

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Eighty-Fifth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
HELD WITH  
**SHILOAH CHURCH**  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY  
OCTOBER 12-13-14-1935

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**OFFICERS**

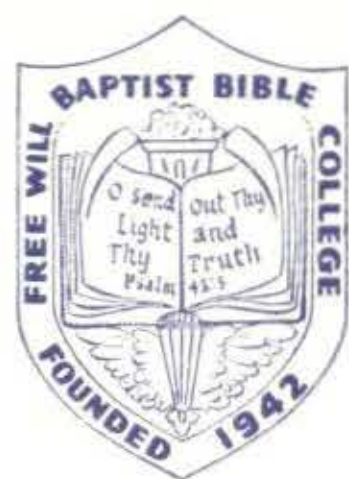
Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Alabama, Moderator  
J. H. Harless, Elrod, Alabama, Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

J. A. Hickman, J. S. Loftis, J. O. Perigen  
J. M. Stokes and J. C. Oswalt

The next session of this Association will be held with Union Church,  
Gordo, Pickens County, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the second  
Sunday in October, 1936.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Al Hamm

## Proceedings of the Association

The Eighty Fifth Annual Session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1935.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. Montgomery. Text: Revelations 21:7, after which one and one half hours were taken for recreation and refreshments.

At the appointed time the ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house and was called to order by the former moderator, Rev. M. Montgomery. After reading the 37th. Psalms and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner the body was fully organized. The former clerk being absent, J. H. Harless was appointed to fill his place pro tem, after which the following business was transacted.

The letters from the various churches were handed in and read and the delegates listed as per statistical table. Moved that we seat Unity Grove delegates.

Moved that we seat Sister Wood Springfield as a delegate from Hattis Chapel.

The body then proceeded to elect moderator and clerk, whereby Rev. T. L. Walker was elected moderator and J. H. Harless clerk.

Extended an invitation for new churches to join. None presented.

Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations, whereby Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. J. F. Ashmore from Jasper Association and Rev. J. L. Lavender from Vernon Association.

The following committees were appointed.

1. On devotion: J. M. Stokes, M. T. Montgomery and S. H. Lindsay, with Deacons of Shiloh Church.
2. Document and order of business: Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. W. J. Harbin, T. A. Guin, with Rev. J. L. Conner as councilman, with moderator and clerk.
3. Sabbath School: Rev. J. E. Tilley, W. W. Tilley, B. S. Cole, W. F. Winter.



4. Temperance: Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. T. V. Wheat and Rev. M. Montgomery.

5. Finance: W. H. Curry, George Cole and T. J. Shipp.

6. Deceased members: Rev. H. E. Cobb, J. O. Perigen and R. H. Yerby.

7. Moral reform. Rev. W. V. Pool, J. M. Lynn and W. R. Burkhalter.

8. Education: Festus Hollis, J. L. Lynn, Edgar Jones, with Rev. J. L. Lavender and J. F. Ashmore as associates.

9. Resolutions and Queries: J. W. Lancaster, T. B. Smith and J. C. Brown.

The committee on devotion made a partial report as follows: That Rev. J. F. Ashmore preach at 7:00 p. m. today. Sunday, Rev. T. A. Springfield preach at 9:00 a. m., Rev. J. L. Conner preach at 11:00 a. m. and Rev. J. D. Byars preach at 2:30 p. m.

After the assignment, moved to adjourn till Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. T. A. Springfield being sick Rev. T. V. Wheat was appointed to preach at 9:00 a. m.

Rev. T. V. Wheat preached at 9:00 a. m., Text: Mathew 3rd. chapter and 1st. verse.

Rev. J. L. Conner preached at 11:00 a. m. Text: Exodus 1st. chapter and 1st. verse.

Rev. J. D. Byars preached at 2:30 p. m., Text: Mathew 25th. chapter and last verse.

At all the services the house was filled to overflowing with vast throngs of people who enjoyed the spirstual uplift with much rejoicing.

#### MONDAY MORNING

The body met persuant to adjournment. After a song and reading 12th chapter of Romans and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner, the body was declared open for business by the moderator.

1. Roll call of churches and delegates listed as per roll.
2. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.
3. The reports of the various committees called for, handed in and read and adopted, as follows.

#### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on documents and order of business beg leave to report as follows: First, That we proceed after the usual order of business. Second, That the next session of the association be held with Union Church, Pickens County, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1936. Third, We recommend that Rev. T. L. Walker preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. T. V. Wheat be his alternate. Fourth: We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of minutes and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services. Fifth: We recommend that we appoint or elect 3 delegates to meet with State Convention at Belk, Alabama.

REV. J. D. BYARS, Chairman.

#### ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance report as follows: Seeing that the human family are inclined to seek after worldly things, we recommend that each of us as a church abstain from all unclean things, that we live soberly and righteously in this present world, that the people may glorify our Father who art in heaven, speaking the truth always.

We recommend that we leave aside all the worldly amusements, knowing that we are responsible for the bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Fathers and mothers be very careful with your children for the future hope of our churches are placed on the young people.

Report received and committee discharged.

REV. T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Chairman

#### ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on sabbath school beg leave to report as follows: We find only a few sabbath schools are in working order in our association, and we therefore urge that our pastors assist the sabbath schools in their churches by appointing superintendents who will labor in this great work.

We recommend we use the Free Will Baptist literature in each of our sabbath schools and the prayerful study of the Holy Bible and we urge that all sabbath school teacher be christians.

Report received and committee discharged.

REV. J. E. TILLEY, Chairman



### DECEASED MEMBERS

That since our last meeting the following brothers and sisters have passed away, we, your committee on deceased members beg leave to report as follows:

Mount Moriah--Bro. J. W. Walker, Sr.

Macedonia--Sisters Danie Dawkins, Lorene McAdams,

Mandie Lee Clements and Brother J. M. McAdams

Shiloah--Sister Louella Herring and Lillie Montgomery

Tabernacle--Brother A. J. Taylor and Sister Jennie

Barnett Bell

Union--Brother Alvin Hardy, Sisters Omelie Miller

and Susan Hamlin

Mount Zion--Sister Lillian Brown

Pleasant Hill--Sisters Ann Tilley, Wealthy Ann

Tilley and Bro. Lee Herring

Espy Springs--Sister Mary Sanford

Report received and committee discharged

REV. H. E. COBB, Chairman

### ON MORAL REFORM

We, your committee on moral reform beg leave to report as follows: We recommend the reading of God's word and prayers more daily in our home that our children may be better, also that they may be christians. We should let our lights shine before men in our community and our walks of life that they may see the reality in us as God's people.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. W. V. POOL, Chairman

### EDUCATION, LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication recommend that our people take a greater interest in the education of their children, training the mind to think, the heart to feel and the body to act in true accord to the teachings of the Bible. The word of the truth which has proven beyond a doubt to be the guide from earth to Heaven by it we are made to more fully comprehend and understand the truth, the pure and beautiful, it brings to light of the individual life its demand was never greater than now. Young men entering the ministry should be encouraged and aided in their preparations for so great a calling. We recommend the loyal use of our common literature published by the Free Will Baptist Press.

Report adopted, committee discharged

FESTUS HOLLIS, Chairman

### ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows: That we have collected at this session, \$39.30.

Report received and committee discharged.

W. H. CURRY, Chairman

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee recommend that we find that all our ministers are in good standing and are sound in the faith. We recommend the dropping of five churches, but all were retained on roll except Friendship, which has disbanded.

Received report.

J. A. HICKMAN, Chairman

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your Committee on resolutions and queries beg leave to report as follows: That we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Shiloah community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us during this session of the association and we pray God's richest blessings on them. They were given a rising vote of thanks by the entire body.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. W. LANCASTER, Chairman

The Moderator appointed the following delegates to the state convention.

T. A. Guin, W. L. McAdams and W. R. Burkhalter

Received final report of devotional committee, whereby Rev. W. J. Harbin preached the valedictory sermon.

Received report and committee discharged

J. M. STOKES, Chairman

There being no further business, moved to adjourn.

The valedictory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Harbin. Text: Rev. 22:7, after which the parting hand was taken to meet with Union on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1936.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Moderator

J. H. HARLESS, Clerk



## LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah--J. W. Lancaster and T. B. Smith  
Macedonia--J. M. Stokes, G. E. Ruffin and W. L. McAdams  
Shiloah--J. N. Burkhalter, W. H. Koon, W. R. Burkhalter  
Tabernacle--M. T. Montgomery, W. E. Ashcraft, Edgar Jones  
Belk-Harvey Yerby, D. R. Belk, Festus Hollis  
Union--S. V. Powell, S. H. Lindsay, W. H. Curry  
Phillips Chapel--M. J. Sanford, J. M. Lynn, J. L. Lynn  
Union Hill--J. O. Perigen, W. D. Perigen, W. M. Harris  
Mount Zion--T. J. Shipp, W. F. Winter, J. C. Brown  
Hatties Chapel--Sister Wood Springfield  
Pleasant Hill--W. W. Tilley, J. H. Harless, Mrs. Anna Springer  
Unity Grove--T. A. Guin, H. C. Cole  
Espy Springs--By letter  
Sardis--Tom Driver

## ORDAINED MINISTERS & THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Ala., R. 3  
Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.  
Rev. W. R. Robinson, Reform, Ala., R. 2  
Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.  
Rev. L. A. Williamson, Newtonville, Ala.  
Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., R. 1  
Rev. T. V. Whear, Coker, Ala., R. 1  
Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala., R. 4  
Rev. W. J. Harbin, Berry, Ala.  
Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala., R. 1  
Rev. J. F. Carmack, Glen Allen, Ala., R. 1  
Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala., R. 2  
Rev. R. L. Taylor, McConnells, Ala.  
Rev. H. E. Cobb, Millport, Ala.  
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Ala.

