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of the
Sixty-First Annual Session
of the
STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was Organized
At Howard Grove Church, Nov. 20, 1886

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove	449
1887—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Beulah	577
1888—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Macedonia	403
1889—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Friendship	516
1890—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Loveweed	448
1891—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Prospect	339
1892—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Silver Run	444
1893—	D. M. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	456
1894—	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill	422
1895—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek	503
1896—	Calvin Dykes,	J. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	568
1897—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	New Hope	653
1898—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	633
1899—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Prospect	671
1900—	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest	803
1901—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Antioch	916
1902—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs	947
1903—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	786
1904—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	786
1905—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Pilgrim	745
1906—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Springfield	958
1907—	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	1099
1908—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home	1199
1909—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest	1315
1910—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Silver Run	1365
1911—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Life	1442
1912—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek	1477
1913—	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill	1462
1914—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs	1553
1915—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	1721
1916—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove	1611
1917—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Long Branch	1715
1918—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia	1456
1919—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Hope	1646
1920—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Prospect	1804
1921—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove	2004
1922—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home	2043
1923—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Harmony	2039
1924—	J. C. Howell,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Corinth	2094
1925—	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia	2042
1926—	G. W. Cherry,	C. B. Green,	Springfield	2302
1927—	J. J. Burdeshaw,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove	2344
1928—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Prospect	2229

1929—J. W. Stephens, C. B. Green, Rocky Grove	2875
1930—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Union Springs	2450
1931—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Howard Grove	2323
1932—J. W. D. Stephens, C. B. Green, Free Will Rest	2374
1933—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Spring Hill	2360
1934—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, Shiloh	2539
1935—W. S. Cook, C. B. Green, Pleasant Home	2495
1936—A. H. Godfrey, C. B. Green, New Harmony	2479
1937—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Corinth	2447
1938—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Prospect	2536
1939—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Hickory Grove	2619
1941—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Rocky Grove	2853
1942—J. C. Howell, C. B. Green, Pleasant Home	2672
1943—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Pittman Creek	2727
1944—G. W. Nobles, C. B. Green, Howards Grove	2788
1945—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Union Springs	2717
1946—G. H. Jordan, C. B. Green, Sedar Grove	2756

ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. C. Tolar, Union Springs	Center Hill, Ala.
W. T. Henderson, Union Springs	Blakely, Ga.
A. L. Williams, Prospect	Dothan, Ala.
G. W. Nobles, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
A. M. Kirkland, New Hope	Midland City, Ala.
R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim	Columbia, Ala.
J. D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	Marianna, Fla.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove	Ashford, Ala.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home	Geneva, Ala.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth	Newton, Ala.
P. A. Brackin, Shiloh	Newville, Ala.
D. W. Poole, Pleasant Ridge	Malone, Fla.
John Carr, Pleasant Home	Marianna, Fla.

LICENTIATES

Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony	Tampa, Fla.
C. A. Lewis, Prospect	Ashford, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove	Cottonwood, Ala.
W. P. Merrette, Union Springs	Pansey, Ala.
Mrs. Geogie West, Grangeburg	Gordon, Ala., Rt. 1

Proceedings

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Cedar Grove Church, Jackson County, Fla., in its 61st Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 10th, 1946. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Poll; Text: 51st verse of the 27th chapter of St. Matthew. Bro. Pool's message was a spiritual feast to a well filled house.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan.

A fifteen minute devotional service was conducted by New Harmony Church.

By motion the Divine Service Committee is to make arrangements for the preaching services. By motion we are to have preaching at Cedar Grove Church Thursday night.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Prayer was rendered by Rev. W. T. Hutto.

Letters were called for from the different churches. By motion the letters were read. The moderator appointed Bro. Ulas Granger and Rev. G. W. Nobles to read the letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Prospect—W. A. Brown, E. J. Ingram, Arthur Trawick, Sisters Annie Howell, Beatrice Howell, Georgia Trawick.

Cedar Grove—H. A. Hicks, Beatrice Hicks, W. F. Ditty.

Spring Hill—Hugh Jeffcoat, I. A. Tolar, Sister Sara Griffin, Sister Hugh Jeffcoat, Charles Kirksey.

