

Baptist Churches 1959 PROCEEDINGS 118th Annual Session Convened At Fayetteville Church

MINUTES

Of The

One Hundred And 18th Annual Session

Of The

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH

August 6, 7, 8, 1959

OFFICERS

H. M. Knox Moderator

Willie Bohannan Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene in Ass'n. Building beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August 1960.

Elder Bruce Phillips to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder Clyde Coatney is his alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Association called to order by the Moderator, and in his absence, by the Clerk.
- 2. Introductory Sermon.
- 3. Letters from churches composing the Association called for, read, and messengers invited to seats.
- 4. Corresponding Associations.
- 5. Right hand of fellowship.
- 6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.

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- 7. Election of permanent officers.
- 8. Reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order by the Moderator or Clerk.
- 9. Appointment of Committees:

(a) Resolutions; (b) Finances; (c) Arrangements; for Preaching; (d) Temperance; (e) Sunday School; (f) Obituary; (g) Condition of Non-represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches.

- 10. Reports of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
- 11. Report of new committees.
- 12. New business.
- 13. Choosing place for next Association.
- 13. Who shall preach the Introductory Sermon?
- 15. Reading and adopting minutes.
- 16. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The 118th Annual Session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Services were opened by singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," directed by Bro. Frankie Mann accompained by Bronwyn Hendrix at the piano. Scripture lesson, Joshua 24:13-24, read by Moderator; prayer by Elder Clyde Johnson.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

"Heaven" was the subject of this wonderful introductory message delivered by Elder Dave Casteel. The theme of the sermon was based on Heb. 11:26-27. The uncertainty and shortness of this life was stressed as was the need for laying up "treasurers in Heaven." Truly the message was a challenge to all christians to strive harder to be more worthy of the "Heavenly Home." The congregation sang, "Only Trust Him" as the invitation went forth for sinners to come and be saved.



THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Church letters were called for and the delegates were seated by giving them the right hand of fellowship. The congregation enjoyed an "Old Time Handshake" accompanied by singing.

Election of speaker for 11:00 a.m., Friday; Elder Glenn Jones was chosen.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Friday. Benediction by Elder Bruce Phillips.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder H. M. Knox directed two songs, "Won't It Be Wonderful There," and "The Kingdom Is Coming." Scripture lesson Rom. 5:1-5, Gal. 5:23, read by Eld. Clyde Johnson, prayer by Eld. Lester Hilton.

Church letters were called for from those churches that were absent on Thursday evening. Sister Association, Grand River, presented her letter at this time. The right hand of fellowship was given to these delegates as the congregation sang, "It Won't Be Very Long," directed by Elder Cecil Garrison.

Letters from newly organized churches were called for; Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas presented their letter.

Motion carried to receive Wichita Church into the Association.

DELEGATES BY CHURCHES

- MT. ZION—Robert Puryear, Marguerite Shaver, Veva Archer.
- PILGRIM REST—Ed Smith, Wynema Smith, Irene Wright.
- CHRISTIAN HOME—Arvie McGinnis, Kate Mc-Ginnis, Maud Davis.
- CLIFTY—Orval Smith, Zella Vanhook, Clara Capps.
- SHADY GROVE—(Represented by Letter.)
- ROSE HILL—Ray Jennings, Clyde Walker, Howard Walker.

FARMER—Evelyn Shepherd, Cordelia Jones, Anna Shepherd.

BUCKEYE—Elsie Vaughn, Julia Vaughn, Myrtle Bragg.

FREEDOM—Boyd Snoderly, Le Ora Edens, Fay Howell.

HICKORY FLATT-Lillie Taylor, Stella Gibson.

- PLEASANT VALLEY—Bertha Collins, Chester Mc-Kinney, Doris McKinney.
- HUNTSVILLE—Elsie Phillips, Myrl Casteel, Shirley Mitchell.
- PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Susie Watson, Mary Davidson, Ruth Schanda.

ROGERS-Elmer West, Mable West, Tom Norwood.

OAK GROVE—Everett White, Alfred Atchley.

- FAYETTEVILLE—Bert Inman, Dixie Easterling, Maymie Corley.
- BENTONVILLE-Leana Bruer, Minnie Boydston, Georgeann Combs.
- MT. SHARON—Bertha Ash, Adam Ash, Etha Schnitzer.
- CLIFTY CHAPEL—Maggie Vanhook, Gladys Vanhook, Althea Sandlian.
- NEW SULPHUR—Mary Rice, Retta Redfern, Opal Cross.
- WICHITA—Leon Halliday, Velma Woodward, Flora Woodward.
- COTTAGE HILL--(Non-Represented.)
- HICKORY GROVE-(Non-Represented.)
- GRAND RIVED ASSOCIATION—Rev. and Mrs. Jake Gage, Rev. Calvin Morgan.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder H. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas.

