn Vanover (P)	PO Box 1616 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View

Roy C. Vanover	PO Box 382 Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Allen Viers	Rt 1 Box 309 Clinchco, Va. 24226	Splashdam
Jerry Vitatoe	Rt 1 Box 590 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Clinchco
Luke Wright (P)	Rt 3 Box 243 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown

Note: (P) Indicates Pastor

Dickenson County Ministers with Life Time Cards

Edison Boggs	PO Box 5 Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
J. T. Hartsock (P)	Rt 1 Box 166 Castlewood, Va. 24224	Bear Wallow
Hie A. Mullins	Rt. 3 Box 270 Clintwood, Va. 24228	Fremont
Ted Mullins	Rt 2 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel's Chapel
Clyde E. Reedy	Rt. 2 Madisonville, Tn. 37354	Peuther Chapel
Gobel Rose	Rt. 1 Clinchco, Va. 24226	
Mack Mullins	Rt. 2 Coeburn, Va. 24230	Duncan Gap
E.B. Lee Jr.	Rt.1 Box 190 Nora, Va. 24272	Light House
Ministers with Life Time Cards.....8	Ministers in Good Standing.....93	
Total Number of Minister.....101	Ministers Deceased.....2	Bro. Ralph Rasnick, Bro. Walt Phillips
Ministers excluded 5	Jimmy Large, Craig Tumidiski, Mike Crabtree, Johnnie Mullins and Adam Stanley.	

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference meets on the Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM.

This report is given to the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, September 10-11, 1999, by order of the Dickenson County Ministers' Conference.

Moderator:
Brother Franklin Hall
Rt 2 Box 310D
Clintwood, Va. 24228

Assistant Moderator:
Brother Chris Strange
10047 Bold Camp Rd.
Pound, Va. 24279

Clerk:
Brother Avery Carty
Rt 2 Box 295
Coeburn, Va. 24230

**LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

Homer Lee Mullins, Moderator
Box 339
Ashcamp, Ky. 41512

Sonny Miracle, Asst. Mod.
General Delivery
Jonancy, Ky. 41538

Larry R. Jones, Clerk
12157 Highway 160
Whitesburg, Ky. 41858

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

September 16, 1998

Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk
John-Thomas Association of
Freewill Baptists
169 Highway 1056
Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555

Bro. Varney:

Due to some misunderstanding, a minister was inadvertently left off the Letcher County Conference Ministers' roll. Would you please add the minister to the list? If possible, please put the name with the other Tackett's Fork ministers. The information is as follows:

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Homer Jones, Jr.	Box 882 Harold, Ky. 41635	Tackett's Fork

Thank you for considering this change. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Larry Jones, Clerk
Letcher County Conference
Ministers' Conference

**LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS
AND
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P.O. Box 179
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September 10, 1999

Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk
John-Thomas Association of
Freewill Baptists
169 Highway 1056
Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555

Bro. Varney:

During the last two conference meetings of the Letcher County Conference, discussions concerning the September 11-12, 1998, John Thomas Association Minutes books became a heated topic. Members of the Letcher County Conference voiced the following complaints:

1. Misspelled words
2. Wrong phone number for clerk
3. Poor quality book binding
4. Wide ranges of print sizes and types- some small type was unreadable
5. Very late shipment
6. Shipping boxes of poor quality

In view of these problems the Letcher County Conference recommends all future printing be done by another printer. The Conference is willing to pay more money for better printing quality, if necessary, to obtain a product that we will be proud to distribute to the members or prospective members of our churches.

Done by order of the Letcher County Conference and the Letcher County Ministers' Conference.

Sincerely in Christ,
Larry Jones
Letcher County Conference
Letcher County Ministers' Conference

**LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Association while in session at the Peuther Chapel at Clintwood, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, 1999.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Ministers' Conference met at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Virgie, Kentucky, at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 13, 1999. Brother Homer Lee Mullins, Moderator, presided over the Conference. Officers for the following year are as follows:

Moderator:

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Box 339
Ashcamp, Ky. 41512

Asst. Moderator:

Bro. Sonny Miracle
Jonancy, Ky. 41538

Ordination Committee:

Bro. Millard Bates (8-15-97)
Bro. Tommy Tackett (8-14-98)
Bro. Edgar Sanders (8-13-99)

Clerk:

Larry R. Jones
12157 Highway 160
Whitesburg, Ky. 41858

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards:

MINISTER	ADDRESS	CHURCH
James N. Tackett	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
Denny Little	P.O. Box 396 Regina, Ky. 41559	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett (P)	P.O. Box 116 Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Pete Newsom	1719 Alleghany Rd. Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
John Paul Keen	380 Alleghany Rd. Marrowbone, Ky. 41559	Alleghany
Sonny Miracle (P)	P.O. Box 148 Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
Everett D. Mullins	52 France Lane Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Bethel
Billy Akers	20 Little Robinson Creek Bottom Virgie, Ky. 41572	Bethel
Butler Adkins	P.O. Box 213 Virgie, Ky. 41572	Bethel
Ralph Vicars (P)	P.O. Box 706 30 Wheaton Hollow Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485 Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Teddy Tackett (P)	923 Blaze Branch Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
McCoy Tackett	11788 Bent Br. Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Dorton
Franklin Gerald Wright	415 Owls Branch Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton

David Garnett Nichols	P.O. Box 3192 831 1st St., Fox Btm. Pikeville, Ky. 41502	Dorton
Clyde Bentley	21574 Hwy. 23 South Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Rt.#1 Box 128-A 101 Barn Hill Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Jessie Lane Miller (P)	106 Cargo Lane Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Ernest McCown (P)	P.O. Box 16 Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Energyville
Rodney Smith (P)	44 Smith Drive Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Danny Gene Mullins (P)	Box 243 Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Millard Bates, Jr.	705 Maryland Dr. Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Haymond
Larry R. Jones	12157 Highway 160 Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Haymond
Homer Lee Mullins (P)	Box 339 Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	790 Sycamore Road Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
John H. Coleman, Jr.	P.O. Box 133 Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Ligon
Logan Tucker	P.O. Box 003 Beaver, Ky. 41604	Ligon
Gary Kirby	134 Marshall's Br. Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
Jimmy Adams (P)	Box 67 Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel
Hollis Bevins (P)	P.O. Box 464 8314 N. River Road Pound, Va. 24279	Payne Gap
Ralph E. Profit	HC 34 Box 612 Neon, Ky. 41840	Pine Chapel
Floyd Sexton (P)	Box 176 Jackhorn, Ky. 41858	Pine Chapel
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Pine Chapel
Charles Bolden	HC 73 Box 955 Harold, Ky. 41635	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson (P)	3791 Poor Btm. Rd. Elkhorn City, Ky 41522	Poor Bottom
Julian Gibson	Box 44 Hellier, Ky. 41634	Poor Bottom
Brian Keith Burchette	P.O. Box 381 Virgie, Ky. 41572	Poor Bottom