Corinth—W. Oscar Baxley, Ralph Baxley, Sisters Essie Baxley, Irene Baxley.

Magnolia—Nell Rose Etheridge, John Paramore, W. T. Weed, Sister John Paramore.

Pittman Creek—M. F. Smith, A. M. Clark, Van Crutchfield, Edna Smith, Rena Paul.

Hickory Grove—C. B. Green, Maranda Ditty, J. W. D. Stephens, R. B. Robinson, Audrey Greene, Joe Johnson, Lillie Maud Vaughn, J. W. Ditty, Neta Johnson.

New Harmony—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Ulas Granger, Mr. and Mrs. James Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Enfinger.

Pleasant Home—D. R. Hicks, Jessie Hicks, Alford Morris, Harrel Dixon, Bulah Mae Hicks.

Hickory Hill—Sisters Emma Clark, Mattie Tolar.

Rocky Grove—Seab Robinson, Alice Robinson, Vassie Daniels, Gertrude Robinson.

Pleasant Ridge—Alvie Hart, John Rhodes, Elmer Monday, Sisters Jessie West, Mamie Pool, Thelma Grundin.

Spring Field—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barrett, Sisters Doc Hamrick, Dorothy Kay, Dorothy Lamb.

Howards Grove—A. L. McDonald, H. C. Jones, Ruby Nobles, G. E. Capps, W. J. Sowell, E. S. Jones, Mrs. H. C. Jones.

Union Springs—C. L. McNeel.

Moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates be seated in the body.

Called for Petitionary letters; none were received.

Called for correspondents from the different churches; they were as follows:

Salem—G. B. Scott, Rufus Hyman.

South Eastern—J. E. Mallory, C. A. Arnold.

Midway—J. L. Tedder.

North Florida Free Will Baptist Conference—J. S. Guinn.

My motion these delegates from the different associations were seated in the body.

It was moved and carried that we enter into the election of officers.

By motion, we retained our same Moderator—Rev. G. H. Jordan.

By motion, we retained our same Clerk—C. B. Green.

By motion, Rev. G. W. Nobles was elected Assistant Moderator.

By motion, the moderator appointed a committee to look over the Constitution and By-Laws of the Florida State Association and make a report on same. They were as follows: Ulas Granger, J. W. D. Stephens, E. T. Ingram.

It was moved and carried that Bro. C. A. Ornald make a talk on Sunday Schools. Bro. Ornald made a very inspiring talk which was enjoyed by all present.

By motion we adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, Friday morning.

Song by the choir.

Benediction by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Re-assembled with Rev. G. H. Jordan, the Moderator, presiding.

A fifteen minutes devotional service was conducted by Prospect Church. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Guinn.

Renewed call for corresponding letters; none received.

Renewed the call for correspondents from the different associations; none received.

Report on auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

By motion, the Moderator appointed a committee on Temperance. They were as follows, namely: Rev. D. W. Pool, C. A. Calloway, Sister Donnie Calloway.

By motion the moderator appointed a committee on Nominations. They were as follows: Alvie Hart, Georgia Trawick, A. L. McDonald.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

On motion, the latter part of the 2nd clause of the Church Decorum was to be struck out.

Report on character of ministers and state of churches was read and adopted.

Renewed the call for corresponding letters; one received as follows:

Grangeburg—Brannon West.

Renewed the call for correspondents from the different associations; namely: Salem—Rev. Joe Etheridge as a visitor.

By motion, we adjourned until 1:15 o'clock for preaching service. Rev. W. T. Hutto preached the eleven o'clock message. Sermon Text: Last clause of the 27th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Matthew. Bro. Hutto brought a very interesting and spiritual message which was enjoyed by all present.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. W. Nobles, Assistant Moderator.

Renewed call for corresponding letters from the different churches; one received, namely: Corinth—J. N. Edmonson, S. T. Edmonson.

By motion letter was accepted and delegates were seated in the body.

The roll was called and the Decorum read.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on ratification or rejection of Constitution and By-Laws was read and adopted.

The report on Home Missions by the Home Mission Board was read and adopted.