Clerk—Sister Willie Bohannan, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Arkansas.

Assistant Moderator—Elder Clyde Johnson.

Assistant Clerk—Sister Irena Wright.

Motion made and seconded to dismiss the business for the 11:00 o'clock Message.

Friday 11:00 O'clock Message

The congregation sang, "Will Jesus Find You Watching?" and "I'll Fly Away." Message by Elder Glenn Jones. Text: "Authority of Christ." Scripture Lesson, Mark 1:21-27. The congregation sang "Prepare to Meet Thy God," as an invitation to the unsaved. Afterward a handshake was enjoyed by all.

Appointment of Divine Service Committee as follows: Clyde Johnson, Harry Wright, Boyd Snoderly, Elmer West and Sister Susie Watson.

Appointed to fill the stand Friday night, Elders Jake Gage and Lester Hilton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs, "Just Over In the Glory Land," and "Home of the Soul." Scripture lesson, Micah 4:1-7 by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Amos Howard.

"Rules of Order," read by Moderator.

Special song by Bro. Clyde Coatney's group from Wichita, Kansas.

Appointment of Committees:

Resolutions—Cecil Garrison, Amos Howard, Bruce Phillips, Noel Easterling and Glenn Jones.

Finance—Tom Norwood, Elsie Phillips, Ruth Schanda, Veva Archer and Zella Vanhook.

Temperance—Elsie Vaughn, Leora Edens, Myrl Casteel, Dixie Easterling and Wynema Smith.

- Sunday School—Clara Capps, Gladys Vanhook, Shirley Mitchell, Bertha Collins and Flora Woodward.
- Obituary—Cecil Gladden, Lester Hilton, Tilman Hicks, Homer Bragg and Clyde Coatney.
- Non-Represented Churches—Dave Casteel, Fay Howell, Lee Roy Shepherd, Robert Puryear and Julia Vaughn.
- Union of Churches—Mable West, Lillie Taylor, Evelyn Shepherd, T. V. Holliday and Mary Davidson.

Motion carried that the committee on "Centralization of Association" make their report. Said report was given oral. General discussion followed. Said committee was retained for future use. Question? Does the Association wish to Centralize the Association? The vote was unanimous for the Centralization of Association, but a motion carried to table the report until Saturday.

An oral report by the tent committee stated that the tent was past repair. The committee was given the authority to dispose of the tent if necessary.

The Divine Service Committee announced that Elders Bruce Phillips and Amos Howard will fill the stand at the Memorial Service Saturday at 11:00 O'clock.

A motion carried to include the obituary of Bro-Willie Lynch in our minutes as he was a Free Will Baptist all his christian life, and had been a member of the Rock Church as long as it continued.

The Committee on Non-Represented churches recommended that the non-represented churches, Hickory Grove and Cottage Hill, be carried on and an effort be made to help them. A motion carried to accept same and dismiss the committee.

Report on Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Report on Temperance received and committee discharged. An edifying discussion followed.



Motion carried to dismiss the business session until 9:30 Sat. morning.

Benediction by Elder Talmon Hicks.

FRIDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL

Special songs:

I'm Going to Be With Jesus, by Roy Rice and Sister Archer; When I Thank Him for What He Has Done, by Bert Inman Quartet; The Home Not Made With Hands, by Corley Trio; Keys to the Kingdom, by Don Ward; Peace Like a River, by Springdale Women's Quartet; Everybody Will Be Happy, by Freedom Quartet; I'll Make It My Home, directed by Tom Day.

After this nice selection of spiritual songs, Bro. Truman Alred offered prayer. Scripture reading, I Cor. 11:23-34, by Bro. Lester Hilton. Song, "Amazing Grace." Message by Bro. Jake Gage, text, "Let a Man Examine Himself." Approximately 135 participated in the communion service and foot washing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing led by Bro. Harry Wright accompanied at the piano by Sister Elsie Phillips. Scripture reading, Ps. 23; prayer by Bro. Jim Davidson.

Reading of "Constitution" by Bro. Clyde Johnson.

Report on Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Noel Easterling re-elected for a term of three years to the Examining Board.

Executive Board—Noel Easterling, Ezra Clark, Clarence Tice.

Examining Board—Cecil Garrison, Bruce Phillips, H. M. Knox.

Report of District Evangelist, Elder Tom Day, with his reason for resignation, "The Call of God to Other Fields."

Question, "Will we place a district Evangelist in the field for the coming year?"

Elder Cecil Garrison gives a touching discourse on his 19 years of service as District Evangelist.

Question tabled for the present.

Motion carried to accept a partial report of the obituary committee and retain them.

Motion carried to adjourn from the business session until 1:30 p.m.

11:00 O'clock Memorial Service

"When the Saints Go Marching In," sung by congregation.

