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OFFICERS

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| Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Moderator, | Ash Grove, Mo. |
| Eld. H. M. McAdams, Ass't Mod. | Flat River, Mo |
| Eld Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas., | Monett, Mo. |
| Eld. E. T. House, Ass't Clerk, | Santa Rosa, Mo. |

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Eld. J. F. Miller, Greentop, Mo., | Term expires 1933. |
| Eld. R. T. Langley, St. Louis, Mo , | Term expires 1932. |
| Dea. P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo , | Term expires 1931. |
| Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo., | Term expires 1930. |
| Eld T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo , | Term expires 1929. |

EXTENSION BOARD

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| Eld Lem Waterman, | Star Rt, Lebanon, Mo. |
| Miss Anna Reed, | Flat River, .. |
| P. R. Henderson, | Purdy, .. |
| E. L. Brewer | Myrtle, .. |
| Eld. C. E. Mann, | Greentop, .. |

STATE EVANGELISTS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Eld. T. C. Ferguson, | Ash Grove, Mo. |
| .. Winford Davis, | Monett, .. |
| .. George Scott, Sr , | Mt. Grove, .. |
| .. Willie Rush, | Santa Rosa, .. |
| .. Mike Cleaver, | Fredericktown, .. |
| .. H. M. McAdams, | Box 574, Flat River, .. |
| .. Lizzie McAdams, | Box 574, Flat River, .. |
| .. R. E. Winfry, | Mammoth Spr'gs, Ark. |

PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Fifteenth Annual Session at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, October 17, 1928, with Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Missouri.

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. T. C. Ferguson Praise by congregation. Prayer by Elder T. J. Dunkin.

Eld. O. T. Allred, the one previously chosen to preach the introductory sermon, not being present, the Moderator appointed a temporary committee to choose two men to fill the stand. They selected Eld. H. M. McAdams, followed by Eld. T. C. Ferguson. Both of these brethren delivered soul-stirring messages, and God's presence was manifested.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 8:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. T. C. Ferguson at 8:30 a. m. Praise by congregation. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Silvey. Scripture reading from the 5th chapter of Matt.

Clerk declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

Letters were read and received from the following Associations: Indian Creek, Union, South East Missouri, Cave Spring, North West Missouri, and North East Missouri. Delegates were seated from the above named Associations, also from Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association, but the letter from that body was delayed. Eld. Willie Rush was declared present as a standing delegate from Niangua Association.

Officers for the Ensuing Year:

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| Moderator, Eld. T. C. Ferguson, | Ash Grove, | Mo. |
| Assistant Mod., Eld. H. M. McAdams, | Flat River, | Mo. |
| Clerk-Treas. Eld. Winford Davis, | Monett, | Mo. |
| Assistant Clerk, Eld. E. T. House, | Santa Rosa, | Mo. |
| Member of Ex. Board for term of five years; | | |
| Eld. J. F. Miller, | Greentop, | Mo. |

Motion carried to receive letters of greeting from Missouri General Baptist Association and seat Elders R. F. Haskins and G. Wilhoit as corresponding messengers from same.

Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: P. R. Henderson, E. L. Brewer, Mary Snidow, L. J. Tyer and Mrs. Willard Lackey. They selected Eld. J. F. Miller to fill the stand at eleven o'clock, followed by Eld. Willie Rush. They both delivered heart reaching messages which were greatly enjoyed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Praise by congregation. Prayer by Eld. Hilliar. Scripture reading from the 14th chapter of John. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Committees were appointed as follows:

BUSINESS—Elders H. M. McAdams, E. T. House and J. W. Silvey.

OBITUARY—Mrs. Emma Henderson, Eld. E. Hilliar and Miss Melba White.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—Elders B. F. Brown J. F. Miller and C. E. Mann.

TEMPERANCE—Miss Anna Reed, and Elders P. B. Barker and T. J. Dunkin.

CONDITION OF WORK IN THE STATE.—Elders H. M. McAdams, Winford Davis and W. R. Rush.

TO SELECT STATE EVANGELISTS—M. H. White, G. A. Brown, P. R. Henderson, Elds. E. Hilliar and H. C. Crase.

Motion carried to elect an Extension Board.

Motion carried that the "Committee on Condition of our Work in the State" select the Extension Board.

Motion Carried to table the motion to have the State Association chartered until another year.

Motion carried to receive the reports of State Evangelists, Elders L. J. Gearing, T. C. Ferguson and Winford Davis.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on selecting State Evangelists.