By motion the report on Home Missions by Union Springs Church be dismissed at this time.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted. The Treasurer, Bro. J. W. D. Stephens, gave \$1.32 to replace Home Mission funds which were overdrawn.

On motion it was carried to reimburse Bro. Stephens \$1.32 from the \$2.00 that was unaccounted for.

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations. They were as follows, namely:

Salem—H. A. Hicks, W. F. Ditty.
Midway—J. C. Howell, Rev. G. W. Nobles.
Liberty—D. W. Pool.
South Eastern—J. C. Howell, G. W. Nobles.

MISCELLANEOUS

By motion, we are to retain same committee on drafting new association letter.

By motion, we rescind regular order of business and elect Home Mission Board by nomination and acclamation. They were as follows: Sister Georgia Trawick, E. T. Ingram and H. A. Hicks was re-elected; Bro. J. R. Long and Sister Leona Granger were elected to fill the places of Bros. D. N. Guy and Oneil Kirkland.

By motion, the same Executive Committee was retained.

By motion, the moderator appointed an Ordination Committee. They were as follows, namely: Rev. D. W. Pool, Rev. G. W. Nobles, Bro. E. S. Jones.

The moderator appointed Rev. G. H. Jordan, Bro. I. O. Tolar and Sister Leona Granger to go to the Florida State Association.

On motion it was carried that this association re-imburse Bro. J. C. Howell \$7.50 for flowers for our deceased Bro. A. J. Granger out of the Home Mission funds.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion it was carried to retain our same Treasurer, Bro. J. W. D. Stephens.

On motion, the unaccounted for 68c be placed in the associational funds.

By motion, we pay our Clerk \$15.00 for his services.

By motion, we pay our Moderator \$10.00 for his services.

By motion, we pay our Treasurer \$10.00 for his services.

By motion, the \$5.00 fee to the Florida State Association be paid out of the treasury.

On motion it was carried to use only Minute Money to pay for having Minutes printed.

On motion, the Clerk is to have the Minutes printed anywhere that he sees fit.

By motion, we tender a vote of thanks to Cedar Grove Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this association.

At this juncture the moderator appointed the different committees for another year; they were as follows:

Suggestions—Howards Grove Church.

Education—Prospect Church.

Auxiliaries—Pleasant Ridge Church.

Obituaries—Pittman Creek Church.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—Magnolia.

Home Missions—Union Springs Church.

Temperance—New Harmony Church.

On motion, Program Committee was left off at this time.

On motion it was carried that this association adjourn.

Song by the congregation.

Benediction by Rev. J. L. Tedder.

Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator,
C. B. Green, Clerk.

STATISTICS

PROSPECT CHURCH sent direct to various Boards the following contributions:

Foreign Missions	\$70.32
Education	\$17.31

The LADIES AID OF SPRINGFIELD CHURCH paid \$2.00 for Missions.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH sent direct to various Boards the following contributions:

Foreign Missions	\$57.14
Paid Evangelist for Revival	\$75.00
Paid Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	\$37.14
Paid State Association Treasury for Camp	\$98.00

UNION SPRINGS CHURCH paid Evangelist for Revival \$104.00.

SHILOH CHURCH paid to Orphanage \$44.50.

PROSPECT CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL disbursements for 1946:

Missions	\$55.33
Orphanage	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Paid Evangelist for Revival	\$90.00

League paid \$50.00 to the Florida State Association for Camp Funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

	Asso. Pur.	Min.	H. M.	Edu.	Pd.
Springfield - - -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	*
Grangerburg - - -	.00	.50	.75	.75	*
Union Spring - - -	2.00	2.00	.00	.00	*
Howard Grove - - -	2.50	3.50	4.00	5.00	*
Pleasant Ridge - - -	.00	1.25	3.00	2.00	*
Rocky Grove - - -	2.00	.75	.75	.00	*

Pleasant Home	-	-	3.00	2.00	5.00	.00	*
New Harmony	-	-	1.00	1.50	.00	13.00	*
Hickory Grove	-	-	4.00	4.00	.00	.00	*
Pitman Creek	-	-	2.00	2.00	1.00	.00	*
Magnolia	-	-	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	*
Corinth	-	-	2.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	*
Cedar Grove	-	-	2.00	.50	2.00	2.00	*
Prospect	-	-	2.00	2.00	.00	.00	*
Spring Hill	-	-	8.00	2.00	.00	10.00	*
Hickory Hill	-	-	1.50	1.50	.00	.00	*
Shiloh	-	-	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	*
			<hr/> \$38.50	<hr/> \$30.50	<hr/> \$25.00	<hr/> \$57.25	

Respectfully submitted,
Spring Hill Church.