Teddy Damron	Box 75 Hellier, Ky. 41534	Poor Bottom
Gary Dale Adkins	343 East Carters Valley Road Lot #63 Kingsport, Tenn. 37665	Poor Bottom
Paul Richard Gibson, Jr.	P.O. Box 52 Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poor Bottom
Terry Lee Gibson	5045 Poor Btm. Rd. Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Poor Bottom
Larry Kendrick	445 Rt. Fk. Red Crk. Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Poor Bottom
Lester Boggs (P)	Box 13 Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Tommy Phillips	HC 87 Box 2360 Bill Moore Br. Rd. Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Seco
William Burdell Gilley	3059 Craft's Colley Road Ermine, Ky. 41815	Seco
Matthew White	HC 77 Box 1400 Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackett's Fork
Larry D. Tackett (P)	Box 097 Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackett's Fork
Levi Akers (P)	323 Melissa Br. Rd. Ary, Ky. 41712	Twin Oaks
Hobert Gwin	P.O. Box 291 Bonnyman, Ky. 41719	Twin Oaks
Ireland Sexton (P)	3259 Highway 317 Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Virgie
Leon Bolden	275 Lick Fork Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Virgie

Note: (P) indicates Pastor

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards:

Minister	Address	Church
John C. DePriest	3120 Spurr Road Lexington, Ky. 40511	Burdine
Harry Patten Whitaker	Box 321 Cane Branch Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Kelton Robinette	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Charles Gallion	P.O. Box 228 Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Clyde Damron	13484 Elkhorn Creek Road Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Hylton
Herman Bates, Jr.	Box 503 Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
William Crawford	Pound, Va. 25279	Payne Gap

Caleb Holbrook
Don McKnight

Jenkins, Ky. 41537
4320 Cloverlick Rd.
Cumberland, Ky. 40823

Pine Chapel
Cloverlick

Ministers Deleted From the Letcher County Conference

Deceased - Vardrey Bolling

Other - Steve Childers

Marvis D. Dixon

Marvin E. Hylton, Jr.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards.	53
Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards	9
Total Ministers	62

The Letcher County Minister's Conference meets on the Friday before the third Sunday in November, February, May and August at 7:00 P.M.

This report is given to the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with Peuther Chapel Church in session on September 10-11, 1999 by order of the Letcher County Minister's Conference.

Larry R. Jones, Clerk
2157 Highway 160
Whitesburg Ky. 41858
(606) 633-0298

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with The Belfry Freewill Baptist Church August 27th, 1999. Brother Donnie Williamson called the conference to order for fellowship and prayer. Brother Roger Blackburn led us in prayer. Brother Donnie Williamson called the conference to order for business reading from Ephesians Chapter 6 Verses 13th-18th. There was no reports of any Brothers walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. We had a discussion on life time cards for ministers over 70 years old and the proposals that would come up in the yearly meeting. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to letter up to The John Thomas Association, seconded by Brother Billie Miller motion carried by vote of the conference. The following is a list of Officers and the Ministers to receive good standing cards.

Moderator

Rev. Bobby Varney
169 Hwy. 1056
Pinsonfork, Ky. 41543

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtis Wellman
Rev. Donnie Williamson
Rev. Robie (Buddie) Kendrick

Executive Committee

Rev. Bobby Varney
 Rev. Bennie Slone
 Rev. Robie Kendrick

Alternate Executive Committee

Rev. Gerria Reynolds
 Rev. Homer Adkins
 Rev. Velon Burgess

Clerk

Rev. Dennis Hinkle
 2655 Pinsonfork Rd.
 McAndrews, Ky. 41543

Yearly meeting place and date

Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church Clintwood, Va.
 Dickenson County Conference September 10th and 11th 1999.

Ministers to receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Robert (Bobby) Varney	169 Hwy. 1056 Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Herbet Goff	3004 Upper Coon Rd. Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
David G. Varney	7963 State Highway 19E Kimper, Ky. 41537	Edo
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Curtis Wellman	P.O. Box 325 Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Homer Adkins	2939 Hurricane Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Trimble Chapel
Edward Lee Adkins	317 Elish 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	P.O. Box 35 Huddy, Ky. 41535	Canada
Ray Reedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
John Vance	Box 6 Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Jimmy Jack Adkins	2847 Shelby, Dry Fork Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Emery Varney	105 Stanley Lane Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Gerria Reynolds	3286 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia
Dennis Hinkle	2655 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia

Harold Brewer	574 Collins Hwy. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Ronald May	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Bobby Bowman	43 Callaham Branch Kimper, Ky. 41537	Meathouse
Perry Kendrick	780 A Knoll Rd. Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greassy
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Simmie C. Adkins	5807 Nelson Dr. Newport, Mi. 48166	Owsley
Dennis E. Stilter	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 Highway Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	P.O. Box 065 Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr. Williamson, WV 25661	Leckieville
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4 Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Hope
Donnie Feltner	12583 Brownsford Rd. Fountain Run, Ky 42133	Toler's Creek
John Paul Smith	Raccoon, Ky. 41577	Grassy
Burl Rogers	2373 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Clyde Bowman Jr.	Box 296 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Meathouse
Robert Smith	HC 64, Box 800 Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Bill Browning	512 Central Ave., So. Williamson, Ky. 41503	Belfry
Gary Thacker	P.O. Box 153 Canada, Ky. 41529	Canada
Darrell Roberts	P.O. Box 3382 Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion
Roger Blackburn	Box 38 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Belfry
Willie Keith Anderson	3535 Long Fork Rd. Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Joe Coleman	1199 Broadbottom Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Trimble Chapel

Jamie L. Billiter	5208 Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Toler
Brad Williamson	80 Varney Hollow Canada, KY. 41519	Canada
Larry Hubbard	S. Varney Hollow Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Ballard Yates	HC 76, Box 1546 Ransome, Ky.	Bluesprings
Bill Moseley	138 New Camp Rd., S. Williamson, Ky. 41503	Leckieville
Adam Dotson	Box 2686 Narrow Branch Rd. Hardy, Ky. 41531	Canada
Roger Parsons	1239 South Mayo Trail Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stone Coal
Roger Williamson	Box 104 Huddy, Ky. 41535	Canada
Rodney Williamson	Box 81 Huddy, Ky. 41535	Canada
Tommy Webb	Box 196, Red. Cr. Road Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stone Coal
Billy R. Miller	3741 Stone Coal Rd. Pikeville Ky. 41501	Stone Coal
James Randall May	1180 W Sookeys Creek 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
Leslie Tackett	P.O. Box 74 Kemper, Ky. 41539	Stonecoal
Jimmy Skeens	1501 Clark St. Marion, NC.	Stonecoal
James Runyon	P.O. Box 212 Huddy, Ky. 41535	Canada
Eddie Overstreet	P.O. Box 423 Pikeville, Ky. 41502	
Otis Gibson Jr.	378 Right Fk. Island Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek
T. I. Runyon	1575 Pond Creek Rd. Stone, Ky 41567	Canada
Eric Fleming	1112 Turkey Pen Rd. Virgie, Ky, 41572	Caney Creek
Jimmy Reed Adkins	5575 Greasy Creek Shelbiana, Ky 41562	Greasy Creek