Motion carried to receive Resolution number 1 of the Business Committee, and that a copy of it be sent to the leading papers.

Motion carried to table Resolutions number two and number three of Business Committee and discuss them first thing Friday morning.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 8.30 a. m. on Friday.

All came together Thursday night by singing, after which Eld. H. M. McAdams and Miss Anna Reed made some very interesting talks on the mission work and other work at Flat River, Mo. A number of the mission workers were present, and sang some special numbers which were greatly enjoyed. Elders R. F. Haskins and G. W. Wilhoit filled the stand as chosen by the committee. Both delivered powerful messages, and God's Spirit seemed to have its way in the hearts of his children.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 8:30, opened by singing. Prayer by Eld. Hildred O'Dell. Scripture reading from the twelfth chapter of Isaiah. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Eld. Hildred O'Dell was declared present as a standing delegate from Indian Creek Association.

Mrs. Kate Wuerfele was declared present as a delegate from Northwest Missouri Association. Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson were declared present as delegates from Northeast Missouri Association.

Resolution number 2 of Business Committee, tabled from Thursday evening was thoroughly discussed, and motion carried to receive the resolution and proceed to carry out its plans.

Motion carried that the establishing of a paper in the State of Missouri, as required in Resolution number 2, of Business Committee be left in the hands of a Committee of nine. The committee was elected as follows: Eld. B. F. Brown, chairman, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Eld. C. E. Mann, Secretary, Greentop, Missouri; Eld. J. F. Miller, Greentop, Missouri; Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri; Eld. E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Missouri; Eld. H. M. McAdams, Flat River, Missouri; Eld. H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Missouri; Miss Anna Reed, Flat River, Missouri; Mrs. Mary Snidow, ElDorado Springs, Missouri.

Motion carried that Resolution number 3 of Business Committee, tabled from Thursday evening, which was an inquiry from Central W. Mo. & S. E. Ks. Ass'n regarding the ordination of women to fill the place of deacons, be turned back to the local church to do as they think best.

Motion carried that the next session of this Association convene at Flat River, Missouri, on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1929, Eld. E. T. House to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Winford Davis to be alternate.

Motion carried to pay Eld Lem Waterman the amount of \$4.75 for the printing of 3000 subscription cards.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to endorse Elders H. M. and Lizzie McAdams as State Evangelists.

Motion carried granting all State Evangelists power to represent this body in any Free Will or General Baptist body they might come in contact with.

Motion carried that the printing of the minutes be given to Elder B. F. Brown.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Committee chose Eld. H. C. Crase to fill the stand at 11 o'clock followed by Eld. T. J. Dunkin. They both delivered rousing messages, and at the close of the service the mission workers from Flat River sang some special numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, opened by singing, and prayer by Deacon P. R. Henderson. Scripture reading from the twenty-third Psalm. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Education-Publication Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on Obituary.

Committee on Closing Resolutions was appointed as follows: Nettie Davis, Anna Reed, Eld. J. F. McCall.

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

On Friday night a very interesting covenant meeting was held just before service, led by the moderator Eld, T. C. Ferguson, after which Eld. C. E. Mann filled the stand followed by Eld. Winiord Davis as selected by the Committee. A standing vote of thanks was also given by the delegates and visitors to the Mt. Zion Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown during the entire session.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, opened by singing, and prayer by Eld Willie Rush. Scripture reading from the 1st chapter of St. John. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Sister Willie Rush was seated as a delegate from the Niangua Association.

Sister E. T. House was seated as a delegate from the Northwest Missouri Association.

Bro. Johnnie Mann was seated as a delegate from the Northeast Missouri Association.

Motion carried that the Business Committee draft a resolution regarding the establishing of an Orphan's and Aged Minister's Home.

Eld. B. F. Brown was elected delegate to the Illinois F. W. B. Yearly Meeting in 1929, Eld C. E. Mann alternate, and the Clerk was authorized to send a letter of greeting.

Motion carried to suspend business, and Eld. J. F. McCall deliver a message. God's spirit was manifested in the message, and all enjoyed a spiritual blessing.

Motion carried to receive the final report of the Business Committee and discharge the Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Condition of our Work in the State.

A standing vote of thanks was extended to the Clerk and Moderator for their faithful service.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1929 with the Flat River Church, Flat River, Mo., St. Francois County.