REPORT OF STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARCATER OF MINISTERS

We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, submit the following report:

According to report from the various churches, we find most of the churches have made some progress; although some do not have a Sunday School but pastors and churches are in harmony one with another.

We herewith submit a revised roll of ministers with correct address.

Howards Grove Church.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report the deaths of 29 members within the bounds of the State Line Association, namely: Bro. James Glass, Sis. E. F. Ferguson, Bro. J. J. Hatcher, Sis. Ida Scammell, Sis. Arlevia Hart, Bro. Geleet Skipper, Bro. A. J. Granger, Sis. Lilla Granger, Bro. Joe Deese, Bro. N. E. Wactor, Bro. Albert Wright, Sis. Marinda Shiver, Bro. J. E. Terry, Bro. S. L. Eubanks, Bro. Srine Durden, Sis. Emma Elmore, Sis. Dovie Smith, Bro. Johnie Howell, Bro. E. C. Drinkwater, Bro. Harold White, Sis. G. M. Tucker, Sis. Mamie Weed, Bro. Frank Smith, Sis. Bell Strickland, Sis. Lonnie Lee Lamb, Sis. J. C. Brown, Bro. W. T. Clemons, Sis. Minnie Lanton, Bro. B. C. Hilson.

Respectfully,
Pleasant Home Church.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

We, your Committee on Divine Service, make the following report:

We nominate Rev. J. S. Guinn to preach tonight and Rev. W. T. Hutto to preach tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Malvie Ditty,

J. W. D. Stephens.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report: We nominate Springfield Church as host to the 1947 association with Bro. Ralph Lightsey to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Alvie Hart,

A. L. McDonald,

Mrs. George Trawick.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand Oct. 11, 1945, for Missions, Total amount on hand --\$118.88

Received for 1945 Session

For Minutes ----- \$ 31.75

For Associational purposes (\$36.55--\$10.00 voted to the Moderator which he gave to Educational funds) ----- 26.55

For Education (\$39.00 plus \$10.00) ----- 49.00

For Missions (\$24.75 plus \$.65 from treasurer) ----- 25.40

Public Collection ----- 18.00

Total Receipts ----- 150.70

Total in Treasury ----- \$269.58

Disbursements

Paid C. B. Green, Clerk Salary ----- \$15.00

Paid C. B. Green, Postage ----- 2.12

Paid F. W. B. Press for Minutes ----- 42.50

Paid 1944 back dues to State Association ----- 5.00

Paid 1945 Dues to State Association ----- 10.00

Paid for 1945 Programs for Association ----- 3.00

Total disbursements ----- 77.62

Balance in Treasury for Education ----- \$ 49.00

Balance in Treasury for Missions ----- 142.96

Total Balance in Treasury ----- \$191.96

In above report the Mission Fund is short \$1.32 which was borrowed for Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. D. Stephens, Treasurer.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

The Home Mission Board met on 4th Sunday afternoon at Grangerburg Church and held services; also, met again 3rd Sunday P. M., at Grangerburg and organized a Sunday School which is still in progress.

On 5th Sunday in June we called a special meeting for all churches in our association to attend. Four churches responded by delegate. They were Shiloh, Magnolia, New Harmony, and Prospect. Two responded by letter. They were Cedar Grove and Pleasant Home.

Respectfully,

Your Home Mission Board,

Mrs. George Trawick,
E. T. Ingram,
H. A. Hicks,
D. N. Guy,
Oneal Kirkland.