Fred Neeley	P.O. Box 2634 Pikeville, Ky. 41502	Greasy Creek
Dusty Varney	P.O. Box 193 Canada, Ky. 41519	Canada
Jimmy Williamson	1423 Broad Bottom Road Pikeville, Ky. 41501	
Douglas Larry Golf	291 Knob Fork Rd. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Glenn C. Ray	P.O. Box 748 Virgie, Ky. 41572	
Gary York Hackney	P.O. Box 194 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Joe Tracy Smith	P.O. Box 40 Pinsonfork, Ky.	Belfry
Jerry F. Lewis	Box 298 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Belfry
Eddie Abbott	2661 Longfork Rd. Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Name	Address	Church
Phillip Bostic	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Bennie Slone	115 Meathouse Rd. Kimper, Ky. 41537	Owsley
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	74
Number of ministers with lifetime cards	4
Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference	78

Done by the order of the Pike County Minister's Conference this 27th of August, 1999.

Rev. Bobby Varney Moderator
Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk

JOHN-THOMAS ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEETING

September 10 & 11, 1999

Greetings:

The New Durm Minister's Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Mt.

Zion Freewill Baptist church on August 5, 1999. Officers for the following year were elected, they are as following:

Moderator	Assistant Moderator	Clerk
Rev. Sammie Deskins	Rev. Willie Rasnake	Rev. Kenneth Sproles
Rt. 2 Box 78	HC 4 Box 55C	26404 Watauga Road
Honaker, Va. 24260	Council, Va. 24260	Abingdon, Va. 24211
Ordaining Council		Executive Committee
Rev. Larry Robinson-Chairman		Brady Farmer-Chairman
Rev. Giles Wilson		Ronald Johnson
Rev. Troy Harris		Rev. Troy Harris
		Everett Rasnake, Jr.
		Rev. Kenneth Sproles

Committee on Lifetime Cards:

Name	Address
Rev. Clyde Stanford	Lebanon, Va.
Ronald Johnson	Council, Va.
Rev. Ralph Dye	Honaker, Va.

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards:

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va. 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, Va. 24255	Clinch View

Clerk- Rev. Kenneth Sproles

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

Name	Address	Church
Lic. Tom Carlock	Rt. 1 Box 176B Lebanon, Virginia 24266 889-3818	Drill Chapel
Rev. Sammie Deskins	Rt. 2 Box 78 Honaker, Virginia 24260 873-5814	Clinch View
Rev. Ralph Dye	P. O. Box 879 Honaker, Virginia 24260 873-4615	Tunnel Hill
Rev. Troy Harris	Rt. 1 Box 157 Vansant, Virginia 24656 859-2912	Fletcher Ridge

Rev. Terry Mitchell	Rt. 2 Box 452 Honaker, Virginia 24260 859-0155	Drill Chapel
Rev. Virgil Musick	Rt. 2 Box 51C Castlewood, Virginia 24224 794-9211	Mt. Zion
Rev. Willis Rasnake	HC4 Box 55C Council, Virginia 24260 859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Larry Robinson	Rt. 1 Box 451 Lebanon, Virginia 24266 880-1067	East Lebanon
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	26404 Watauga Road Abingdon, Virginia 24211 628-7064	Straight Hollow
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P. O. Box 2104 Lebanon, Virginia 24266 889-2073	East Lebanon
Rev. Giles Wilson	HC4 Box 663 Council, Virginia 24260 859-2749	Mt. View

**LETTER FROM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE
TO
JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION**

The Hamilton County Minister's Conference met at the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church on August, 7th, 1999. Brother Leroy Reed, Moderator, called the meeting to order with Prayer by Brother James Wyatt. Brother Leroy Reed read the by-laws. Brother Clarence Hubbard to receive a life time card.

Name of Conference Reporting:
Hamilton County

Moderator's name and address

Rev. Leroy Reed
7450 W. Co.Rd. 110 North
Greensburg, Indiana 47240
812-663-8962

Ordaining Council

Rev. Leroy Reed
Rev. Rick Layne
Rev. James Wyatt
Rev. Robert L. Matney (alternate)

Clerk's Name and Address

Rev. James Wyatt
 443 Barnhart Street
 Marion, Ohio 43302
 740-387-4075

Executive Committee

Rev. Leroy Reed
 Rev. Robert L. Matney
 Rev. James Wyatt

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
 Clintwood, Va.
 September 10th and 11th, 1999.

Ministers to receive good standing cards.

Name	Address	Church
Harold Robinson	7737 Hollywood Dr. Florence, Kentucky 606-525-9348	Pipecreek
Richard Harris	6531 River Rd. Harrison, Ohio 45030 513-738-7136	Pipecreek
Richard Layne	7226 St. Rd. 19 Mt. Gilead, Ohio 419-947-1478	Mt. Tabor
James Wyatt	443 Barnhart St. Marion, Ohio 43302 740-387-4075	Mt. Tabor

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Name	Address	Church
Leroy Reed	7450 W. County Rd. 110 N. Greensburg, Indiana 4724 812-663-8962	Norristown
Robert L. Matney	4526 Co. Rd. 29 Galion, Ohio 44833 419-947-8341	Mt. Tabor
Clarence Hubbard	1046 N. Co. Rd 740 W. Greensburg, Indiana 812-663-9593	Norristown

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Minister's Conference on this 7th day of August 1999.

Rev. Leroy Reed, Moderator
 Rev. James Wyatt, Clerk

Bro. Buddy Kendrick made a motion to receive the letters as read. Second by Bro. Jimmy Williamson. Motion carried.

Bro. Remar Mullins made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1998 session as printed in the minute books. Second by Bro. Clyde Stewart. Motion carried.

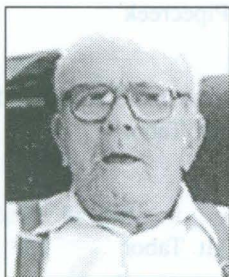
The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn until the next yearly meeting. Bro. Freddie Lewis made motion to adjourn. Second by Bro. Kenneth Sproles. Motion carried.

Bro. Donnie Robinson testified, Bro. Terry Price called for dismissal, Bro. Larry Bison dismissed with prayer from the Ministers Conference.

Bro. Larry Robinson came forward reading from Psalms 124 using for a text "If It Had Not Been For The Lord". A very spiritual message was delivered to the Association. Bro. Danny Sluss gave the benediction. The Association was dismissed until the next yearly meeting.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE ELLIS ADKINS



George Ellis Adkins born January 16, 1916 at Hellier, KY in Pike County Kentucky, to the late Napoleon Adkins and Clemon Marrs Adkins. Being 83 years, 7 months and 16 days of age at the time of his passing. George had 7 children, 22 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 1 son. A host of friends and relatives will mourn his passing. A member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church.

