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 Mr. H. 1857/1881
 59 yrs.

Oak Grove
 Blackland total
 New Home 641

1944
 1881
 63 yrs

MINUTES

No. of Pres 977
 463 yrs. ago.

OF THE

Members 186

To day. **POLK BAYOU**

11 preachers: 1 Lm

Members 877

12 Churches
 463 yrs ago.

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH UNION CHURCH


On Saturday before the 4th Sunday in
 September, A. D., 1881.

{ G. W. HASSELL, MODERATOR.
 J. H. DOYLE, CLERK. }

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MINUTES OF THE POLK BAYOU FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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he Polk Bayou Freewill Baptist Association convened with Union Church, in Independence County, Arkansas, on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1881.

Rev. G. W. Hassell was called to the Chair. Rev. J. W. Doyle was elected Clerk.

The Clerk then called for letters and Messengers, and the following Churches responded by letter and Messengers, to-wit:

Friendship, Union, Harmony, and Mt. Zion; after which the introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. G. W. Hassell, followed by Elder John F. Crafton, from First Corinthians, 12th chapter and 27th verse: "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

Association then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened on Saturday evening as early as was convenient and the Clerk called the roll after which the Association proceeded to business.

1st. Elected a Moderator.

2nd. Brother Bates was elected Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, to-wit:

- 1st. A committee on business.
- 2nd. A committee on supplying the Pulpit.
- 3rd. A committee on next Association.

COMMITTEES.

FIRST, ON BUSINESS:

J. F. Crafton, T. L. Crafton, C. L. Sneed.

SECOND, ON THE PULPIT:

Joseph Vickars, Timothy Battershell, William Hammoc,

THIRD, ON ASSOCIATION:

J. A. Saffell, John Redding, H. R. Wetherford.

The Moderator then called for Corresponding Messengers.

The following came forward and reported:

Elder G. A. Barrett, representing Social Band Association, of General Freewill Baptist. The messenger was received by hand of fellowship, after which it was agreed that this Association correspond with the Social Band Association of General Freewill Baptist, and the following Brethren were appointed as Corresponding Delegates:

Elders J. F. Crafton and G. W. Hassell.

It was also agreed that this Association correspond with the Little Vine Association of General Freewill Baptist, to convene with the Viola Church, in Fulton County, Arkansas.

The following Brethren were appointed as messengers:

J. L. Crafton, C. L. Sneed and J. H. Doyle.

The Association then adjourned to meet at early candle-light.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association convened as early as was convenient.

Conference called to order by the Moderator, after which the Clerk called the roll. Brother Wetherford was reported absent.

The Moderator then called for Candidates for License to Preach and the following Brethren came forward from Mt. Zion Church, to-wit:

J. D. Doyle and C. L. Sneed. The name of J. E. Wilmuth was presented, he being absent.

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Bros, J. D. Doyle and C. L. Sneed were elected, after which Bro. J. E. Wilmuth was recommended as a worthy candidate to preach the Gospel and was elected.

The following committee was appointed to examine Bro Wilmuth at Mt. Zion Church and if found worthy, to grant him License to preach:

G. W. Hassell, J. H. Doyle and J. F. Crafton.

We then agreed to associate ourselves together as a Ministerial Conference and the following Brethren united:

Elders J. F. Crafton, G. W. Hassell and J. H. Doyle.

Licentiates, J. D. Doyle and C. L. Sneed.

We then agreed to hold our first Ministerial Conference at Mt. Zion church, on Friday night before the second Sunday in October, 1882. The Association then Sang a doxology and adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by J. F. Crafton.

Monday Morning Session.

The Association met on Monday morning according to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator and roll called by the clerk, after which the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. *Resolved:* That we have our Minutes printed and that Bros. J. D. Doyle and G. W. Hassell superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Bro. J. H. Doyle was then elected Treasurer for the next Associational year. Bros. T. L. Crafton and John A. Saffell were elected as Stewards for the Association, to look after the financial interests of the Association for the present year.

The committee on Business was called for and discharged. Committee on next Association reported that we hold our next session with the church at Harmony, in Lawrence county, Ark., beginning on Saturday, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1882. Introductory sermon to be preached by G. W. Hassell.

The minutes of the Association were then read and received. On motion the Association took the parting hand and adjourned to meet as aforesaid. Prayer by W. Bates.

J. H. DOYLE, Clerk.

G. W. HASSELL, Moderator.

W. BATES, Asst. Clerk.

STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES. | MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Names of Pastors	No. Received by Recomd'tion	No. Received by Letter.	No. Received by Experience.	No. Received by Restoration.	No. Excluded.	No. Dismissed by Letter.	No. Deceased.	Total Number.
Mt Zion.	C. L. Sneed, J. H. Doyle, Josiah Vickers	J. F. Crafton	7	11	27	0	2	2	1	95
Friendship.	J. D. Crafton, J. R. Reading, T. L. Crafton, T. Battershell.	J. F. Crafton	5	0	00	0	2	2	0	45
Union.	J. F. Crafton, H. Wetherford	J. F. Crafton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	25
Harmony.	G. W. Hassell, J. A. Saffell.	G. W. Hassell	3	0	6	0	1	0	0	21

Ordained Ministers.

J. F. Crafton, Hickory Valley, Indepece. Co. Ark
G. W. Hassell, Strawberry, Lawrence Co., Ark.
J. H. Doyle, " " " "
J. B. Wilson, " " " "

Licentiates.

J. D. Doyle, Hazle Grove, Lawrence Co. Ark.
L. C. Sneed, " " " "
J. E. Willmouth, " " " "

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