We, your Committee on Ratification or Rejection of Constitution and By-Laws for the Florida State Association recommend that the State Line Association ratify the Constitution and By-Laws as now laid out by the Florida State Association.

E. T. Ingram,
J. W. D. Stephens,
Ulas Granger.

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

We should be temperate in all things. We are persuaded that Christian people should not need be reminded of temperance in strong drink, which is a recognized enemy of all mankind. We would warn christians as a whole of the insidious wiles of Satan for even things counted for good are sometimes overstressed. Praise of a good man is good, but vain praise is intemperate. Likewise criticism in the Spirit of love may be constructive but intemperance in criticism breeds strife. Beloved be steadfast, be temperate, be true.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Poole (chairman),
C. A. Arnold,
Mrs. James Calloway.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We are living in the day of education and we as a church and christians should take advantage of every opportunity offered by the public schools for the education of our youth. Seeing the great need of leadership in our denomination we should be moved to do something about our educational program.

We ask that our people be active in educating themselves and the children in the word of God through the church and its auxiliaries. We are commanded in Tim. 2:15 to study. Quote: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the words of truth."

We heartily recommend that the churches of our body adopt the budget plan of financing the church and that a certain percent of the funds be set apart for education and donated to our college.

Respectfully yours,

Hickory Grove Church.

We, your Committee on Suggestions, offer the following:

1. We suggest that this body elect a Standing Ordaining Council to examine and ordain applicants for ordination.

2. We suggest that we strike out clause No. 2 of our Church Decorum.

Cedar Grove Church.

REPORT OF AUXILIARIES

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, wish to submit: We recommend that each and every church have a Sunday School, League and Ladies Auxiliary. These auxiliaries help train our younger people and in this way cause our churches to be stronger and more Christ like. We recommend that the older people cooperate with the younger people. We recommend that every one subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper and any other Christian literature available.

Respectfully submitted,

Prospect Church.

HART—On December 8, 1945, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Christmas and took from it their loving mother, Mrs. Arlenia Hart. Mrs. Hart had reached her sixty-eighth birthday. She had been ill for several months but still she wore a smile on her face. She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Church. She loved her God and served him to the best of her ability. Her body was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers there to sleep until judgment day.

She is gone but not forgotten
Never will her memory fade
Sweet thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she is laid.

May we all strive to meet
Her in that better land above.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. Agnes Monday.

HILSON—In memory of our beloved Bro. B. C. Hilson who departed this life September 4, 1946. He leaves a companion and two children and a host of friends to mourn his departure. There is a vacancy in his home, his church and community that will not be filled. But our loss is heaven's gain. Let us strive to meet him where there is no sad parting.

How we miss his cheering presence,
Miss him from his happy home,
Miss his bright and smiling face,
Miss him from the family circle,
Miss him from his bed, for his
Home is empty, and we know
That he is dead. Peace be to him.

Written by his niece,
Mrs. Trudie Vinson.

LANTON—In memory of our beloved Sister Minnie Lanton who departed this life January 21, 1946. She leaves a husband and 9 children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was ever doing her part for God and faithful to her church when she could attend but because of distance she was not able to attend so often. She was a member of Shiloh Church since 1937. She is not dead but sleeping in peace with God. Her place on earth can not be filled and let us strive to meet her in that blessed home up in heaven. God be with all of us.

Written by a niece,
Carrie Belle Edmonson.

TUCKER—In loving memory of our dear mother, "Duck Tucker," who departed this life July 13, 1946, at the age of 84. Practically all her life a faithful member of East Pitman Church. She has left to mourn her death five children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. We do not understand why our dear mother was taken, but we do not question God's ways. Her mansion was ready or God would not have called her. I know mother has entered into the Glory land for she could say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day.

It has been almost three months, dear mother,
Since you left this world of care.
Though we are lonely, we know you are happy
In your mansion bright and fair.
Now each day is one day nearer,

When we never more will part,
 For we are trying to please our Saviour,
 And let him rule our heart.
 When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain,
 But we shall still be joined in heart
 And hope to meet again.
 So peaceful be thy rest, dear mother
 'Tis so sweet to breathe thy name.
 Oh smile upon us from above,
 Some day we'll never say good-bye again.