Committee selected J. W. Silvey to fill the stand at 11 o'clock followed by Eld. P. B. Barker. They both delivered heart-reaching messages, and God's power was wonderfully manifested, after which a number of special songs were sung, and the folks of Mt. Zion Church and Northwest Mo. Association gave a standing vote of appreciation to the brothers and sisters from other parts of the State for their few days helpful stay in their midst.

On Saturday night Eld. R. F. Brown filled the stand and Sunday Eld. J. Stephenson followed by Eld. T. C. Ferguson. All delivered able and soul-lifting sermons which were well received.

S. E. MO. YEARLY MEETING REPORT—Following is a brief report of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting which convened with Oak Grove Church, Leadington, Mo., Sep. 7th and 8th, 1928. This Association is composed of two: The St. Francis County, and The Madison County Quarterly Meetings. St. Francis County reports as follows; Number of churches, 7,

1. The Flat River Church, Flat River, Mo., membership 590, property valued at \$2500.00, Eld. H. M. McAdams, pastor.

1. Oak Grove Church, Leadington, Mo., membership of 118, property valued at \$1400.00, P. B. Hilderbrand, pastor.

3. 611 Rutger Street, St. Louis, Mo. a church having a membership of 84, and a good Sunday School. Eld. W. C Hill, pastor.

4. 4301 North Broadway. another church in St. Louis. Mo. This church has a membership of 40 and a good Sunday School, Eld. Edward Hilliar, pastor.

5. Park View Church, Desloge, Mo. A membership of 85, good Sunday School, Sister H. M. McAdams, pastor.

6. Wortham Church, Wortham, Mo. A membership of 42, property valued at \$1600.00, Eld. J. L. Yancey, pastor.

Ausbury Chapel, Bonne Terre, Mo., a membership of 63, good Sunday School, Eld. Mike Cleaver, pastor.

Madison County reports as follows: Just two churches in spiritual working condition. namely; Mine La Motte and Fredericktown churches. Both have good Sunday Schools. A new church known as "Golden Oak" was recently organized at Mill Creek, Mo. Two churches, Walnut Grove and Union Light did not report and were not represented. Sixteen ministers, from the two Quarterly Meetings, made a report of their work for the past year.

A vote carried endorsing the move for a denominational paper in this state.

Motion carried to recommend Eld. Mike Cleaver to State Association for State Evangelist.

Motion carried that this body request a report of South East Mo. Yearly Meeting be placed in State Minutes.

A donation of \$15.30 was made for printing State Minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Fredericktown Church on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1929.

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| Eld. J. L. Yancey, | Moderator, |
| O. B. Womack, | Clerk. |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Amount received at Association, | \$39.45 |
| Amount left from last year, | 1.42 |
| Total, | 40.87 |
| Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. | |

Committee Reports

BUSINESS, AND CONDITION OF WORK IN STATE—

Following is entire report of joint session of Committees on Business and Condition of our Work in the State:

Resolution No. 1. Be it Resolved, That we do all in our power against the election of any candidate for office who favors the use and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and who is opposed to the reading of our English Bible in our Public Schools.

Resolution No. 2. We find that the establishing of a Free Will Baptist Paper in this State is recommended by the Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting, The Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kansas Association, The Indian Creek Association, The Northwest Mo. Association, The Cave Spring Association, The Niangua Association, and the majority of Laclede County Association, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we establish a paper or magazine in this State, seeing the majority approves it, and the need of it is so great.

Resolution No. 3. Be it Resolved, That this body considers the inquiry from the Central Western Association regarding the ordination of women to fill the place of deacons.

Be it Resolved, That this State Association take steps toward the establishing of an Orphan's and Aged Minister's Home, and that the matter be placed in the hands of the State Executive Board for further action, suggesting that they correspond with Illinois and Nebraska Yearly Meetings, seeking their co-operation.

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| Committee | { | Eld. H. M. McAdams, Chairman, |
| | | „ Winford Davis, Sec. |
| | | „ E. T. House |
| | | „ Willie Rush |
| | | „ J. W. Silvey |

COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHING OF PAPER—Report of Committee on establishing of a Paper is as follows: Committee elected Eld. B. F. Brown chairman, and Eld. C. E. Mann secretary. Prayer by Eld. J. F. Miller.

Motion carried that the paper be made a Monthly Publication.

Motion carried that Bro Brown submit to this committee, a proposition for editing and publishing the paper.