As I round the bend I see a gray haired man with a smile that lights up the sky, as if to say welcome home, as he waves from his chair upon the porch. The home is empty, the chair is gone, but his smile still lives on. Uncle I long to see that smile again when I get home.

We love you Uncle:

Eddie D. Overstreet and Verniece

DAISY BLACKSTONE

In memory of Daisy Blackstone who was born January 28, 1917, and passed away January 14, 1999, at the age of 81. She was the daughter of Andrew and Sarah Grizzle McCoy. She was raised on Brushy Ridge in Dickenson County, Virginia, until her marriage, June 22, 1935, to Owen Blackstone, who preceded her in death June 1, 1988. She was a homemaker, having lived in the West Dante Community for many years. She was the mother of seven children: Terry Blackstone (deceased),



Curtis Lee Blackstone (deceased), Sidney Blackstone, Conyers, GA, Donald Blackstone, Clintwood, VA, Roger Blackstone, Rt. 1, Nora, VA, Erma Pugh (deceased), Mildred (Midge) Stanley, Roanoke, VA, seven grandchildren, 2 daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, and one brother, Wilson McCoy, Roanoke, VA. She was converted to the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and joined Phillips Chapel Church, W. Dante, VA, Dec. 4, 1976. She was a faithful member, loved to participate in the activities of her church and always volunteered to represent her church as a delegate to the conferences and associations. She loved her Lord, her church, her family and the people of her community. She is sadly missed but we know that our loss is truly heaven's gain.

The Family



JERRY R. BLIZZARD

Jerry Roger Blizzard, 50, of Elkhorn City, Ky., died Thursday, March 11, 1999, in Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY.

Born Dec. 6, 1948, in Buchanan County, Va., he was a son of Reuben and Imel Stalker Blizzard of Elkhorn City.

He was a coal miner.

Survivors in addition to his parents: wife, Rosetta Mullins Blizzard; sons, Travis Blizzard, Elkhorn City, Todd Blizzard, Jonancy, Ky.; brother, Bennet Blizzard, Elkhorn City; and a grandchild.

Funeral: noon, Sunday, March 14, 1999, at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel, Elkhorn City, with Richard Gibson, Phil Damron and Terry Gibson officiating.

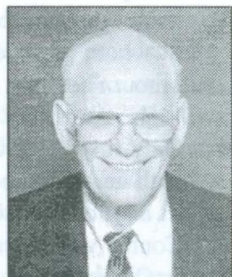
Burial: Annie E. Young Cemetery, Shelbyana, Ky.

Visitation: after 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

EARL BREEDING

Earl Breeding, son of the late William "Little Billy" Breeding and Cindy Sexton Breeding was born at Ice, Kentucky, December 17, 1918. He entered eternal life Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital being 79 years, 2 months and 1 day of age at the time of his passing.

Earl was married to Gladys Hall Breeding, May 7, 1939. He was a member of the Hemphill Freewill

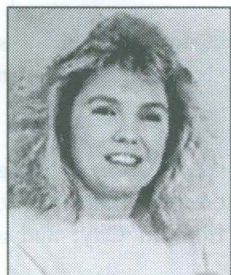


Baptist Church at Hemphill, Kentucky over 50 years, a miner for 37 years and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Breeding of Seco, Ky. Seven daughters: Rena Bates of Madison Heights, Michigan; Alice Lark of Georgetown, Indiana; Phyllis Peace of Kingsport, Tennessee; Diane Bradford of Clintwood, Virginia; Sharon Wysocki of Seco, Ky.; Brenda Sturgill of Sandlick, Ky. and Glenda Quillen of Deane, Ky. One son, Howard Breeding of Sullivan, Kentucky. Two brothers: Arnold Breeding of Jackson, Ohio and Floyd Breeding of Sterling Heights, Michigan. One sister, Eva Hall of Cleveland, Ohio

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Earl was preceded in death by three brothers: Arvil Breeding; William "Junior" Breeding and Vester "Boob" Breeding and one sister, Ollie Snyder.



CONNIE NEWSOME CARROLL

With the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our precious loved one. Connie was born September 15, 1966 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Her parents were Emery (Worley) and Nancy Newsome. They loved their daughter very much. Her two brothers Barry and Brian Newsome and one sister Lisa Hamilton are all of Grethel, Ky. We miss our sister everyday and now a piece of our family is gone. She was the oldest of four children and we were all very close. Especially Connie and Brian. He called her "Go". They had a very special relationship. She loved him like he was her own son. We will treasure our memories of our dear sister forever. She was a very loving daughter. She hugged Mommy and Daddy every morning and told them she loved them before she went to work. We will miss our little girl forever. Connie was always very small, but she had a very big heart. Its been said that she had a million dollar laugh and she did. And she was very beautiful. Her paternal Grandparents were Milburn and Eliza Hall Newsom. Her maternal Grandparents were Cecil and Orga Gillespie Newsome all of whom preceded her in death and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who will mourn her loss. Commis also had one special nephew Nathan Hamilton who will miss Aunt "Go" always.

Only July 7, 1990 she married Dënnis Carroll of Craynor, Ky. She loved him with all her heart and he loved her. And she loved their son Nathan. She always spent a lot of time with him no matter how busy she was.

Connie was a very hard worker. She worked at Ky. Wholesale at Allen, Ky. since October 1990. To John and Velma she was like a daughter. She made a lot

friends there. Sharon, Veronica, and April have lost a very close friend. Connie had a very best friend for a lot of years, Diane Akers. They loved each other very much. Diane was truly everything that a best friend should be.

Connie was a college student at P.C.C. with a 4.0 grade. She was very smart. She loved school and computers. But the thing that really made her happy was when she dreamed of a little white church on a hill. And she went searching for it and she found it at Stone Coal Church located at Pikeville, Ky. She became very religious always studying her Bible. On Easter Sunday April 4, 1999 the Lord saved her soul. And on April 18, 1999 she was baptized and she was so happy. On April 26, 1999 the Lord called her home, making her stay on the earth 32 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

Connie lost a special Granny Orga on December 2, 1998. They were very close. Connie's life was very short and she touched so many lived especially children. She was always there when anybody needed her. Now we believe Connie is at peace and being rewarded for all the good things she did in her life. She is just resting in the arms of Jesus. Rest on little angel, we hope to see you over in glory land.

Written by her broken hearted family.



LANTA COLEMAN, JR.

Lanta "Tater" Coleman, Jr., 70, of Wolfpit Road, died Monday, July 13, 1998, at his home.

He was born in Elkhorn City, Jan. 24, 1928, a son of the late Lanta and Myra Thacker Coleman.

He was a retired coal miner/electrician formerly employed by Old Republic Steel, and was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dimple (Coleman) Coleman; three sons, Danny J. Coleman of Elkhorn City, Clarence Coleman of Shelbiana, Elmer Coleman of Lookout; three daughters, Pebble May of Elkhorn City, Lila Kay Hopkins of Shelbiana, Tonya Lyvonne Coleman of Wolfpit.