Written by her daughters,
 Mrs. Chas Paul and
 Mrs. Huey Crutchfield.

ANDREW J. GRANGER—God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our midst the soul of Andrew J. Granger, December 10, 1945. Great sorrow crushes our hearts as we attempt to write these few words. When we meet at New Harmony Church, where he was a life-long faithful member and see the vacancy caused by his death that no one else can fill, it grieves our hearts greatly. He will always be remembered by our church members, his friends, and his family. But Jesus knew best and we must be reconciled to His Holy Will. We all feel the loss so keenly, but it is not the end for him, but only the beginning of a new life in glory in that beautiful City of God.

His faithfulness as Father, husband and friend to humanity will live on in the hearts of his loved ones. May we bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father and look forward to meeting him in that great beyond.

Mrs. Ulas Granger.

LAMB—With deep sorrow we report the death of our darling mother, Mrs. Lonnie Lee Lamb. She was taken from us Nov. 22, 1945, leaving a vacancy in our home that can never be filled. To her memory we dedicate this bit of verse by an unknown author:

"From this world of grief and sorrow
 To a land of peace and rest,
 God has taken you, dear mother,
 Where there is everlasting rest.
 Friends may think we have forgotten
 When at times they see us smile.
 But little do they know the heartaches
 That one smile hides all the while.
 No one knows the silent heartaches,
 Only those who've lost can tell;
 Of the grief that's borne in silence

For the one we loved so well;
Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Secret tears do often flow;
But memory keeps you ever near us
Thou you died one year ago.

Written by her daughter.

HARRELL—In memory of our dear beloved Johnie Harrell who departed this life in the year of 1946. He was a faithful member with us at Union Springs for about 25 years. He was faithful to his father, mother and to his friends. He leaves a father, mother and a lot of friends to mourn his departure. We trust that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the Clerk.

DRINKWATER—In memory of our dear beloved Carlton Drinkwater who departed this life in the year of 1946. He leaves a wife and eight children and lots of friends to mourn his departure. He was a member with us at Union Springs for about 35 years. He was a devoted husband, father and friend. He was faithful to his home, church and community. We trust that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the Clerk.

WHITE—In memory of our dear beloved Harold White who departed this life in the fall of 1944. He was a member with us at Union Springs for about four or five years. He leaves a father, mother and four brothers and four sisters and lots of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. He died in service for his country the U. S. A. He was an exception for a young man. We trust he is at rest in the sweet beyond.

Written by the Clerk.

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 others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of 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 engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church, 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 blessing and presence of the great Head of the Church.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

Art. 2. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates for every twenty-five members and one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five. Providing any church having less than 25 members, it shall be entitled to two delegates.

Art. 3. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their election, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the number baptised, received by confession of faith, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or died within last associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiated ministers with their postoffice and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their post office.

Art. 4. Newly constituted, or other churches, desiring admission into this union shall petition by delegation and letter and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they be received into this Association and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 5. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions every session and that no church withdraw from the Association without assigning reason.

Art. 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk,

Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board. The Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board shall be composed of five members each.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of the body.

Art. 8. The constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any season.

DECORUM

Art. 1. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board shall be elected by ballot annually.

Art. 2. Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the Association when in session, preserve order and submit motions and other matters. He shall have the same right to vote as any other member, and provided the chair is occupied the right to speech.

Art. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body unless withdrawn.

Art. 4. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and such speakers shall address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the Moderator and then only when he depart from the subject under debate, provided however, any brother may address the Moderator to appoint of order.

Art. 5. The clerk shall record the proceedings of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same and all other writing pertaining to business of the Association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of this Association, which he shall deliver to his successor in office.

Art. 6. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him, showing the balance, if any on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the Association or the Executive Committee.

Art. 7. The Executive Committee shall have power to execute the laws and regulations of the Association when the Association is not in session and to make rules to the Constitution or Decorum of the Association.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Home Mission Board to work for church extension and church preservation, for which purpose they shall draw on the Executive Committee and various others for the necessary funds when the Association is not in session. The Board makes rules and regulations for their government that are not in conflict with the Constitution or Decorum of this Association.