Bro. Brown's proposition was that the State Association stand behind him to the sum of \$1200.00 per year in subscriptions; that he will edit and publish the paper at his home at Tecumseh, Oklahoma until July 1, 1929, by which time he shall be located in Missouri.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Brown's proposition and to elect him as editor.

Motion carried that the paper be called "The Free Will Baptist Gem," as suggested by Eld Lem Waterman.

Motion carried to suspend Business, subject to the call of the chairman.

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| | { Eld. B. F. Brown, |
| | { „ C. E. Mann, Sec. |
| | { „ H. M. McAdams, |
| | { „ E. T. House, |
| Committee | { „ H. C. Crase, |
| | { „ Winford Davis, |
| | { „ J. F. Miller |
| | { Miss Anna Reed, |
| | { Mrs. Mary Snidow. |

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—We endorse and recommend "The Free Will Baptist" and the Sunday School Literature published at Ayden, N. C. and ask that all our Sunday Schools, as far as possible, use our Sunday School Literature. We recommend the Eureka Free Will Baptist College at Ayden N. C. as a safe and proper institution of learning and character building for all who desire a higher course of Christian training.

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| { | Eld. B. F. Brown, chairman, |
| | „ C. E. Mann |
| | „ J. F. Miller |

CONDITION OF OUR WORK IN THE STATE—We find that in the past year twelve new churches have been added to the different bodies composing the State Association; nine new church buildings constructed and being constructed; about twenty-eight new ministers added, and one new parsonage. We find that our State Association is growing, and the opportunities for Missouri are great. We want to urge all our ministers to work hard for new members and the organizing of new churches. Having been authorized to do so, we appoint the following as Extension Board: P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo., Eld. C. E. Mann, Greentop, Mo., Sister Anna Reed, Flat River, Mo., Eld. Lem Waterman, Lebanon, Mo., Star R. and E. L. Brewer, Myrtle, Mo. We pray that they may be greatly instrumental in extending our work in new fields.

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| Committee | { | Eld. Willie Rush, chairman |
| | | „ J. W. Silvey, |
| | | „ Hildred O'Dell |
| | | „ Winford Davis |

Evangelists' Reports

Report of State Evangelist, L. J. Gearing: Worked in the field 96 days, traveled 2964 miles, preached 96 sermons, received \$147.91, and was in a revival when this report was submitted.

Report of State Evangelist T. C. Ferguson: Have held meetings within the bounds of seven of the Associations in the State, held a lot of booster meetings in pastorless churches and among divided churches, helped a number of pastorless churches to get pastors, helped organize several Sunday Schools, helped license several preachers, helped ordain several deacons, and held a number of flower services. A number of souls were saved, baptized and united with the church.

Report of State Evangelist Winford Davis:

Revivals held, 9; Conversions, 136; Number of sermons preached, 147; Additions to the church including the organizing of two churches, 172; Number baptized, 73; Pastored three churches all the year and four part of the

ear; Helped ordain five deacons and helped license two ministers; Number of marriages and funerals, seven; Miles traveled, 4000; Money received, \$529.39. In some of the work I was alone, and in some had help.

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE—we, your Committee on Evangelists, select the following as State Evangelists for the year 1928—1929, to go without salary: Elders T. C. Ferguson, Winford Davis, George Scott, Sr., R. E. Winfrey, Willie Rush, Mike Cleaver, and H. M. and Lizzie McAdams were endorsed by a vote of the body.

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| | { Matt White, Chairman |
| | { G. A. Brown |
| Committee | { P. R. Henderson |
| | { Eld. E. Hilliar |
| | { Eld. H. C. Crase |

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD—We have held no meetings the past year, but have transacted considerable business by correspondence, for the upbuilding of our work in the state —Eld, T. C. Ferguson, Chairman.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE—We extend our sympathy and prayers in behalf of our dear deceased:

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| Eld. Fred Brotherton, | Esther, Mo. |
| Eld H. E. Rowland, | Baxter Springs, Kans. |
| Eld. John Plunk, | Mountain Grove, Mo. |

Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to enter into our midst and call from among us the above named members whom we so highly esteemed and loved, and whereas their absence is felt by us and their respective churches, yet we bow to the will of the Creator and acknowledge His hand in taking them to unite with the Church Triumphant; therefore, be it resolved; That we and the above named churches have lost worthy members to whom we are bound by ties of Christian love, and we offer our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends, and ask them to trust Him who was to the deceased, strength in life and comfort in death.

