

MINUTES

OF THE

Second Annual Session

OF THE

Missouri State Association

OF

Freewill Baptists

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Held With Hannon Church, in Barton  
County, Missouri

October 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1915





REV. IRA W. WATERMAN,  
ELDRIDGE, Mo.  
Clerk Missouri State Association of  
Freewill Baptists.

## SESSION PROCEEDINGS

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At 7 o'clock on October 27, 1915, the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists met with Hannon church, in Hannon, Barton county, Missouri, in its second annual session.

Praise by congregation. Prayer by Rev. T. C. Ferguson.

Motion carried that Revs. N. B. Sala and Ira Waterman occupy the pulpit. Text: St. John 4th chapter and 14th verse.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

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Praise by congregation. The Moderator, W. H. McKown, read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Lattimer.

Rev. Ira Waterman was chosen Clerk Pro Tem.

Call for Ministers and Deacons who belong to this body. Revs. T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, W. H. McKown, J. T. Slaight and B. F. Brown and Deacons O. T. Fast, E. S. Lewis and C. L. Ricketts responded.

Call for letters from Associations, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings which compose this body. The Northeast Missouri Association, The Northwest Missouri Yearly Meeting, The Central-Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Associations and The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting responded.

Letters read, accepted and delegates seated in council.

New Associations and Quarterly Meetings called for. Indian Creek, Western, Mt. Zion, Laclede County and Union Associations responded.

Letters read, accepted and delegates seated in council.

Reports of Revs. C. E. Mann, T. C. Ferguson and Myrtle Ferguson were read and accepted.

Revs. J. T. Slaight and E. C. Whitehead were chosen to preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Wolfe.

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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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Praise by congregation. For a lesson the Moderator read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. Prayer by Mary Wade.

Motion carried that Revs. J. H. Wolfe and G. S. Lattimer be received and seated as messengers from the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Call for report from the Committee on Constitution. Constitution was presented and read.

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Motion carried that each article of the Constitution be acted upon separately.

Articles One, Two and Three adopted.

Articles Four and Five referred to a Committee composed of the following: Revs. J. H. Wolfe, Ira Waterman and L. C. Wade.

Articles Six and Seven adopted.

Article Eight referred to the above Committee.

Article Ten adopted.

Motion carried that Revs. G. S. Lattimer and Myrtle Ferguson occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. N. B. Sala.

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### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

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Praise by congregation. The Moderator read the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Bayless.

Special Committee reported a Constitution consisting of nine articles.

Report accepted and the Constitution as a whole adopted.

Motion carried to adopt the treaty as our form of government.

By-Laws adopted as read.

Rev. T. C. Ferguson was elected Moderator and Deacon O. T. Fast assistant.

Rev. Ira Waterman was elected Clerk and Rev. C. E. Mann assistant.

Rev. Ira Waterman was also elected Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. L. Shuey.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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Praise by congregation. The Moderator read the 30th Psalm. Prayer by the Moderator.

Call for business.

Motion carried to elect a Board of Trustees in accordance with Article Four of our Constitution.

Revs. W. H. McKown, Ira Waterman, T. C. Ferguson and C. E. Mann and Delegate J. D. Fowler were chosen as the Board of Trustees.

Motion carried that the Board of Trustees be our Home Mission Board.

Motion carried to place the welfare of our worthy and needy ministers in the hands of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried that Revs. Ira Waterman, T. C. Ferguson and



Myrtle Ferguson be our State Evangelists, but without salary.

Motion carried that Rev. Ira Waterman superintend the printing of one thousand copies of minutes.

Motion carried to give the remainder of the afternoon to Revs. W. H. Wolfe and G. S. Lattimer to discuss the co-operative work proposed to this body by the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Motion carried that we call a meeting to be held at Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, to convene at 7:30 p. m. on December 27, 1916, for the purpose of meeting with delegates from the Nebraska Yearly Meeting or delegates from any other Freewill Baptist body west of the Mississippi River who wish to unite with us in organizing a Co-operative General Association.

NOTICE.—I hereby give written notice that at the next session of this Association I will ask that every Article of the Constitution governing this body be revised.