Special, "You Will Never Be Left Alone," by the Fayetteville Quartet.

Special, "What Will I Leave Behind?" by Ed and Wynema Smith and Myrt Savage.

"Sweet By and By" sung by the congregation.

Portions of the obituaries of our deceased was read by Elder Bruce Phillips. He commented on the life of each and the blessings they had been to their fellowman in this life.

Elder Amos Howard delivered the message of the hour. "A Good Message."

Bro. Howard requested the song, "Some Have Fathers Over Yonder," at which time a hand-shake was enjoyed by the congregation. The service was concluded by singing, "There Is a Better Home," and "In the Sweet By and By."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "An Empty Mansion." Elder Clyde Johnson, host pastor, reads Heb. 4:14-16. Prayer by Elder Cecil Gladden.

Seating of delegates to fill vacancies—Stella Gibson, Hickory Flat: Maud Davis, Christian Home; Myrtle Bragg, Buckeye; Anna Shepherd, Farmer.

Report of Resolution Committee. Resolution No. 1 accepted.



Resolution No. 2 accepted and a committee appointed as requested consisting of Elders Noel Easterling, Bruce Phillips and Bro. Tom Norwood.

Motion carried that our Moderator appoint some one to the field as District Evangelist. (Note: Eld. Amos Howard accepted.)

Radio Program, by Elder Cecil Garrison, accepted, and a motion carried for him to continue the programs through the coming year as previously.

At this time Pledges were taken on the donations for the building fund as mentioned in Resolution No. 2.

Motion carried that the building committee also serve as trustees, namely, Noel Easterling, Bruce Phillips, Tom Norwood and their successors.

Elder Bruce Phillips was elected to preach the next introductory sermon, Bro. Clyde Coatney, his alternate.

A motion carried that we represent in our State Meeting by sending as delegates: Sisters, Ethel Gladden, Elsie Phillips, Hazel Easterling, Virginia Jones and Bro. Huland Jones.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge the committee.

Complete report of Obituary Committee accepted and the committee discharged.

Resolution No. 4 accepted and committee discharged.

The final benediction was announced following a motion to adjourn until Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1960, to convene in the new building, if possible.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Services were opened by congregational singing, followed by a large number of special songs, and prayer.

Bro. Noel Easterling read the 17 chapter of 1st. Kings and used as his subject, "Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath," stressing human compassion and sureness of God's word. Services were concluded by Bro. Jimmie McCulley.

GENERAL REPORTS

Yearly Report For Radio Program

Carry Over _____ \$152.93 Received This Year _____ 647.00 TOTAL \$799.93 Cost of Broadcasts _____ \$676.00 TOTAL ON HAND ______ \$123.93

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DISTRICT EVANGELIST REPORT

For the period Aug. 10, 1958 to April 30, 1959 that I served as your District Evangelist I helped conduct 7 revivals, conversions witnessed 60, baptized 19, funerals 7, weddings 5, sermons preached 120, miles traveled 10,925; money received from the churches, \$342.95, from Fifth Sunday offering, \$537.75, from offerings at revivals, \$522.31, total amount received, \$1,403.01. Expense on my car, \$504.75, balance \$898.26.

Elder Tommy Day, District Evangelist.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNION OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on Union of Churches, submit the following report. We believe we have real unity and fellowship in and among our churches. We recommend that we "Endeavor to deep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4-3.

Mable West, Chairwoman.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, believe strong drink is one of the greatest evils of our day. It is set before our youth in many places in addition to along the roadsides. We, as parents should teach our children at home and in our churches that they should refrain from strong drinks. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph.



5:18. We believe that all christians should take a firm stand by voting against this evil when opportunity is offered.

Elsie Vaughn, Chairwoman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe that Sunday School is the very foundation of our children's Spiritual life. God said, "Train up a child in the way he should go." This is our duty to train them and then God promises His part, "when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. The matter of the salvation of our children is our business as parents, and the earlier we do this the easier it will be. We believe that this condition may be accomplished by attending Sunday School regularly with our children at an early age.

Clara Capps, Chairwoman.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your committe on Non-Represented Churches, find that all churches are represented except two, Cottage Hill, and Hickory Grove. We, your committee recommend that these churches be carried by the Association for another year to see whether or not they may be revived, if not, then they may be dropped. May the Lord greatly bless and prosper these and all churches in this Association.

Dave Casteel, Chairman.

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FINANCE

We, your committee on finance submit the following report:

Pligrim Rest	\$14.00
Hickory Grove	2.00
Mt. Zion	12.00
Christian Home	9.00
Clifty	7.00
Shady Grove	7.25
Farmer	5.00
Buckeye	10.00
Freedom	10.00
Hickory Flat	8.50
Pleasant Valley	7.00
Huntsville	13.00
Phillips Chapel	25.00
Rogers	20.00
Oak Grove	10.00
Bentonville	9.00
Mt. Sharon	7.00
Liberty	9.00
Rose Hill	7.00
Fayetteville	12.00
New Sulphur	6.00
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TOTAL _____ \$209.75

Tom Norwood, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

No. 1—Be it resolved that each church in the Association be responsible for at least one good church sign, this sign to be placed at some conspicuous point on a highway near their church.