## LICENTIATES

Edgar Jones, Coker, Ala., R. 1  
Howard Brown, Coker, Ala., R. 1  
Henry Black, Reform, Ala.

## DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev. I. T. Nabors, Rev. E. Core, Rev. T. Maloy, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. W. J. Cowart, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. O. M. Archie, Rev. E. F. Pool.

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. T. L. Walker, Moderator, Gordo, Ala., R. 4  
J. H. Harless, Clerk, Elrod, Ala.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Hickman, Gordo, Ala., R. 1 J. C. Oswalt, McConnells, Ala., R. 1 J. M. Stokes, Millport, Ala. J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Ala. J. O. Perigen, Reform, Ala.

## Proceedings of Union Meeting

The Forty Fourth Annual session of the union meeting of Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association held with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Ala., July 27th. and 28th. 1935.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Harbin preached the introductory sermon. Text: Isaiah 51:1, after which the body adjourned for refreshments to meet again at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The ministers and messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business. After reading 5th. Psalms by Rev. J. E. Tilley, and prayer by H. E. Cobb, the house was called to order by the moderator. The following business was transacted.

1. Letters from various churches were handed in and read. Delegates listed as per roll.

2. Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. J. E. Tilley moderator and L. B. Koon clerk.

3. Extended invitations to visiting brethren from other associations. None present. The following committees were appointed.

1. On document and order of business, Rev. T. A. Springfield, P. J. Frazier, W. T. Peek, with moderator and clerk.

2. Sunday School, Sam Hill Lindsay, J. S. Loftis, G. S. McReynolds, Mrs. G. S. McReynolds, R. A. Miller, W. M. Harris.

3. Resolutions and queries, J. M. Stokes, Mrs. J. M. Stokes, J. H. Galloway, and H. M. Montgomery.

4. Devotion, W. L. Burkhalter, W. H. Curry, J. O. Perigen, and L. B. Cowart with deacons of Union Hill church.

Partial report of the devotional committee. Sunday, Rev. T. A. Springfield preach at 9:00 a. m., Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 11:00 a. m., Rev. W. R. Robinson preach at 3:00 p. m.

Moved and adopted that we adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning.



## SUNDAY SERVICE

Song and prayer service. Preaching by Rev. T. A. Springfield at 9:00 o'clock. Text: St. John 1:9. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 11:00 o'clock. Text: 1st. Samuel 13:12. Rev. W. R. Robinson preached at 2:30 p. m. Text: 1st. John 4:8.

## MONDAY MORNING

Monday morning, 8:00 o'clock, after reading the 6th. chapter of Romans by Rev. J. E. Tilley, and prayer by W. J. Harbin the following business was transacted.

1. Roll call of delegates.
2. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and adopted.

Moved and adopted to adjourn this present Union meeting after the valedictory sermon and parting hand to convene with Tabernacle Church on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1936.

REV. J. E. TILLEY, Modertor  
L. B. KOON, Clerk

## DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on documents and order of business report as follows:

First: We recommend that we proceed after the regular order of business. Second: That the next session of the Union meeting be held with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1936. We recommend that Rev. J. E. Tilley preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. T. A. Springfield be his alternate

We recommend that each preacher of the Mount Moriah Association attend the annual meetings by person or by letter.

T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Chairman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School report as follows: We find eight of our churches have Sunday School and a fine work is manifested in same. We find four of our churches have no Sunday School. We greatly urge the members those churches to organize a Sunday School.

We pray that these churches can organize and the young people will take interest in going and taking part in these christian services, We find no better way to hold interest in our young people than through our Sunday School work, to be led by our very best church members. We urge our Sunday School to select as officers the leading members of their churches. We especially urge the parents of our young people take interest in our young people and our Sunday School and we urge our Sunday School officers and teachers to use our Free Will Baptist literature.

G. S. McREYNOLDS, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We wish to tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Union Hill community for the able manner in which they have cared for us during our stay with them, and we pray God to continue H's blessings on them.

J. M. STOKES, Chairman

## DEVOTION

We, your committee on devotion make final report that Rev. H. E. Cobb preach at the close of the session.