Five brothers, Frank M. Coleman of Wolfpit, Austin Coleman of Midford, Ore., Bradley Coleman of Sherman, Texas, Clinton Coleman and Jack D. Coleman, both of Elkhorn City; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at noon Thursday, July 16, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Wolfpit with Fon Bowling, Teddy Honaker, Howard Coleman, Mitchie Paul Coleman, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jim Green May and Orbin May officiating, and burial followed in the Alex Ratliff Cemetery at Wolfpit. Arrangements were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Pallbearers were member of United Mine Workers of America, and friends.



WILLIAM HENRY DESKINS

William Henry Deskins, 62, of Huddy, Kentucky, died Thursday, September 2, 1999 in the Charleston Area Medical Center.

Born April 6, 1937, a son of the late Snow and Gracie Williams Deskins. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Arnold Deskins.

He was a disabled Highway Construction Worker and a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by four brothers, Charles Deskins of McAndrews, Kentucky, Gary Deskins of Illinois, Harry Deskins of Huddy, Kentucky and Larce Deskins of Burnwell, Kentucky; four sisters, Elsie Ann Francis of McAndrews, Kentucky, Etta Varney of Michigan, Janice Eversole of Michigan and Millie Ruth Varney of Illinois and a host of friends.

ALVA LEE FLEMING

It's with a sad heart we write the obituary of our dear beloved dad, Alva Lee Fleming. He was born August 28, 1927, to Phillip and Alta Fleming. He departed this life on February 15, 1999, being 71 years of age.

He was a member of the Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as treasurer, song leader, and Sunday School teacher. He was a member of Hill Ridge Singers for 50 years, a retired coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran. He married Lillian Hill on December 16, 1950, and had three children: Eddie Dean Fleming, Rita Stanley, and Frances Kay Yates; and five grandchildren.

Dad loved the Lord, the church, and his family, and although we miss him we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written in loving memory by his family.



FAY HALL

Fay Hall, daughter of the late Charles and Nervesta Hollyfield Mullins, was born June 13, 1920 in Wise County, Virginia. She passed away June 26, 1989 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Hall; two daughters, Charlene Vankirk, Wellington, Ohio, and Lynda Ward, Sullivan, Ohio; four sons, Fred Hall,

Whitesburg, Kentucky, Edward Hall, Jr., Kimbolton, Ohio, Bob Hall, Clintwood, Virginia, and Gary Hall, Middlesburg Hts., Ohio. She also leaves to mourn her passing, five sisters, Juanita Mullins, Stafford, Virginia, Mildred Sturgill, White Hall, Maryland, Eloise Pugh, Crossville, Tennessee, Estelle Vanover, Fairfield, California, and Loretta Belcher, Pound, Virginia; one brother, Edward "Buddy" Mullins, Pound, Virginia; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harless Mullins.

Mother gave her life to Christ in October of 1948, at the Hemphill Freewill Baptist Church, Jackhorn, Kentucky, and at the time of her passing she was a member of the Indian Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Pound, Virginia. Her testimony to her children and family was the life that she lived.

We truly believe that to be "absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Written by her children



CARSON HARRIS

Carson Harris, 83, of the Combs Ridge section of Council, passed away Monday, August 23, 1999 at his home. He was born in Buchanan County. He was the son of the late Hampton Harris and Ora Hurt Johnson Harris. He was a faithful member of the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church of Combs Ridge and was a coal miner. He is survived by his wife Lucy Harris, four daughters; Arlene Musick, Vernie Wilson, Nadine Stevens, and Zola Harris, five sons; Roy Harris, Clyde Harris, Brady Harris, Harlis Harris, and Roger Harris.

Early one morning GOD heard your humble plea, so he wrapped His arms around you and said my child come home with me. With broken hearts and tear-filled eyes we watched you slowly pass away, but no matter how much we love you, we could not make you stay. Now your heart and lungs are all made anew, because you were surely one of GOD's chosen few. As you stroll over Heaven with JESUS throughout eternity, oh so happy and joyful you must be, and if we keep our feet on the straight and narrow way, in Heaven we shall meet you some glad day.

Written by: Polly Rasnake



KIRBY JENT

It is with much sadness and grief that we present this obituary of our beloved and precious husband and dad and papaw Kirby Jent. Kirby was born January 20, 1940 and died July 10, 1999, making stay on God's footstool 59 years, 5 months and 21 days. He was a member of the Happy Freewill Baptist Church. He was a very faithful member. He always put God and the church before everything. He was so happy there where

he could receive the love and kindness of God's children, and he wasn't ashamed to let the world know that he loved God. He was preceded in death by a son Timothy in 1970. He is survived by his wife Janice Caudill Jent, two sons Ernil Jent of Letcher, Marcus Jent of Cleveland, Ohio, one daughter Kasundra Adams of Blackey, and 5 grandchildren. Everyone who knew him misses him, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. Our daily prayer is for God to keep us in His will so that when it comes our time to go, he will take us to be with our loving husband, dad and papaw. He will never be forgotten.

Written in loving memory by his wife and children and grandchildren.

MARY LOUISE JOHNSON

Mary Louise Johnson, age 46, of Seymour, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, August 18, 1998 at UT Hospital. A very beloved wife, mother, and a very loving, caring person and devoted Christian. Member of Friendly Chapel Baptist Church and Young Married Sunday School Class. Preceded in death by son, Howard Jason Johnson; mother, Geneva Gibson Roberts; and devoted grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibson of Lookout, Ky. Survivors: husband, Thomas Michael Johnson; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Michael Johnson, Jr. and Kathy Diane; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles Hobbs and Brenda, Terry Gibson and Maxine all of Lookout, Ky.; brother, Bernie Roberts of Lookout, Ky.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn Sue and Donnie Adkins, Lookout, Ky., Burmajo and Michael Adkins of Ratliff, Ky.; mother and father-in-law, June and Thomas Johnson of Knoxville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary Donna and Joe San Miguel of Knoxville; devoted aunt and uncle, Dorothy Lee and Franklin D. Johnson of Lookout, Ky.; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service 8 p.m., Thursday, Berry Chapel with the Rev. Bill Acuff and Rev. Terry Gibson officiating. The family will meet at Berry Funeral Home, 10:15 a.m. Friday and proceed to Sherwood Memorial Gardens for an 11:00 a.m. interment service. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday at Berry Funeral Home, Chapman Highway.





BETTY JEAN JUSTICE

Early in the morning of December 19, 1998, at the age of 70, Betty quietly slipped away. While her passing was without much fanfare, she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the Owsley Free Will Baptist Church, which she enjoyed attending. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and consummate housekeeper. She was a faithful member, and would often attend church while enduring considerable pain. She would often testify as to the good things the LORD

had done. Our worldly loss is most certainly Heaven's gain.