Done by the Freedom church while in order, July 11, 1959.

Freedom Freewill Baptist Church Carl Snoderly, Clerk.



No. 2—Be it resolved that the Association appoint a committee of three who will be close enough together to contact each other, for the purpose of selecting and purchasing a building site and building material for a building to be used by the Association next year and each ensuing year. We recommend that each church work out a plan to receive free will offerings and pledges to finance this program; all funds to be turned over to the Association Clerk.

Cecil Garrison, Chairman.

Resolutions: (Permanently Printed)

No. 1—To the Old Mt. Zion Association. Be it resolved that each church give one dollar to the clerk of the association to help with expenses. Done by order of Buckeye Church assembled in conference this 26th day of July, 1953. s/ H. M. Knox, moderator; Ezra Clark, clerk.

No. 3—That attention be called to Article 3 of the Constitution of this Association, as terms of receiving members into the local church as, namely: (1) profession of faith, (2) by letter or recommendation, (3) by restoration, (4) by denominational choice.

No. 4—That Article 1, Membership—be amended to read: All regularly ordained ministers and deacons of this Association becoming properly credentialed and in full fellowship and good standing in the church of which they are members shall be entitled to seats as a delegate, by virtue of their office.

No. 5—Be it resolved that we give adequate support and approval to Home Mission work in the bounds of Old Mt. Zion Association which includes much more than evangelism; such as conducting Bible Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School Conventions, visiting our weak churches and assisting those needing His assistance; since Free Will Baptists from State to National Associations are emphasizing the need of Home Mission work, said work to be under the supervision of the Home Mission Board.

No. 6—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association, in all ordination services of ministers, comply strictly with the rules and regula-

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tions laid down by the Free Will Baptist denominations. Said procedure to be conducted by an examining council of three orthodox Free Will Baptist ministers of this Association to be chosen by the Association.

No. 7—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association go on record as denouncing the modern doctrine of a second works of grace ("following regeneration" and calling it the Baptism of the Holy Ghost), as heresy, and unsound doctrine. We warn any church (endorsing such, or having members in their church that advocate such) to purge out such or stand risk of losing their place in this Association.

No.4—Be it resolved that Resolution No. 2 of 1953 be changed to read: Be it resolved that the Association convene each year on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August to have the Introductory Sermon and to organize for business, as time will permit.

Elder Tommie Day, Chairman.

No. 3—Be it resolved that this Association extend its deepest appreciation to the Fayetteville Church and community and other churches represented, and all those who so faithfully and lovingly assisted in caring for and entertaining the delegation and visitors during our stay among them. We pray God's richest blessings upon them. Also, we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to our faithful and efficient Moderator and Clerk for their services.

Elder Cecil Garrison, Chairman.



OBITUARY

We, your committee on obituary, find that death is still abroad in our land and that God in His great wisdom has called our beloved brothers and sisters as follows: Brothers Fred Young, Silas Clark, William H. Lynch, Harry Alfred Robinson, Claud Charles James, William Henry Boler and Sisters Frank Murphy, Mattie Faulks, Do Retha Walker, Virgie Stephenson, Fannie Whittle, Wonderland Smith, Ora James, Susan Plumlee, Myrtle Scott and Rebecca Morriss.

In Ps. 116:15 Daniel said, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." We realize our loss is heaven's gain, so we now await the resurrection to be re-united.

Cecil Gladden, Chairman.

Fred Young . . .

Fred Young passed away March 6, 1959 at the age of 75 years. He suffered a heart attack and had been in ill health for quite some time.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Anna; two daughters by a former marriage.

Funeral services were conducted at the High Church by Bro. Lester Hilton. Burial was in the High Cemetery under the direction of the Nelson Funeral Home. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Oak Grove.

William H. Lynch . . .

William H. Lynch was the son of Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Lynch. He was born April 28, 1873 at Springdale, Arkansas and departed this life on Feb. 7, 1959 at Gar-field, Arkansas at the age of 85 years, 9 mo. and 7 days.

He was united in marriage to Emma Collville in 1892. To this union was born 6 sons and 2 daughters. One daughter preceded him in death, all the other children survive him, also 24 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren; two sisters, 4 brothers and a host of nephews and nieces.

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Hickory Grove.

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Do Retha Brent Walker . . .

Mrs. Walker passed away May 4, 1959, born Jan. 13, 1877. She was converted early in life and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Rose Hill.