W. L. Burkhalter, Chairman

## LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING

Mt. Moriah--Bro. L. V. Cowart, George McReynolds  
Mrs. George McReynolds

Macedonia--Bro. J. M. Stokes, Mrs. J. M. Stokes

Shiloah--W. L. Burkhalter, R. A. Miller L. B. Kcon

Tabernacle--Bro. P. J. Frazier, J. S. Loftis H. M. Montgomery

Union--Bro. W. H. Curry S. H. Lindsay

Phillips Chapel--J. H. Galloway

Union Hill--Bro. J. O. Perigen, W. T. Peek W. M. Harris

Mount Zion--Represented by letter

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS

Rev. W. J. Harbin

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. W. R. Robinson. Reform, Ala., R. 2,

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala., R. 4.

Rev. H. E. Cobb, Millport, Ala.

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala., R. 2.

Licentiate, Bro. Henry Black



## Articles of Faith

Art. 1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, self-existent Creator of all things, and revealed under the personal divine perfection, and existing in distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; and it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the center of Christian union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinion will be tried.

Art. 3. We believe that man was created holy under the law of his Maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own will and ability to recover from the fallen state in which they are by nature.

Art. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by an absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

Art. 5. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering made an atonement for the sins of all mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

Art. 6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural faculties and powers or from the force and operation of the free will, since man in consequence of his natural corruption is capable neither of thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

Art. 7. We believe in the general application of the grace of God for fallen men sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty--James 1:25, this is to act saving faith, John 1:9, however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32, Romans 2:9, John 3:19.

Art. 8. We believe in the moral agency of man, by the grace of God, before and after conversion; that he is laid under no invincible necessity, but his Creator, to get in a given way, that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and, therefore, man is always a proper subject for admonition and exaltation. Hebrews 11:12-13; Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12; Ezekiel 18:24; Rev. 2:3; Ezekiel 33:13-28; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:5; 1 Cor. 10:12-22; 1 Peter 1:10.

Art. 9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Art. 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are proper subjects

Art. 11. We believe the Lord's supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination,

Art. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment; and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

Art. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized by their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches who are in good standing in their respective churches, to commune with us at the Lord's Table.

## RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session, the former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

Art. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

Art. 3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by delegates present elects.

Art. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as often as necessary during the session.

Art. 5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

Art. 6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in cases of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on all questions after others have spoken, provided he appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.

Art. 7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator, and after recognition by the Moderator he shall proceed.

Art. 8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflection.

Art. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than 15 minutes at a time.

Art. 10. No member shall laugh or talk while debates are going on.

Art. 11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES County-State	PASTORS	CLERKS Postoffice	EX-PASTORS	Paid Pastors	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund
1. Mount Meriah Pickens County, Ala.	J. D. Byars	C. C. Gore McShan, Ala.	J. D. Byars	\$75	\$35	6	0	2	0	1		2	122	\$2.65
2. Macedonia Pickens County, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	W. E. Dean Millport, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	62	18	9	4	4	0	4		1	285	3.00
3. Shiloah Pickens County, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	J. H. Hickman Gordo, Ala., R. 1	J. E. Tilley	74	25	4	3	1	1	2		3	181	5.00
4. Tabernacle Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	T. T. Wheat	J. S. Loftis McConnells	M. Montgomery	40	-----	3	4	0	0	1	1	1	143	5.00
5. Belk Fayette County, Ala.	M. L. Hollis	Leon Crowley Belk, Ala.	M. L. Hollis	150	-----	15	1	0	0	1	1	2	198	3.00
6. Union Pickens County, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	S. H. Lindsay Gordo, R. 2	J. E. Tilley	90	20	9	2	1	0	3		2	143	3.00
7. Phillips Chapel Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	M. Montgomery	W. L. Sanford Fayette, R. 4	M. Montgomery	40	-----	16	0	2	0	0	6	4	236	4.00
8. Union Hill Pickens County, Ala.	T. L. Walker	W. M. Harris Reform, Ala.	T. L. Walker	31	7	3	0	0	0	0		2	85	1.50
9. Mt. Zion Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	M. Montgomery	T. E. Logan McConnells, Ala.	T. L. Walker	53	-----	1	1	0	0	1	7	3	118	4.00
10. Hattis Chapel Pickens County, Ala.							0	0	0	0				1.00
11. Pleasant Hill Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	T. L. Walker	J. H. Harless Elred, Ala.	T. L. Walker	60	16	3	0	0	0	3		4	129	3.00
12. Unity Grove Lamar County, Ala.							0	0	0	0				
13. Esby Springs Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	T. L. Walker	S. G. Weaver Samantua, Ala.	T. L. Walker	65	-----		2	0	0	1		1	62	1.20
14. Sardis Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.							0	0	0	0				1.00
15. Sulphur Springs Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.							0	0	0	0				