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| | { Mrs. Emma Henderson, Chair. |
| Committee | { Miss Melba White |
| | { Mrs. Luella Hilliar |

REPORT OF COM. ON CLOSING RESOLUTIONS—Be it resolved that we, the delegates composing this body, and visitors, express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kindness and hospitality and the Christian spirit shown by the Mt. Zion Church and community during our Mo. State Association, of 1928.

Committee { Anna Reed, Chair.
Eld. J. F. McCall
Nettie Davis.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Realizing our National, State and county election is near at hand, we beg our voters before going to the polls to inquire and acquaint themselves as to the standing of the candidates on the Temperance question and the rigid enforcement of the law pertaining to prohibition. Also that the use of tobacco and cigarettes be discouraged among our membership, and especially among our ministers.

Committee { Miss Anna Reed, Chair.
Eld. T. J. Dunkin
Eld. P. B. Barker

Association Enrollment

| MINISTERS | VISITING ELDERS | DELEGATES |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| H. M. McAdams | R. F. Haskins | Mrs Wm. Pirtle |
| Edward Hilliar | G. W. Wilhoit | „ Willard Lackey |
| Hildred O'Dell | Missouri General | „ E. Hilliar |
| Winford Davis | Baptist Ass'n | „ Nettie Davis |
| T. C. Ferguson | | „ P. R. Henderson |
| B. F. Brown | | „ P. B. Barker |
| P. B. Barker | DEACONS | „ Mary Snidow |
| T. J. Dunkin | P. R. Henderson | Miss Anna Reed |
| H. C. Crase | S. A. Davis | E. L. Brewer |
| C. E. Mann | Willis McKown | John Peterson |
| J. F. Miller | L. J. Tyer | Johnie Mann |
| E. T. House | Wm. Stroud | G. A. Brown |
| J. W. Stephenson | | M. H. White |
| Willie Rush | | Mrs. John Peterson |
| J. W. Silvey | | „ J. F. Miller |
| J. F. McCall | | „ John Wuerfele |

Mrs. E. T. House

„ J. W. Silvey

„ Willie Rush

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to This Association

CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

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| William Rogers, Myrtle, Mo. | W. M. Johnson, Alton, Mo. |
| James McGhee, „ „ | W. P. Stogsdill, „ „ |
| T. J. Dunkin, „ „ | Elmer Hodges, „ „ |
| T. G. Rutledge, „ „ | Naith Combs „ „ |
| J. R. W. Harbison, „ „ | W. C. Norman, Myrtle, „ |
| W. C. Williams, „ „ | H. C. Crase, Rl, „ „ |
| Milo Stanley, „ „ | |
| J. P. McCullough, Clerk, Alton, Mo. | |

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

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| Ed Womack, Flat River, Mo. | C. Wood, Fredericktown, Mo. |
| F. M. Robinson, „ „ | V. Simmons, „ „ |
| P. B. Hilderbrand, „ „ | John Maze, „ „ |
| Bert Wright, „ „ | Mike Cleaver, „ „ |
| Lizzie McAdams, „ „ | J. L. Yancey, „ „ |
| H. M. McAdams, „ „ | John Flanery, Doe Run, „ |
| L. N. Beard, Bismarck, „ | C. Canterbury, Knoblick, „ |
| T. J. Mann, Esther, „ | S. M. King, Faro, „ |
| W. C. Hill, 1032 Park Ave, | St Louis, „ |
| P. S. Cox, 1521 S. 3rd St., | „ „ |
| Edward Hilliar, 4301 N. Br'd'y, | „ „ |
| J. W. Fancis, 1511 N. 15th. St, | „ „ |
| N. Gamblin, 1505 Hickory St., | „ „ |
| Geo. Miller, 1533 N. 17th, St., | „ „ |
| R. T. Langley, 3681 Lindel Boul, | „ „ |
| J. M. Henderson, Mill Creek, | „ „ |
| S. M. Ferguson, River Mine, | „ „ |
| F. A. Semino, Detroit, Mich. | |
| O. B. Womack, Clerk, Farmington, Mo. | |

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo. W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.
G. W. Hensley, Gr. City, „ J. W. Stephenson, St. Joe, „
Miss Melba White, Clerk, Hemple, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. S. A. Mayfield, Carterville, Mo.
A. M. Walgamott, Joplin, „ E. Hendrickson, Granby, „
G. W. Faust, Galena, Kans. R. Hollars, Blue Eye, „
J. A. Posy, Treece, „ Wes Martin, Douthat, Okla.
E. C. Whitehead, 417½ Emety St., Picher, „
B. Clark, Motor Route A, Box 340, Joplin, Mo.
Hildred O'Dell (licensed), Treece, Kans.
Myrtle Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.
Henry Finnemore, (licensed), Monett, „
Ira Moore and E. Casteel, address unknown.
Emma Henderson, Clerk. Purdy, Mo.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

J. F. Miller, Greentop, Mo. C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.
C. E. Mann, „ „ W. D. McFarland, Livonia, „
J. F. Duckworth, Hazel Park, Mich.
Bessie Fowler, Clerk, 606 S. 1st., Kirksville, Mo.