Survivors include her husband, T. A. Walker, three brothers, 6 step children, a number of step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Lower Camp Ground May 6, 1959 with Elder Cecil Garrison officiating.

Mettie Faulks . . .

Mrs. Mettie Faulks was born Aug. 19, 1875. After conversion she united with the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include 5 children; Mrs. Roy Blackburn, Mrs. J. E. Snodgrass, Mrs. Gladys Caldwell, Leslie and Lon Bashaw.

Mrs. Frank Murpha . . .

Mrs. Murpha passed away March 13, 1959. She was a member of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Frank Murpha; two sons, Bud and Ivan Murpha.

Susan Emaline Plumlee . . .

Susan Plumlee, 87, died Jan. 7, 1959 at her home near Oak Grove, Arkansas. Her husband, Henry Plumlee, and three sons preceded her in death.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Eva Swafford, Mrs. Alta Swafford, and Mrs. Mae Baily all of Berryville, Ark. three sons Denton and Tom Plumlee of Berryville, Ark.; Sheridan of Exeter, Calif.; one sister of Oregon, 27 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and 15 great great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.



Rebecca Viola Morriss . . .

Rebecca Morriss, 88, of Hindsville, Arkansas passed away at her home Jan. 14, 1959. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Burk Shed.

Mrs. Morriss was born April 2, 1870 in Arkansas, the daughter of G. W. Fitch and Martha Gallant Fitch.

Survivors include three sons; John Morriss of Habberton, Bruce and Henry Morriss of Mayfield, Arkansas; two daughters, Mrs. Birtie Andrews of Fayetteville and Miss Nola Morriss of the home; one sister, Mrs. S. C. Austin, Dallas, Texas; 12 grand children and 15 great grandchildren.

Silas C. Clark . . .

Silas C. Clark, 76, died at his home in the Richland View community Monday, August 11, after an extended illness. Born August 17, 1881, at Elkins, the son of Leroy and Mary Jones Clark, he was a retired farmer. He was married to the former Miss Rachel Everett on November 1, 1903, at Goshen and she survives him. He was a charter member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Buckeye.

Other survivors are three sons, Ezra Clark, Hindsville; Clifford Clark, River Bank, Calif.; Alvin Clark, South Gate, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Monroe Laner of Fayetteville and Mrs. Coy Farrar, Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Eunice McMinn, Norwalk, Calif.; ten grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Fannie Belle Whittle . . .

Mrs. Fannie Belle Whittle, 83, resident of Route 2, Springdale, died Sunday morning at the home of her son, Henry Whittle in the Pilgrim Rest community after an extended illness. She was born May 14, 1876, in Benton County, the daughter of William and Rebecca Graham Wolf, and was a member of Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are three sons, Henry, Norman, and Clarence Whittle, Springdale; one daughter, Mrs. Fred Smith, Siloam Springs; one sister, Mrs. Alice Goodart of California; 35 grand-children, and 56 great grandchildren.

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Virgie Johnson Stephenson . . .

Mrs. Virgie Johnson Stephenson, 68, resident of Springdale, died April 21, at 12:30 p.m. at a Benton hospital after a long illness.

She was born February 14, 1891, at Springdale, the daughter of Jack and Gainey Louise Trimble Johnson and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace Stephenson, Springdale; three daughters, Mrs. Nolan McCorkle, Folger, Calif., Mrs. Randol Paschal, Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Mrs. George Moslem, Bell, Calif.; six grandchildren.

Mrs. Wonderland B. Smith ...

Mrs. Wonderland B. Smith, 76, resident of 216 Park Street, died January 16, 11:30 p.m., at her home.

She was born July 16, 1882 in Greenup, Ky., the daughter of Johnny and Frances Smith Edwards. She was the widow of Thomas Taylor Smith and was affiliated with the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Marvin, Lee and Paul Smith of Springdale and Roy Smith of Hanford, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Marie Smith Flowin, Los Angeles, Calif.; 17 grandchildren.

Claude Charles James . . .

Claude Charles James, 67, resident of 514 North Jefferson Street, died Saturday at 12:30 p.m., following a heart attack. Born December 7, 1890, in Bald Knob, the son of Benjamin and Tibetha Anderson James, he was employed by the Steele Canning Company and a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Ora Davis James, of the home; five sons, Levi and C. J., Springdale, J. B., Union, Ore., Lee and Harmon, Garden City, Kan., three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Borders, of the home, Mrs. Eddie Sterling, Buena Park, Calif., and Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Norwalk, Calif.; two brothers, Johnny James, Springdale, and Joe James, McCrory; two sisters, Mrs. Molly Fitzgerald, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Maude Elam, Mc-Crory; and 14 grandchildren.



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Harry Alfred Robinson . . .

