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April 7 - 1914

The Ex Board of the N.E. Y. M. of Free Baptists met at the
county commissioners office in Decumseh
members present Woffe - Fink - And Fuller Absent
Myers & Fleming -

Voted in the matter of keeping the permanent fund
employed decided to accept the assignment of
a mortgage and note on a farm near Crab
orchard N.E. amount Forty six hundred ³⁰ dollars
\$4630.00 jointly with Tekora V. Taylor for Twelve hundred
dollars \$1200.00 & said notes drawing 5 1/2 Per. cts. Inters. class of Tax³ &
and to bring our amount up to Thirty four hundred and
thirty dollars \$3430.00 & we borrow five hundred dollars
\$500.00 from the 1st State Bank in Decumseh until the balance
\$500.00 of the Royce mortgage is payed - which we are assur
ed will be within this year and as the Treas. Book
show only \$3392.42 the Balance ^{\$37.20} still lacking be taken from
the General fund

In regard to Bro. Flemings resignation no action was
taken - was hopeful he would again return to the
State

In as much as the Union with the Missionary
Baptist has been presented to our Yearly Meeting at two
former Sessions and Voted almost unanimous
in the negative -

There seems to have been some agency at work in
our churches to change sentiment - as evidenced by
the number of requests received of late - wanting the
Board to give them a deed of their church property

but notwithstanding how willingly we might
be to comply with their requests
its evident legally we cannot do so

that a matter for the yearly meeting to decide
and that will take one year or more to do -

Adjourned

William Fuller

clerk

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In accordance with a unanimous request of the Adams Free Baptist church, passed a business meeting of the church, we, the trustees of Copp Memorial Free Baptist church, of Adams, Nebraska, do hereby unanimous and respectfully request the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Free Baptist Yearly meeting to return to us the deed of the church property, so as to enable this church to come into closer relation with the Nebraska Baptist State convention, which is assisting this church in sustaining the services.

Signed A. E. Goodman Pastor

John Shinnon Trustee
A. W.
B. John

Alice Shinnon Ch. clerk

And in answer to the above request the Board submits the following

To the Copp Memorial Free Baptist church of Adams, Nebraska.

Dear Brethren

In reply to your request for a deed of the church property situated in the city of Adams, Nebraska, and held in trust by the Executive committee of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists.

Now after due deliberation and close study again of the Co-operative System, incorporated under the Laws of the State of Nebraska; and the interpretation of said System guiding such matters by our predecessors for years; and after due consultation on the legal side of the matter by eminent lawyers of the State, viz. Judge Burris of Falls City and Atty. Hugh Lammeter of Tecumseh; we find that a transfer of the property as requested cannot be granted Because

1st. The Nebraska Yearly Meeting in session for two consecutive years voted by a large majority that they could not adopt the "Basis of Union" the same being so reported to the following General Conference, and because of this the action of the General Conference voting in favor of said "Basis of Union" does not in any way annul said vote of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting governing her internal affairs."

2nd. Quoting from the Co-operative System: "But this Committee shall have no power to convey property secured for any church or society, without legal vote of said church or society, and not then so as to divert the property from its original purpose . . . or has taken itself out of the denomination without a reasonable prospect of another Freewill Baptist organization taking its place . . . of which the Committee shall be judge." And from what we learn the church at Adams has joined itself ecclesiastically to the Association of Baptists of Nebraska and have expressed the desire to work more fully with the said Association, and the securing of a Baptist brother as pastor who lists himself as "Pastor of the Baptist Church of Adams, Nebr."

We therefore infer from these facts that practically the church has "taken itself out of the denomination."

3d. From the fact that the Copp Memorial Free Baptist Church after its organization wrote itself to the Nemaha River Quarterly Meeting of Free Baptists and from that by the Nebraska Yearly Meeting thus becoming united with said Nebraska Yearly Meeting and by so doing accepted the said Co-operative System, and never having held a deed to said property cannot ask or demand for a "return of the deed."

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Thus the Laws of Nebraska and the co-operative system must harmonize, which leaves no right of a church securing an individual Deed So long as she remains connected with said Nebraska yearly Meeting.

All of which we submit humbly to our brethren

Signed: - The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists

By William Fuller
clerk of said com -

Aug 1st 1914

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Aug 21 .4 P.M.

The Executive Board of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists met in annual session at the Long Branch Church Parsonage

members Present Wolfe - Myers - Fink Encl. Fuller opened with Prayer by Bro Wolfe - The records dating from Nov 1913 read and approve as read -

The Treasurers annual report submitted
 cash amount on hand General fund \$124.44
 Invested in mortgage 37.50
 Permanent fund Total \$161.94

Mortgage \$3430.00 on farm near Crab Orchard
 less Inv. General fund 37.50
 Total permanent fund \$3392.50

By John W Fink J. M. Greas

The Chairmans report ~~report~~ and recommendations are as follows

To the Executive Board and members of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists

Dear Brethren

In making this my 15th annual Report as Chairman of the Ex. Board. I want to thank you all for your forbearance and also for your hearty co-operation during all of these 15 years.