Art. 9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 10. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Associational year; or if they prefer it may choose as pastor for an indefinite length of time, to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary a pastor may be chosen at any other time, than at the last regular conference of the associational year.

3. The pastor shall be the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present, a suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. The pastor of each church shall have the power to form a presbytery and ordain deacons for the church; also examine ordained ministers who make application to our order, shall be set apart in rank but not re-ordained.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

6. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

7. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk, and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

8. When a new Clerk is appointed, all books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. When a church deems it necessary a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to case of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, disciplines and the rule of holy living.

12. Any church member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences and any member whatsoever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the Covenant (Art. 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

13. Conference after prayer and divine service shall be opened as follows, and conducted (1) Inviting brethren to seats. (2) Opening door of church for reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of last conference. (4) Calling or absentees. (5) Acknowledgments. (6) For reference or deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellaneous business.

14. Visiting brethren as helps called from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions but not to vote.

15. Any orderly member of the Baptist church may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some other sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

16. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objection shall not be valid and unless withdrawn by the member who makes them be liable to be taken under dealing by the church

17. When the Moderator calls for the absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent for three successive conferences, and Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

18. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial provided his residence be known to the church.

19. When a witness, not a member of the church is introduced he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

20. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

21. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letters without good reasons shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

2. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walks since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

23. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

24. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

25. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided but a member

upon his request may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

26. No member shall leave the house during conference without sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without permission.

27. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who wish to speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator and keep to the point in the debate.

28. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

29. When the Moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brother in his stead.

30. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

31. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing, at least once a year.

32. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

34. The Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. OF GOD—We believe that there is one and only one living true God, infinite in His attributes, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the universe, revealed to us in the Scripture as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Tim. 1: 7; Isaiah 45: 22; St. John 17: 2.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—We believe the scriptures of the old and new Testaments were given by inspiration of God and binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3: 16; Rom. 16: 4 and 4: 23, 24; Peter 1: 18-21.

3. OF CHRIST—We believe He is God manifest in the flesh being in His divine nature the true God, in human nature the true man, united in person the Messiah and the Mediator for the redemption of the world.—Luke 2: 4-12 inclusive; Matt. 1: 18-21.

4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that He is the third person in the Holy Trinity and possesses all personal divine attributes being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier.—St. John 14: 25, 15: 26 and 16: 7-15 inclusive.

5. OF SALVATION—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to receive it by cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of any so long as the spirit continues to strive with them; but their own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. 1: 16; Phil. 2: 12; Heb. 2: 3.

6. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that man was created sinless, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity will sin and come short of the Glory of God except that they receive Salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. —Genesis 3: 6; 1: 26; 5: 1 and 9: 6; Mark 16: 16; Acts 10: 43.

7. ATTONEMENT—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; therefore God desires the salvation of all and the Gospel invites all, and whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life.—I Cor. 1: 7; Eph. 5: 2; Heb. 2: 9; Rom. 5: 5; Rev. 22: 17.

8. OF FLECTION—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of men by any unconditional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8: 31; Luke 11: 28; Acts 10: 35; Deut. 11: 26-28.

9. OF PERSEVERANCE—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end.—John 8: 31; Tim. 1: 19; Peter 2: 21, 22.

10. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet are

ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for Baptism; John 3: 5 and Rom. 6: 4. Reference for the Lord's Supper: Matt. 26: 26-28. Reference for washing the Saint's feet: John 13: 5-17 inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His Body and Blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred service, regardless of name, denomination or distinction.—Gal. 6: 4; Matt. 7: 10; Rom. 4: 3, 4.