Harry Alfred Robinson, 65, resident of Spring Valley, died January 20, 11 p.m., at the County Hospital in Fayetteville. He was born December 21, 1893, and was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Josie Ingraham Robinson; four sons, Nathan, Utah, Loyd, Cortez, N. M., Russell, Norwalk, Calif., and Phillip Robinson of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Servison, Palatine, Ill., and Mrs. Hazel Yates, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Dollie Bollinger, Columbus, Ind., and Mrs. Alpha Ralston, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mirtie Sarah Scott . . .

Mrs. Scott was born May 30, 1884, in Madison county, a daughter of the late M. and Mary Brown Clark. Her husband, the late Joe Scott, died several years ago.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Lester Scott, of Fontana, Calif., Leland Scott, of New Plymouth, Idaho, Clyde Scott, of Seligman, Mo.; James Scott of Mexico, Mo.; five daughters, Mrs. George VanHook, of Eureka Springs; Mrs. Glen Pear and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, both of Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. George F. Johnson, of Council, Idaho, and Miss Betty Jo Scott, of Rogers; three sisters, Mrs. Jeff White, of Rogers; Mrs. Lennie Capps, of Springdale; and Mrs. Maude VanHook, of Clifty; 22 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Mrs. Ora B. James . . .

Mrs. Ora B. James, 63, resident of 514 N. Jefferson, died May 3, 1:40 p.m. at the Springdale Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

The widow of the late Claude James, who died November 1958, she was born November 29, 1895, at Springdale, the daughter of James M. and Mary J. Davis, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Levi, C. J. and Harmon James, all of Springdale, J. B. of Union, Ore., and Lee

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James of Garden City, Kans.; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Borders, of the home; two step-daughters, Mrs. Eddie Sterling and Mrs. Hazel Sullivan of Huntington Park, Calif., and fourteen grandchildren.

William H. Boles . . .

William Henry Boles, 67, an Avoca resident died Sunday night, April 5, 1959 in a Booneville hospital.

He was born in Madison county, Alabama, March 25, 1891.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lena Boles of the home; four sons, Jimmie Boles, of the home, Bill Boles, of Tulsa, Okla., Howard Boles, of Johnson, Kans., and Travis Boles, of Amarillo, Tex.; and two daughters, Mrs. Jaunita Sheppard, of Tulsa, and Mrs. Albert Glover, of Kings Mills, Tex. He was a member of Freedom Free Will Baptist church.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists is composed of 21 churches. Several of these churches gave a very incomplete report; statistics as given in the letters is as follows:

Number of ordained ministers, 48; licensed ministers, 7; deacons, 61; Sunday Schools, 20; Leagues, 8; Women's Auxiliaries, 3; Prayer Meetings, 10; Resident members, 787; Non-resident members, 519; members received by experience and baptism, 52; by letter, 38, by statement of faith, 37; members dismissed by letter, 58; excluded, 9, deceased 16; Sunday School enrollment 994; League 186, woman's auxiliary 56; Total offering received \$38,709.74; general offering \$6,354.65; building fund \$7,322.79; Pastor's salary \$11,756.84; evangelist work \$1,824.83; building and repair \$7,197.78; literature \$1,706.16; radio program \$556.92; miscellaneous \$2,190.66; other \$1,109.47; foreign missions \$145.59; home missions \$488.76; all others \$723.29.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

George Been, age 77707	E. Emma, Springdale, Ark.
P. G. Kirk, age 73	Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
	Rogers, Ark.
	Huntsville, Ark.
	Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.
H. M. Knox, age 52	Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
	Springdale, Ark.
	Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
C. O. Garrison, age 48	Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark.
George Lynch, age 46	Hindsville, Ark.
Elmo McKinney, age 52	117 Shaver, Berryville, Ark.
Steve Montgomery, age 52	Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.
Ernest Corley, age 49	
Edd Stilley, age 28	Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark.
Lester Hilton, age 53	Blue Eye, Mo.
Millard Davis	Berryville, Ark.
Dave Casteel	Springdale, Ark.
Kenneth Shepherd	Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
John Morgan	Seattle, Wash.
I. E. Hawley, age 77	Huntsville, Ark.
Clyda Contrary	Wichita Kon

Clyde Coatney _____ Wichita, Kan. Alfred Glenn _____ Rt. 8, Fayetteville, Ark. Claude Hendrix, age 37 _____ 902 S. C St., Rogers, Ark. Loyd Edmonson _____ Farrington, Wyo. Amos Howard, 44,....611 E. Huntsville, Springdale, Ark. Oscar Cavins, age 55 _____ Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark. John R. Bingham ______ Bentonville, Ark. Clyde Johnson Fayetteville, Ark. George Roller _____ Rogers, Ark. Rufus Young, age 40 _____ Springdale, Ark. Noel Easterling, age 42 ______ Huntsville, Ark. J. A. Davidson _____ Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark. Kenneth Autry, age 45 _____ Berryville, Ark. Cecil Gladden _____ Rt. 2, Hindsville, Ark.