[Signed] T. C. FERGUSON.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. A. L. Shuey and G. S. Lattimer occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. C. Ferguson.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

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Praise by congregation. For a lesson the Moderator read the 90th Psalm. Prayer by Deacon O. T. Fast.

Call for business.

Motion carried that each church take up a collection once a year for the support of the needy ministers and that the money be turned over to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried that the Home Mission Board act as this Association when this body is not in session and three members to be a quorum to transact business when all five members have been duly notified of time and place of meeting.

Resolved, That we, as a body, declare ourselves in favor of national prohibition of the rum traffic and pledge our support for it.

Motion carried that our next meeting shall convene at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, October 25, 1916, and that Rev. Ira Waterman preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that we co-operate with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and other body or bodies in establishing a Freewill Baptist paper.

Motion carried that we, with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and other bodies through their State Boards, take steps in the founding of a Freewill Baptist school.

Motion carried that we jointly with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting and other bodies of Freewill Baptists under the directions

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of the various State Boards establish a Freewill Baptist Biblical Correspondence School.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. C. W. Mayfield and N. B. Sala occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock a. m.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

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#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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Praise by congregation. For a lesson the Moderator read the 95th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. T. C. Ferguson.

Call for business.

Motion carried that we send Rev. Ira Waterman as a delegate to the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. Ira Waterman and S. B. Mayfield occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m; Revs. J. H. Wolfe and Ira Waterman Sunday at 11 a. m. and Revs. G. S. Lattimer and A. L. Shuey at 7 p. m. Sunday.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Hickory Grove church, in Cass county, Missouri, at 7 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, October 25, 1916.

Adjourned by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert.

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#### ENROLLMENT OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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##### Northeast Missouri Association

Name.	Address.
C. E. Mann.....	Novinger, Missouri
Cora Mann....	Novinger, Missouri
James S. Shoop.....	Kirksville, Missouri
L. L. Miklse.....	Greentop, Missouri
Charlie Phillips.....	Connellsville, Missouri
J. D. Duckworth.....	Stahl, Missouri
W. D. McFarland.....	Livonia, Missouri
P. H. Veach .....	Livonia, Missouri
James Vestal.....	Livonia, Missouri

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##### Laclede County Association

W. T. James.....	Broadway, Missouri
C. M. Rector.... <i>Great Uncle</i> .....	Eldridge, Missouri
R. W. Waterman.....	Eldridge, Missouri
Richard Stevens.... <i>Isaac's father</i> .....	Abo, Missouri
M. H. Reed.....	Warsaw, Missouri
H. F. Weaver.....	Bentonville, Arkansas



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F. M. Phelps.....	St. James, Missouri
William Bingham.....	Falcon, Missouri
M. E. Brasher.....	Abo, Missouri
Mary Edwards.....	Nebo, Missouri
W. D. Peoples.....	Agnes, Missouri
M. M. Kelley.....	Salina, Kansas
William Scheets.....	Agnes, Missouri
A. L. Broyles.....	Lyons, Missouri
L. H. Jones.....	Bath, Missouri
Charlie McAlister.....	Nebo, Missouri
L. A. Miller.....	Cross Timbers, Missouri
Charlie Waterman.....	Dove, Missouri
T. B. Odom.....	Eldridge, Missouri
Ira Waterman.....	Eldridge, Missouri
J. W. Curran.....	Russellville, Arkansas
William West.....	Fristoe, Missouri
A. J. Kelsey.....	Lyons, Missouri
E. W. Bingham.....	Lyons, Missouri
J. R. Reid.....	Abo, Missouri
Frank Edwards.....	Nebo, Missouri
Jeff Peterson.....	Oakland, Missouri
Robert Agee..... <i>Great Uncle</i> .....	Springfield, Missouri
M. T. Lomenick.....	Fate, Missouri
John Lapp.....	Fristoe, Missouri
A. J. Chambers.....	Agnes, Missouri
S. N. Reid.....	Abo, Missouri
W. P. Maukin.....	Dove, Missouri

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### Central-Western Missouri and Southeast Kansas Association