12. THE RESURRECTION—We believe when the resurrection takes place the soul and body will re-unite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness and that the wicked will be driven into everlasting darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5: 29; Acts 14: 16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9: 27.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Post Offices	Increased by Baptism	Increased by Confession	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restoration	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Expulsion	Decreased by Death	Male Members	Female Members	Meeting Days	Asso'al. Purposes	F. W. B. L. Presidents and Post Offices
New Harmony	D. N. Guy	Mrs. J. A. Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	82	118	2	\$ 1.00	
Prospect	Rufus Hyman	Mrs. E. T. Ingram, Dothan, Ala., R-4, Box 164	10	0	4	0	1	1		49	65	1-3	2.00	Dorman Deal, Dothan, Ala.
Hickory Grove	D. F. Pelt	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	114	160	1	4.00	
Hickory Hill	A. C. Toler	Emma White, Center Hill, Fla.	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	9	18	1	1.50	
Pleasant Ridge	L. C. Mixon	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	48	1		
Grangburg	G. W. Nobles	Mary Culver, Grangburg, Ala.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6				
Pleasant Home	L. C. Mixon	H. E. Dixon, Geneva, Ala.	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	131	149	3	3.00	
Rocky Grove	J. L. Tedder	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	30	46	3	2.00	
Howards Grove	H. L. Catrett	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.	3	1	2	0	3	0	6	131	320	4	2.50	
Union Springs	J. L. Tedder	E. J. Henderson, Columbia, Ala.	17	2	1	0	3	0	3	91	174	2	2.00	
Pittman Creek	A. J. Carr	M. F. Smith, Black, Ala.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	102	1	2.00	
Magnolia	D. W. Poole	Nell Rose Etheridge, Midland City, Ala.	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	50	60	1	1.50	Eli Hicks, Midland City, Ala.
Corinth	P. A. Brackin	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	59	73	3	2.00	
Cedar Grove	J. E. Nichols	Wayne Hicks, Greenwood, Fla.	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	15	4	2.00	
	Ralph Lightsey, 6 mo.													
Spring Hill	Rufus Hyman, 6 mo.	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.	20	13	2	0	4	0	0	108	134	2	8.00	
Spring Field	B. W. Clenney	Dorothy Lamb, Ashford, Ala., R-2	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	40	60	1	2.00	
Shiloh	P. A. Bracken	Hershel Creel, Columbia, Ala.	10	0	2	0	0	0	2	85	95	2	2.00	
			75	18	16	2	27	6	29	1099	1647		\$37.50	

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Minutes	Missions	Education	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Building	Value of Other Property	No. in Sunday School	No. in F. W. B. L.	No. in Ladies Aid	Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices	Ladies Aid Presidents and Post Offices
New Harmony	\$ 1.50	\$	\$13.00	\$205.40	\$2,000	\$ 300					
Prospect	2.00			451.26	1,500	1,500	60	40	11	Aurthur Trawick, Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Ala., R-4 .
Hickory Grove	4.00			229.53	1,500	500	74			J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	
Hickory Hill	1.50			48.85	500	100	27			T. E. Bedgood, Center Hill, Fla.	
Pleasant Ridge	1.25	3.00	2.00	178.21	1,000	250	40			Elmer Monday, Marianna, Fla.	
Grangburg	.50	.75		50.00	7.75		25				
Pleasant Home	2.00	5.00		100.00	1,500	500	76			R. H. Kelly, Geneva, Ala.	
Rocky Grove	.75	.75		67.50	1,300	500	25			David Daniels, Malone, Fla.	
Howards Grove	3.50	4.00	5.00	300.00	1,500	500	55			E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., R-1	
Union Springs	2.00			100.00	2,000	300	45			W. P. Merrette, Pansy, Ala.	
Pittman Creek	2.00	1.00		157.00	1,000	400	53			Sam Rethford, Caversville, Fla.	
Magnolia	1.50	1.00	1.00	140.30	1,000	500	63	36		John Paramore, Midland City, Ala.	
Corinth	1.00	2.50	2.50	157.11	700	200	33			Herbert Baxley, Midland City, Ala.	
Cedar Grove	.50	2.00	2.00	95.00	900	150					
Spring Hill	2.00		10.00	254.95	1,000	500	48			Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala.	
Spring Field	2.00	1.00	5.00	250.00	1,000	350	45		13	Mrs. Jim Kay, Ashford, Ala., R-2	Mrs. I. V. Tolar, Ashford, Ala.
Shiloh	1.00	4.00	3.00	146.29	1,000	400	67			Gordon Odom, Columbia, Ala.	
	\$29.00	\$25.00	\$43.50				746	76	24		