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Von Dean McFerrin	Springdale, Ark.
Glenn Barnes	Springdale, Ark.
Ted Slavens	Huntsville, Ark.
Kenneth Hubbard	Rogers, Ark.
Boyd Harp	Rogers, Ark.
Charlie Bagwell	Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Ernest Hayhurst	Jerome, Idaho
Burton Birchfield	Eureka Springs, Ark.
Vallie O. Johnson	
Nelson Crabtree	
Elmer Ledbetter 14	47 Laura St., Wichita, Kans.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assemblying of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquor as beverage; that we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn covenant, may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the Great Head of the church, which is Jesus Christ the Saviour.



RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment, who shall preach.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

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CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better Church government.

Art. 1. Membership — This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All regularly ordained ministers and deacons of this Association becoming properly credentialed and in full fellowship and good standing in the church of which they are members, shall be entitled to seats as a delegate, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name — The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power over the churches reserving right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. Letters — Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number of members dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any one who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial to our dead.

Art. 4. Dismissing Members — Our churches upon granting letters of dismission to any of its members shall require a notice from the church receiving said letter that it has been received.



Art. 5. Officers — The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, elected annually for a term of one year by the suffrage, and an executive committee of three, one member chosen each year for a term of three years, who shall have the authority to transact any business transactions of the Association between sessions of the Association and make a report to the Association annually.

Art. 6. New Churches — Newly organized churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Questions — No questions from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 8. Motions — Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. Minutes — The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches the minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be made at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 10. Clerk — It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 11. Signatures — The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 12. Amendments — Amendments of this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a twothirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

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Art. 13. Non-Attendance — The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, shall inquire into the case.

"ARTICLES OF FAITH"

1. God — We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30; I John 5:7.

2. Christ — We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth, took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose again the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah

9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12 Mark 15:22-41.

3. Holy Spirit — We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. — Judges 6:34, 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. The Bible — We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. — II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. The Fall of Man — We believe that God created man good, gave a just law by which he should be governed, with the promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming Christ. — Gen. 1:27; 2:16, 17; Rom. 11:11-35; Rom. 5:18; Psalms 37:23-24.

6. Redemption, Salvation, Adoption — We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. — Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13, 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 45:22.

7. Conditions of Salvation — We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idots are saved by the Atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part, that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. — John 3; Matt. 19:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16, 17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. Salvation Free — We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all; and whosoever will may come and be saved on the terms of the Gospel.—Rev. 22:17; I Peter 1:9-13; I Peter 2:9-24; Rom. 3:24.

9. Baptism — We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who

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have come under the presbetery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5, 6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. Communion and Feet Washing — We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; The Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes.

All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. — Luke 22:19, 20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. The Sabbath — We believe that the Christian

Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. — Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. Call to the Ministry — We believe in a Divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scriptures, with full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purposes. — Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. The Invisible Church — We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things from every kindred,

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nation, tongue and people. —Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22, 23; I Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. The Visible Church — We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. — II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4, 11, 20.

15. Perseverance — We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine graces, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from his hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. — II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; II Peter 1:12; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39, Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. Christ the Head of the Church — We believe that Christ is the Great Head of the Church and that the government of the local church is with the body. — Col. 1:18, 19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4,5.

17. Sanctification — Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sins and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2-13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20, 21; I Thess. 5:19-23.

18. The Resurrection — We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be reunited, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever,

but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. — Matt. 28:6 St. John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. The Soul — The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. -Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10-28.

20. Judgment — We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into eternal happiness. — II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36, 37; Rev. 20:12, 13; Acts 17:31.





STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	Experience and Baptism	By Letter	Statement Of Faith	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membershi p
Mt. Zion	1866	Clyde Johnson	Clyde Johnson	0	0	0	6	0	1	116
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Alfred Glenn	Kenneth Shepherd _	2	3	3	0	0	5	135
Christian Home	1892	George Lynch	Clarence Tice	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Clifty	1892	Sammie Lane	Sammie Lane	0	0	0	2	0	1	90
Shady Grove	1936	Burton Birchfield	Burton Birchfield	0	0	0	2	0	2	24
Rose Hill	1937	Clarence Tice	Curtis Berdan	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Farmer	1945	Clarence Tice	Clarence Tice	1	0	0	0	0	0	29
Buckeye	1945	Rufus Young	Rufus Young	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
Freedom	1950	H. M. Knox	Horace Knox	13	0	5	0	0	1	111
Hickory Flatt	1951	Rufus Young	Rufus Young	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
Pleasant Valley	1951	Elmo McKinney	Elmo McKinney	2 $ $	0	0	2	0	0	32
Huntsville	1952	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	0	8	8	5	0	0	110
Phillips Chapel	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	10	14	2	8	0	0	207
Rogers	1953	Amos Howard	Horace Knox	1	4	5	16	9	0	118
Oak Grove	1955	Kenneth Autry	Lester Hilton	13	4	2	0	0	2	71
Fayetteville	1956	Clyde Johnson	Amos Howard	0	4	1	7	2	0	26
Bentonville	1956	Francis Clark	Von Dean McFerrin	0	1	0	0	0	0	28
Mt. Sharon	1957	Etha Hull	Claude Hendrix	0	0	0]	0	0	1	26
Clifty Chapel	1958	Noel Easterling	Noel Easterling	0	0	4	0	0	0	25
New Sulphur	1958	Glenn Jones	Glenn Jones	6	0	1	0	0	0	22
Wichita	1959	Clyde Coatney	Clyde Coatney	4	1	38	6	0	0	37