We feel confident that the work done by our faithful toilers, both laymen and ministry shall bear fruit for Eternity in the Kingdom. Our forces may not have been as large as some others but numbers do not always count; but loyalty, sacrifice, and a willingness to work

Death has claimed during these 15 years a large number of our faithful and true workers; others have moved away out of the bounds of the yearly Meeting, while a few have sought membership in other bodies. Several of our churches have been decreased in membership by death and removals until they ceased existence, while others have held on even tho

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pastorless for years hoping and praying for the Lord to raise up loyal and true men to go before them in loyal service.

Others have done a good and lasting work, seeing a goodly number brought into the Kingdom and others strengthened in their faith and doctrine, thus building far better than they knew.

Out of the three, viz: Bros Dinsmore, Isaman, and Taylor all good loyal Free Baptists with whom to work was a delight.

The out-look at present may not be as bright as we could wish. In fact this is the trying time as we contend for the faith delivered to us as a people.

The Gideon 300 under God's guidance may be able to win many for our Master, Jesus Christ.

Very little in the way of visiting churches and this work has been done during the past year by your chairman, yet by letter and otherwise we have tried to do something.

Since Grandview church has had no pastor, I have supplied every two weeks and by so doing may have encouraged our church if no more.

We edited the Free Baptist Department in the Messenger by the kindness of its editor. This work was carried on for nearly a year, thus giving our people a medium of communication. Our General Baptist brethren should have our heartiest thanks for so liberal opening of their denominational paper while we were without our beloved Morning Star.

The Lincoln lots have been sold and the money placed on a first mortgage on a farm near Crab Orchard. The interest from this mortgage can be used for general funds of which the principal cannot.

Our Recommendations are few and yet we feel they are of vital interest to us as a denomination here in Nebraska. They are as follows

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- 1st We recommend that we pledge our undivided fidelity to each other in the work,
 - 2nd That more of our people subscribe for the Messenger as a means of communication for our people.
 - 3^d That so far as possible at least \$1 per resident member be collected by our churches for State Work.
 - 4th That we center our efforts for Home Missions on our Unicoi, Tenn field
 - Note Y. M. Conference failed to sustain this the 4th
 - 5th That we use our own Free Baptist Sunday School supplies as published by our Southern brethren at Ayden N.C.
 - 6th That our pastorless churches be willing to accept itinerancy with each other until such time that permanent pastors may be secured.
 - 7th That Evangelism be our motto for the coming year
- All of which I humbly submit for your consideration and if thought best given approval.

Tecumseh Nebraska
Dated Aug 14 1914

John H. Wolfe,
Chairman

Prof A W Anthony of the State of Maine was present in behalf of the Corp Memorial Church at Adams in regard to having the Board deed them their church property which the Board cannot legally do

Adjourned with Prayer by Anthony
Wm Fuller
Clerk

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Aug 22 4³⁰ P.M.

Met at the Long Branch Free Baptist
church Parsonage as new Board all
members present the organization as
Voted are as follows

Rev B. S. Latimer	Chairman	Elk creek	Term expires	3 yrs
Wm Fuller	Clerk	Elk creek	1864	1 yr
Marcus L. Morse	Treasurer	Denman	"	3 yrs
O. J. Confer	Fifth	"	"	2 yrs
Wm D. Myers	General	Died May	"	2 yrs

In ^{the} matter as charged by Bro Mayin of the
Kenesaw church against Rev Davis of the
Elm Island church

We beg leave to submit the following to the Y. M.
conference now in session at this church

After a impartial and just hearing, we find
there is no just cause for action in the case
Therefore we would recommend a Ministerial
Certificate of standing be granted to
Rev Davis

They having agreed to go back home and
work in harmony
nothing more appearing closed with
Prayer by Bro Myers

Wm Fuller

clerk

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November. Through correspondence by the Chairman
& Bro Latimer with other members of the Board
Decided in favor of sending Bro Latimer as car-
rying in the Missouri Conference of Free Baptist
his traveling expenses only to be paid out of the general
fund.

hoping by so doing might be able to secure
someone to pastor some of our pastorless churches.

Wm Fuller
clerk

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March 2nd

\$ 254.65

Rec'd Interest on Mortgage deposited in 1st State Bank
in Tecumseh - instructed the Cashier Frank Dafford
to send certificate of deposits to the following
persons.

To Mrs Elora W Naylor with Nebr	\$ 66.00
Pay Interest on \$500.00 note at said Bank.	35.00
Balance to G M Mas Marcus & More	
Denman Nebr	1 53 65
Total	\$ 2 54.65

Wm Fuller
clerk

May

on account of vacancy in the Board
caused by the death of Wm D Myers
Pastor of the Free Baptist Church of Lawrence City Nebr
this was appointed to fill said vacancy
until the next session of the G M.

Wm Fuller
clerk