D. M. Carlock.....	Greenfield, Missouri
H. Seward.....	Neola, Missouri
E. F. Crabtree.....	Hannon, Missouri
J. T. Williams.....	Greenfield, Missouri
T. C. Ferguson.....	Stockton, Missouri
Myrtle Ferguson.....	Stockton, Missouri
Joe Sigafosse.....	Chanute, Kansas

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### Union Association

J. H. Claxton.....	Competition, Missouri
Z. Williams.....	Cabool, Missouri
J. T. McCall.....	Cold Springs, Missouri
J. T. Holcomb.....	Niangua, Missouri
D. H. Long.....	Mountain Grove, Missouri
J. W. Love.....	Mountain Grove, Missouri
C. S. Long.....	Norwood, Missouri

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L. W. Hensley.....	Hartville, Missouri
W. N. Zuvers.....	Norwood, Missouri
W. S. Gaskill.....	Mansfield, Missouri
M. B. Clift.....	Niangua, Missouri
E. N. Delcour.....	St. George, Missouri
L. M. Marler.....	Seymour, Missouri
T. B. Marler.....	Ava, Missouri
A. Halford.....	Bushy Knob, Missouri
Ora Keller.....	Bushy Knob, Missouri
E. Carpenter.....	Teague, Missouri
A. Browitt.....	Hartville, Missouri
Rev. Silvy.....	Seymour, Missouri
Rev. Guring.....	(Address not known)
A. J. Barnett.....	Norwood, Missouri

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### Indian Creek Association

E. C. Whitehead.....	Anderson, Missouri
C. Thomas.....	Rocky Comfort, Missouri
H. E. Rowland.....	Baxter Springs, Missouri
E. Hendrickson.....	Granby, Missouri
L. E. Nutting.....	American Falls, Idaho
I. M. Marbut.....	Purdy, Missouri

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### St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting

I. L. L. Pond.....	Esther, Missouri
T. J. Mann.....	Esther, Missouri
J. D. Flannery.....	De Lassus, Missouri
J. J. Wood.....	Farmington, Missouri

No report from Northwestern Missouri Association.

No report from Western Mt. Zion Missouri Association.



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## CHURCH COVENANT

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Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another, by the will of God, in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages; and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of the Sabbath schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God,

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infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in his divine nature truly God, in his human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man; once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is an ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: First, Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Second, Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. Third, Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who, through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of be-



lievers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel; of universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

15. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of judgment; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

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## BY-LAWS

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I. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer and shall be closed by prayer.

II. No one shall speak more than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

III. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote thereon the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

IV. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

V. All who wish to speak while the Association is in session shall arise and say "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

VI. The Moderator shall stop all discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

VII. The officers of this body shall submit every year a written report of the work done for this Association.

VIII. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular business session by a majority vote.

## CONSTITUTION

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I. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists.

II. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together the Freewill Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering so they can get better acquainted with each other and for the upbuilding of the Freewill Baptist churches of Missouri and the salvation of souls.

III. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates from the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Associations. Each body shall be entitled to one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, with the deacons and licensed and ordained ministers.

IV. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and an Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected annually and shall hold their office until their successors shall be elected; and a Board of Trustees of at least five members and after the election of such Board they shall proceed by lot to divide the Board into three classes and numbered as follows: First, second and third. The term of office of class one shall expire in one year, of class two in two years and of class three in three years, so that as nearly as possible one-third of the Board shall be elected annually and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected; and further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association, who shall perform the following duties: First—Shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of The Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension to secure, hold, use, convey funds in money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Freewill Baptist denomination. Second—To receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property intrusted to the Association for the purpose in accordance and only in accordance with the purpose of the donors.

V. This Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

VI. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

VII. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk and in their absence the



senior minister in age shall call the Association to order for business and call the Moderator or his assistant to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor assistant are present, then the senior minister in age shall act as Moderator. On taking the chair the Moderator shall call for the reading of the letters from the different bodies composing this Association and after the letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated the election of new officers shall be in order.

VIII. Any organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Freewill Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session through a letter or delegate and by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

IX. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present after a written notice of the contemplated change has been given to this body at the previous session to which such change shall take place.