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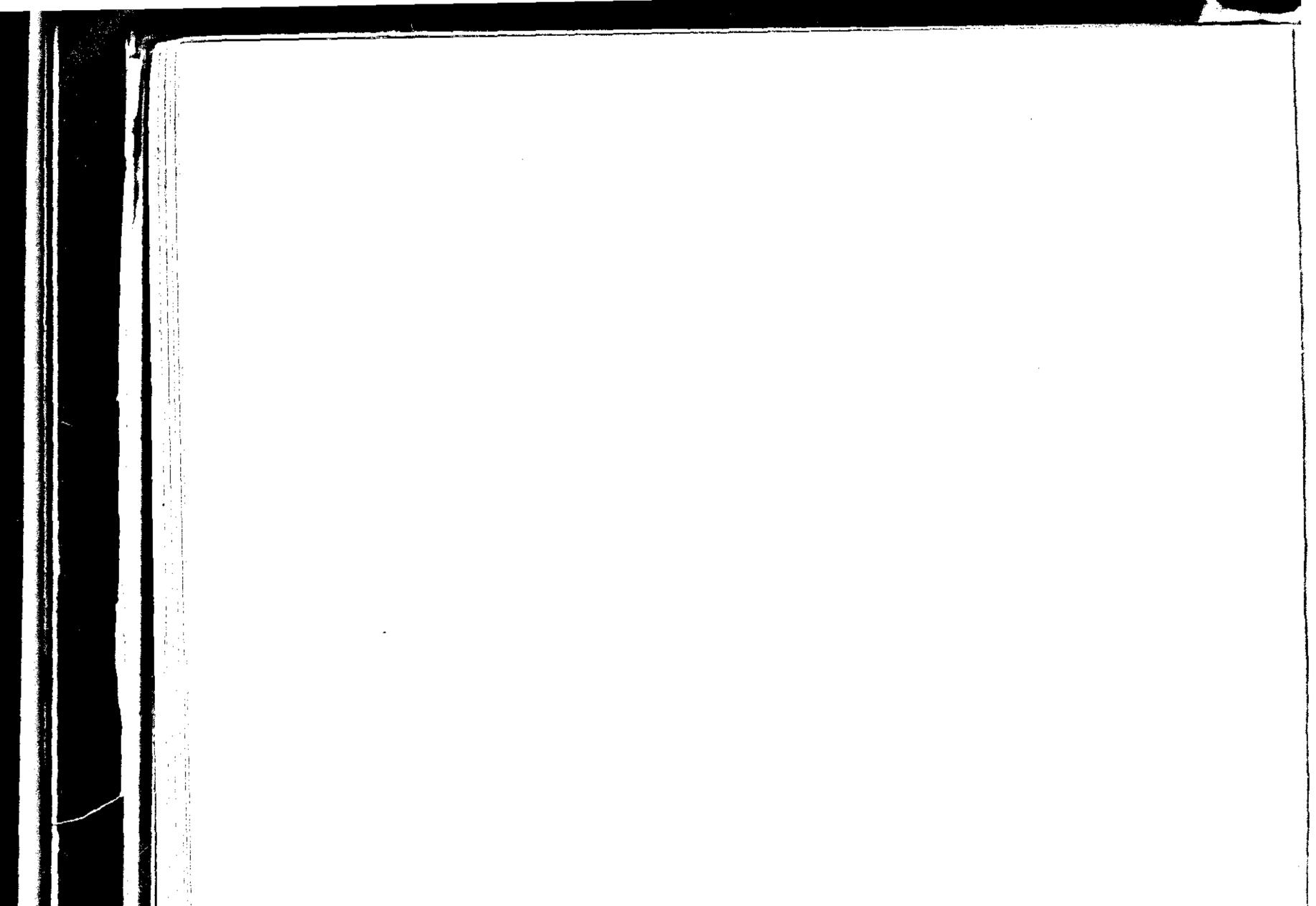
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