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

Willie Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo. W. N. Sutton, Long Lane, Mo.
J. H. Robinson, Lebanon, „ G. W. Sturdevant, „ „
W. M. Phillips, „ „ Emel Burton, „ „
C. A. Hefton, Phillipsb'g, „ H. S. Lee, „ „
Willie Jones, Conway, „ Lee Spain, Springfield, „
Elmer Palmer, Branch, „ J. P. Highfill, „ „
Arthur Bailey, Plad, „ Theo. Clark, Buffalo, „
O. B. Lane, Tulsa, Okla. Ray Scrivner, „ „
N. J. Brashears, Lindsay, Calif.
W. F. Millard, Clerk. Buffalo, Mo.

UNION ASSOCIATION

T. B. Marler, Inola, Mo. J. H. Towel, Springfield, Mo.
A. J. Barnett, Norwood, „ Omer Rose, „ „
C. S. Cartwright, „ „ W. E. George, R6, „ „

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| O. C. Kellar, Noawood, Mo. | T.K. Hall, Springfield, Mo |
| Clarence Ussery, „ „ | J. H. Lowery, „ „ |
| Neal Moore, „ „ | A. J. Kelsey, Hartville, „ |
| Ben Owens, „ „ | J. E. Burney, „ „ |
| B. S. Moody, „ „ | B. H. Williams, „ „ |
| J. G. Koch, Huggins, „ | D. R. Royster, „ „ |
| John Ratterree, „ „ | Arthur Rich, Macomb, „ |
| L. T. Koch, „ „ | L. M. Marler, Ava, „ |
| J. W. Silvey, Seymour, „ | W. N. Coffman, Mt. Grove, „ |
| J. H. Claxton, „ „ | G. W. Scott, Sr., „ „ |
| O. L. Claxton, „ „ | J. F. Marler, Cedar Gap, „ |
| E. Carpenter, „ „ | O. T. Allred, Monett, „ |
| Jeff Pastewait, Graff, „ | N. E. Snyder, Manes, „ |
| G. W. Scott, Jr, „ „ | H. M. Cope, Lebanon. „ |
| A.L. Halford, Brushyknob, „ | C. W. Edwards, Competit'n, „ |
| J. T. Holcomb, Marshf'd, „ | Frank Butram, Gr. Spring, „ |
| Selph Jones, Hartville, „ | J. F. McCall, Locust Gr., Okla. |

Tennie Scott, Clerk, Manes, Mo,

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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CHURCH COVENANT

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 principle 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 Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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 the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to 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 our 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, 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, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, 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, 1. Repentance, or sincere sorrow for sin, and hearty renunciation of it, 2. 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. 3. Continuance in faith 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 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 of 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 eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, 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. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. 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 evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together of the Free Will Baptist 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 Free Will Baptist churches of Missouri, and for the salvation of souls.

3. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer and shall superintend the printing of the minutes at \$5.00 per annum, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a Board of Trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows. One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one five years, and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years, and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected; and further, if any vacancy 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 Free Will Baptist; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, hold, use and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the Gospel in connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Second—To receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property intrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons or delegates.

5. 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.

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

7. 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 the Moderator nor his 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 officers shall be in order.

8. An organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Free Will Baptist may unite with this body at any regular session through a letter or delegate and by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two thirds vote of all the members present, after a written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

BY--LAWS

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

2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body, any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

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

4. 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.

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

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say. "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

7. 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.

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a report of the work done for this Association.

9. Each body holding membership in this Association is requested to pay to the Treasurer of this Association at least one dollar each year for each active church; the money to be used for printing minutes and other expenses of the Association.

10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot, except when the rules are suspended, then election shall be by acclamation.

12. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a two-thirds vote of this body.

14. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection.

15. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects, except to amend the Constitution, receive Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association.