She is survived by her husband, John H. Justice and six children, Johnny Justice, Linda Tosti, Jack Justice, Rita Lawson, Connie Tackett, and Tonnie Keene. She is also survived by brothers Mickey Wagner, Toby Wagner, and Roger Wagner and her sisters Helen Stone, Faye Watkins, and Sue Roberts. Preceding her in death were one son Noel Gene Justice, one brother Rudy Wagner as well as her father, Stanley Wagner and mother, Della Wagner.

ELIZABETH GEORGE JUSTICE

In loving memory of Elizabeth George Justice of McAndrews, KY. She was born February 6, 1928 at McVeigh, KY and passed away on October 29, 1998 at Appalachia Regional Hospital.

She was the daughter of Pete and Annie George and was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and one stepson: Leonard Justice.

She leaves behind her husband: Ival Justice, Son, Colonel Cline of Charleston, WV; Daughters: Debbie York of Ransom, KY and Patty Adams of Harts, WV. 3 Step daughters: Gayle Quijada of Norfolk, VA, Norma White of Belleville, Mich., and Rose Smith of Williamson, WV and 8 grandchildren.

She was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church for 25 years. Elizabeth was an Italian lady that loved to cook and will be sadly missed by many family members and a host of friends.





LEONARD JUSTICE

In loving memory of our most precious loved one, Leonard "Bo" Justice of Pinsonfork, Kentucky. He was born April 1, 1949 and was the son of Ival Justice and the late Kathleen Conley Justice. He was called home to be with the Lord on January 28, 1999. (Psalm, Chapter 116, Verse 15, *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints*). He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church. He was forty-nine years old when he passed

away.

Leonard gave his life to the Lord on June 23, 1996. He spent his time going to church, reading his Bible and serving his saviour, Jesus Christ. He was a devoted christian and family man. He was the most precious husband, father, son and brother and he will forever remain in our hearts. He will be missed, but never forgotten. We are thankful that God allowed him to be such a wonderful part of our lives.

Through his illness, he remained courageous, I believe it was his faith in the Lord, for he knew that Jesus was waiting for him by the river with open arms (II Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 8, *WE are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord*).

He is sadly missed by all his family and a host of friends. We have comfort in knowing that his suffering will be no more, for he is now at rest in Heaven.

WE LOVE YOU, Your loving family

AGNES KEEN

Agnes Keen, 76, of Raccoon, died Monday, Jan. 5, 1998, at her home. Agnes was born in Pike County, May 19, 1921, a daughter of the late Tom and Mary Stiltner Roberts. She was a homemaker and a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for 36 years. Agnes served in several positions in the church, including clerk and Sunday School Teacher. She also sang in the choir for many years.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Keen. She is survived by one son, Lannie Keen of Lexington; one daughter, Debby Keen of Raccoon; and three sisters, Anna Rae Mullins of Shelbyana, Helen Owens of Belcher, and Reathel Pigg of Salem, W.Va.



LILLIAN (STEVENS) KENDRICK

Lillian was born Nov. 6, 1999. She departed this life on Jan. 13, 1999. Making her stay on earth 49 yrs. She was preceded in death by her father and mother Arthur and Virginia Stevens. One daughter, Ruby Gail Young; 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Her surviving family includes, her husband, Roger Dale Kendrick. 3 daughters, Jennifer Henderson, Teresa Clark and Robin Stevens. She leaves to mourn 4 grandchildren. 4 sisters Juanita Baker, Violet Mullins, Mary Kent and Ossie Slone. 6 brothers, Hurshell Rev. Howard Stevens, Douglas, Melvin, Rev. Edgil Stevens and Elden Stevens. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church since 1983. She was a member of the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church at the time of her death. Despite many hardships and her battle with breast cancer, her faith in God never wavered. Until her last breath, she was comforted by the Lord's praises, in the voices of her sisters and family. She was truly a light in all the lives that she touched. A beautiful light that will always shine deep in our hearts, throughout eternity. She will be missed in this life.

Written by her Sister Violet Mullins and her niece Angel King

BROTHER RANDALL "TOOTIE" LAWSON

Randall Lawson, 67 of Harold, Kentucky went home to be with Jesus on January 9, 1999. Brother Tootie was a devoted husband, father, friend and Christian. He was saved on October 19, 1997. He was an active member of Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Tootie will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.



EPP McCOY

In loving memory of Epp McCoy who went home to be with God, Monday, November 30, 1998. He was born at Kimper, KY, January 22, 1911, a son of the late John B. and Polly McCoy. He was a retired miner and member of Local UMW 5737. He was baptized February 4, 1958 at the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church, where he remained a member until his death.

He was a patient, kind, sweet, and loving person. He had nothing bad to say against anyone.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, seven sisters and one grandson.

He is survived by his wife Katie McCoy; Three sons: Paul E. May, Alabama, Edward "Bub" McCoy, Columbus, Ohio, Dexter McCoy, Huntington, WV; Three daughters: Epileana Blackburn, Quantico, VA, Delcie Hatfield, McAndrews, KY, Lana Jewell Hunley, Fort Gay, WV. 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church with Ministers Gerria Reynolds and Buddy Kendrick officiating. Burial followed at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY. Pallbearers were: Rodney, Shawn, and Freddie Williams, David Leedy, Phillip Church, Luther Bowens and Mikey Ray.



SAMMIE MULLINS

In Loving Memory of Our Mom, Sammie Mullins

Sammie Mullins 86, of Hurrican Creek Road, Pikeville, KY was pronounced dead at 1:09 P.M. Sunday, February 1, 1998 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born in Pike County, KY April 7, 1911, a daughter of the late Henry and Polly Brewer Adams.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn Mullins and two sons, Jack who died at birth and Donald Keith Mullins.

She is survived by five sons, Charles Mullins of Wyandatte, Mich., Victor Mullins of Ecorse, Mich., George Mullins of River Rough, Mich., Carl Mullins of Phelps, KY, and one daughter Geneva Pyle of Ecorse, Mich.

She had 17 Grandchildren, 25 Great grandchildren and 1 Great-great-grandchild.

Sammie was a homemaker and a member of the Owsely Freewill Baptist Church.

She thought very highly of the church, as they seem to feel the say way about her. Whenever she became unable to go to Church, the Church came to her. They would hold meetings and prayers for her. This would always cheer her up and it gave her hope.

She also had very kind and thoughtful friends. They were always calling her throughout the day checking on her or they were just dropping by and keeping her company.

She thought the world of them and she would have been lost without them.

Although she is sadly missed by her family and friends, she is in God's hands now, but she will always be in our hearts!

We will always love her and hopefully we will be able to join her someday.

Written by the Family



JOYCE ANN BROWN PROFITT

Joyce Ann Brown Profit was born October 7, 1939 at Winding Gulf, West Virginia to Elizabeth Hall Brown Williams and Arthur Charles Brown.

She was married to Ralph E. Profit on June 20, 1959 in Clintwood, Virginia. On July 29, 1964, a son, Ralph Profit II, joined their family.

Joy, as she was known to family and friends, became a Christian in 1961. Joy served as church clerk, taught Sunday School, and used her beautiful voice as a witness for the Lord. At her death, she was a member of Pine Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Jenkins, Kentucky where her husband served as pastor.

Joy passed from this life on December 4, 1995, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital following a long, but courageous battle with diabetes. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and one sister, Glenna "Judy" Cook.

She leaves behind her son, Chuck; her husband, Ralph; two sisters, Pat Hall of Kona, Kentucky; Peg Robinson of Kingsport, Tennessee; one brother, Eddie Brown of Jackhorn, Kentucky.

Joy will always be remembered by friends, sisters and brothers in Christ, and her family for her ability to make others happy and for bringing sunshine into other's lives. Joy was a "joy" to everyone she met.

LILLIE LEE SCOTT

It is with great sorrow but yet with much rejoicing that this obituary is written for our mother Lillie Lee Scott, age 72. We have such great sorrow that she is no longer with us here but we rejoice to know that if we know the Lord as our saviour as mom did, we will see her again one day very soon. Mom left us on May 27, 1999 at 8 P.M. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. As we stood around her bedside and told her it was time for her to go now to a better place and that we will see her soon.



Lillie was born in Pike County, KY on February 22, 1927 to the late Garland and Emma Smith Lee. She was married to daddy, Bayard Scott on April 16, 1950. Daddy passed away from lung cancer on March 1, 1991. Mom was married prior to dad to Dewey Stiltner and they had one daughter, Janice Stiltner Phillips Robertson who now lives in Winston-Salem, NC, but Janice was daddy's daughter in heart and soul. After mom and dad were married they had three children: one son - Dennis Darrell Scott of Winston-Salem, NC, two daughters - Nokie Faye Scott Huffman of Lexington, NC and Sharon Mae Scott Thompson of Pikeville, KY. To mom and dad were given six grandchildren;

Donna DeJong, Kenneth Phillips, Amanda Huffman, Matthew Huffman, Tabatha Thompson and Sherry Mann. Four great-grandchildren; Ashley, Corey, Shawn and Kristie.

Mom was preceded in death by one brother J. C. Lee. She is survived by one sister, Thelma Lee Bostic of Kimper, KY.

Mom became seriously ill and was hospitalized on December 5, 1998. The last six months of her life were the most precious time that we could have ever spent with her. We thank God for every moment that we had with her during her illness. We made memories that will never leave us and will forever be in our hearts.

Mom loved her church, Edo Freewill Baptist Church of Kimper, KY.

It was so very hard to release her and let her go from us but I believe she saw the angels that came for her. I had asked God to let her see them and a few days before she left us she would lift her head and look around as though she was watching someone in the room. No visible person was around us. She was never afraid because she knew what awaited her!

Mom . . . we love you and miss you so very much and it is my prayer that all four of your children will join you and daddy and so many others in that heavenly reunion one day soon.

I believe these are words mom would have said to each of us:

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy, we had so many years.

I gave you my love! You can only guess,

How much you gave me, in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now, it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must!

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me - Just Call - and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near.

All of my love around you - soft and clear!

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I will greet you with a smile and "Welcome You Home!!!"

Written by Children



GORDON RAY TACKETT

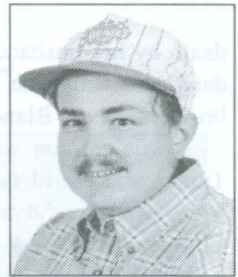
Uncle Gordon

We are writing this in memory of our Uncle Gordon Ray Tackett. He was very precious to us. The Lord took him home early due to liver cancer. He suffered over ten years with it. Gordon loved the Lord but was unable to attend church as he wanted to due to his illness. He would have been 37 years old this August. Bubby Gordon was not a blood uncle, but he was more than that to us. He was the Bubby, special friend, our baby. We spoiled him when he was so sick. We know the Lord took him home and we pray some day we will be reunited. He left behind his soul mate Judy. She dedicated her total life to him. We can't imagine the pain and the loss she felt. He will always be in our hearts and mind.

Till we meet again we love you...Bubby Robert & Sissy Amber

STEVEN BRIAN THOMAS

In remembrance of our sweet, precious son Steven Brian Thomas who went home to be with Jesus on February 26, 1999. Our hearts are still broken. Our lives will never be the same. Our home is so sad. When we get to heaven we won't have to say good bye. The pain is still unbearable. We love and miss you so much, but Steven when Jesus called you had to answer. Our loss is heaven's gain. I know you had a safe landing. I know you are waiting with your arms out stretched for mommy and daddy, Jamie and Jason to come and live with you in heaven. Well we are still on our way and soon we will have a safe landing in heaven to live with you for evermore. The next time we see you, you won't be sick, won't have no more cancer. You may have not got the healing that I wanted for you, but when you left here Jesus healed you. But I know if you could say anything to us this would be what you would say.



MISS ME — BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little but not to long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, Miss Me — But Let Me Go. For this a journey that we all must take and each must go along. It's all a part of the Masters plan, a step on the road home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss Me — But Let Me Go.

Steven Brian Thomas born September 14, 1976 in Richlands, VA, age 22. He

is the son of Steve and Debbie Ratliff Thomas of Rowe, VA. He is survived by his parents and two brothers Jamie and Jason Thomas of Rowe, VA. Steven had many special friends. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. He was a 1994 graduate of Honaker High School and a member of the John Thomas Association and Drill Chapel Free Will Baptist.



MILLIE ABIGAIL TURNER

It is with a sad and aching heart and with the help of the good Lord that we try to write this obituary of our dear and precious mother and grandmother Millie Abigail (Wood) Turner. She was born on February 14, 1923 in Dickenson County. She went home to be with Jesus on March 23, 1998. Making her stay on earth 75 years, 1 month, and 8 days.

Millie was the daughter of the late Cradford and Margaret Woods. She was married to and preceded in death by her husband, Leonard V. Turner. Also preceded her in death was two daughters, Imogene and Barbara Turner, one sister, Cara Woods, and three brothers, Dock, Blane, and Jobie Woods.

To their union were born five sons, Rufus Turner, Eugene Turner, James Turner, and David Turner, all of Clinchco, VA, Hardaway Turner of Clintwood, VA, Two daughters, Pauline Senter of Clinchco, VA and Mary Deel of Clintwood, VA.

Millie was also survived by three sisters, Oma Branham, Chloe Ramsey, and Evon Sykes, all of Clinchco, VA. Two brothers, Garmon Woods of Clinchco, VA and Glen Woods of Garden City, MI. Millie also left behind nineteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, four step grandchildren, and four step great-grandchildren.

Millie was a member of Hillridge Freewill Baptist Church. She looked forward to going to church whenever she was able to go.

Mom you suffered so much here on this earth, but now your suffering is over because God came and took you in His care. I look forward to the day when we will meet again in the land where there will be no more pain, sorrow, or tears. Once we are there we will never depart. We love you and we will miss you. Even though you are gone you will remain in our hearts forever.

Written By: The Broken Hearted Family



CURTIS J. WALLACE

Curtis J. Wallace was the son of Bev. and Nancy (Ratliff) Wallace of Elkhorn City, KY. He was born September 23, 1920 and died September 19, 1997. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gus Wallace of Trenton, Michigan, and Ralph Wallace of Tennessee, two sisters, Corbie Whitley of North Carolina and Hazel Potter of Florida.

He was a truck driver and maintenance worker for the Pikeville Methodist Hospital and a member of the

Energyville Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Lola (Young) Wallace, two sons Rodney Little of McDowell, KY, Curtis Michael Wallace of Slone's Branch, three daughters, Etta (Little) Hughes of Pikeville, KY, Nancy Jane Blackburn of Lookout, KY, and Susan Kirk of John's Creek. One sister, Rushie Cure of Elkhorn City, KY, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Curtis is sadly missed by his friends and family.

Written by his wife and family

EDNA ALBERTA WILLIAMS WELCOME HOME

I know you've lost a loved one
And that hurts very deep,
But she's in Heaven now
Where there's no tears to weep.

She's happy now, she's at home
With Jesus up above,
And with her heart she sends you
Her everlasting love.

In Jesus' arms she is now
With a smile upon her face
Suffering and pain, they are no more
For she's in a better place.

So bow your head and say a prayer
Take Jesus in your heart
He'll wash away your sins
You'll have a brand new start.



So weep no more, your loved one's fine
Kneeling at Jesus' throne
While gazing upon the Saviour's face
She's told, "My Child Welcome Home."

Edna Alberta Williams, Ransom, KY. Born March 19, 1937. Gone to be with God: July 8, 1999. Wife of Bobby Williams. Sadly missed by family and friends. Gone but never forgotten. Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church

Written By: Kim Hunt — Submitted By: Violet Spence

SISTER FERN WILLIAMSON

It is with great love and wonderful memories and by the help of the good Lord, that I am honored to fill the request of Sister Fern (Scott) Williamson, by writing the obituary of one whom I loved so dearly.

Sister Fern was born August 26, 1940. She was united in marriage to John Thomas Williamson September 8, 1960. To this union was born one son, Benny Thomas Williamson. She was preceded in death by her parents Ben & Nancy Scott. She is survived by her husband, John Thomas Williamson, son Benny Thomas Williamson, daughter-in-law Margaret, granddaughter Ashley Adonia Williamson. Two brothers and sisters-in-law Forb & Grace Scott and Stearl & Della Scott, and a host of family and friends.

Sister Fern was added to the church June 7, 1998. She was a member of the Canada Freewill Baptist Church and was baptized by Bro. Donnie Williamson and Bro. Forb Scott, and when she came out of the water she was shouting and praising God.

Sister Fern was a loving and humble person, with a smile on her face and joy down in her soul. She was a faithful member to the house of God as long as her health permitted. She was admitted to the hospital, and with tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her slowly fade away. On November 30, 1998, God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around her and whispered come go with me. He then sent a convoy of angels and carried her into Heaven's resting place where she'll never more suffer in this world again.

In closing, I'll say sleep on Sister Fern until resurrection day, when I feel I'll meet you again on that cloud of glory. To her family if you haven't made peace with your souls, fall out with sin, pray and when God speaks sweet peace to your soul, find a good church and become part of this great family and worship God as Sister Fern chose to do.

Let's not grieve as those who have no hope, but lift our eyes toward Heaven where all our help comes from and say Lord it's been good. Sister Fern is gone away with the best friend she ever had. (Gone Away With A Friend). God bless you all.

Written by her sister in Christ, Vernetta Stanley

JAMES WILLIAMSON

James Williamson was born January 3, 1930, and died Wednesday December 23, 1998. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on December 27, 1998 at the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Annie E. Young Cemetery. The officiating ministers were Herbert Goff and Jamie Billiter. James is survived by two sons, Gary Williamson and Keith Williamson.

James became a member of Grassy Freewill Baptist on October 12, 1997 after attending Grassy for several years. His friendly smile and gentleness will be remembered by us all.

Written by: Jack Charles, Grassy FWB Clerk

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 this 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 department; 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. 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 that they shall be at liberty, out of the number of ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them. We recommend that the church elect their pastor by secret ballot, and this annually.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

The times of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meeting are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience.

Each church is required to observe the ordinance. Feet washing follows the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable devotional exercises. The pastor acts as moderator for 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 the 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 justifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and this for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other way. A withdrawal without such letter of recommendation 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 the same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifths 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 the 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 the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses - They assist the deacons and finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among the 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 at 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 he is 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 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-Thonias 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 Minister's 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 required to attach themselves to the Minister's Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Minister's Conference.
4. All ministers belonging to the Conference are required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.
5. Any ministers failing to report for a period of one year, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself from the Conference.
6. All ministers moving to another Quarterly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move.
7. Resolution of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting. To all pastors and churches, as recommended by the 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 Minister's Conference recommends to the Yearly Meeting that our older Ministers who would be approved by an appointed committee be given good standing cards for life.

(This recommendation was accepted and passed by a vote of 20-2 by the Yearly Meeting, September 11, 1976.)

ORGANIZATION OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister which will meet with the delegates and proceed.

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the right reason for such an organization as desired.
2. The right hand of fellowship and consecrating pray.
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 judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall be 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 move or at the demand of any one member.
11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.
12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.

13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a decision be sustained by the majority.
14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.
15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
16. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or to make explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding or language which may need explanation.
17. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than five minutes at each time on any question without leave of the Moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.
18. All committees shall be named by the Moderator, by request of the conference.
19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committee 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 and the clerk.
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 a 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 discussion 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 discipline 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 the 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 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 the power to adopt any regulation or by-laws not inconsistent 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 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, 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 brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or another are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3: 10; 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 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 doth 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 believer's 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 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 fact: 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 believers. I Cor. 14:1-40; Heb. 2:4.

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues. I Cor. 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 aside particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow. (I Cor. 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 Cor. 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." Eph. 5:8-20.

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

County:	Dickenson County	Letcher County	Pike County	New Durham	Hamilton County	TOTAL
Churches:	36	20	19	9	3	87
Membership:	2253	1541	1789	334	128	6045
Sunday School:	34	19	17	8		78
SS Membership:	1580	685	825	334		3424
Ministers:						
Ordained:	101	62	76	10	7	256
Licensed:				1		1
Lifetime:	8	9	4	2		23
Ladies Aux.	11	12	11			34
Aux. Membership:		150	147			297

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Yearly Meeting of the John-Thomas Association will be 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.

Letcher.	2000
Pike.	2001
Dickenson.	2002
Letcher.	2003
Pike.	2004
Dickenson.	2005
Hamilton.	2006
Letcher.	2007
Pike.	2008
New Durham.	2009

