

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GRAND RIVER
ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENED WITH
STARVILLA FRIDAY NIGHT
Before the Third Sunday in
September, 1908

W. W. HUDSON, Moderator. J. W. GRAHAM, Clerk.

The Next Annual Session Will Be Held With Oktaha
Church at Oktaha, Beginning Friday Night
Before the Third Sunday in
August, 1909

J. W. GRAHAM, Moderator. J. M. JACKSON, Ass't.

PHOENIX, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The fifteenth annual session of the Territorial Association of the Free Will Baptists, formerly called the Cherokee and Creek Nations, convened with Field's Chapel church, near Starvilla, on Friday night before the third Sunday in September, 1908.

Congregation called together at 7:30 by singing; preaching by R. E. Wollard; scriptural lesson first division of Psalms. Prayer by Brother Samples. Services concluded by J. M. Jackson.

Saturday morning, 8:30—Singing by the congregation. The Moderator, W. W. Hudson, then read 12 chapter Ecc. Prayer by W. W. Hudson. The Moderator then called for the reading of church letters. The clerk, J. W. Graham, then read the church letters. Motion that letters stand approved. Vote taken and carried. Next reading of letters from new churches as follows: Mountain Home Church, Falwell Church, Shilo Church. Motion that the new churches be received and all visiting delegates be allowed to sit with us. Carried. A general hand shaking followed. Names of the corresponding delegates from the Eureka, the McGee and Roberts Association, J. E. Yandell, W. A. Kertsey, S. Walden, J. D. Kimbrough.

Motion that J. W. Graham be elected Moderator for the ensuing year with J. M. Jackson assistant. Motion carried. Motion that A. E. Moore be elected clerk for the ensuing year with J. H. Walker assistant. Motion carried. By motion it was agreed that J. M. Roberts assist the Moderator in selecting the committees.

Committee on devotional services—J. F. Musgraves, R. A. Ketchum, W. H. Jackson.

Committee on arrangements—J. M. Jackson, J. A. Lowery, W. A. Shahan, J. W. Graham, A. E. Moore.

Motion that Laura M. Walker be appointed to fill vacancy of the delegate from New Home church. Carried.

Preaching in the grove near by at 9:30 a. m. by H. G. Beasley, assisted by S. Walden. Prayer by J. W. Graham. Adjourned for 11 o'clock service. The introductory sermon was delivered by J. E. Yandell, concluded by J. N. Musgraves.

Saturday 2 p. m. delegation came together by singing; prayer by N. G. Hatchet.

Church	Delegates	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number of Members	Days of Meeting	Minute Fund
Macedonia	S. G. Hatten, D. P. Hawks, Mary Bailey	31	..	..	..	111	4	\$4.60
New Home	Joe Walker, Laura M. Walker	7	..	..	1	125	4	4.00
Fields Chapel	Green Pryor, Louis Hoos, John Bailey	15	..	..	..	197	3	4.10
Concord	J. H. Jackson, Lizzie Jackson, J. W. Graham	3	2	..	..	26	..	1.75
Salina	Fannie Keys, Mary Roberts, M. H. Smith	7	..	1	..	50	3	2.50
Popes Chapel	Harry Smith, R. J. Boyd, J. O. Atkerson	4	2	5	..	66	2	2.76
Coal	J. O. Brown, Mark Yelton	..	..	..	1	40	2	2.50
Mountain Grove	Martha Honeysuckle, Sarah Boulden	..	..	..	1	13	4	1.70
Pleasant Valley	Represented by letter	14	..	..	..	27	1	1.00
Hatchet Chapel	J. Helton, L. Cox, M. Short, E. Benett	69	1	..	1	67	..	3.34
Oktaha	J. A. Lowrey, Anna Moran, A. E. Moore	24	..	..	..	28	4	2.00
New Union	J. C. Buecy, Thomas Myers	28	13	17	..	92	4	2.00
Hitchita	G. F. Samples, M. E. Samples	3	4	..	..	30	3	2.50
Mountain Home	W. M. Carson, John Coplan	1	2	..	..	28	3	50
Falwell	R. A. Ketchum, A. R. Gatewood	13	..	..	..	23	4	1.50
Shilo	J. J. Hicks	..	..	..	..	4	..	50

at association received on min fund 9,572.50
Total minute fund 387.50
Cost of minutes and all expenses in 323.10
6.44

Ministers Report

	Number of Members Received	Baptized	Conversions	Sermons Preached	Churches Organized	Marriages	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Amount Received	Expenses	Amount over Expenses
R. E. Woolard.....	28	21	..	50	..	6	4	.....	\$ 12.00	.....	\$ 12.00
W. A. Shahan.....	33	8	21	55	1	..	..	85	28.00	.....	28.00
H. G. Beasley.....	..	..	..	45	..	1	1	.....	55.00	.....	55.00
J. M. Jackson.....	14	40	105	..	..	..	..	500	30.00	.....	30.00
N. G. Hatchet.....	35	23	40	35	..	..	..	.....	20.00	.....	20.00
A. B. Self.....	6	2	..	91	..	..	6	.....	7.46	\$2.17	5.29
J. M. Roberts.....	16	41	..	131	..	3	11	.....	221.50	90.00	131.50
J. W. Moyer.....	..	..	5	60	..	..	..	.....	2.20	.....	2.20
J. N. Musgraves.....	16	8	..	45	..	2	..	.....	30.00	.....	30.00
A. Lowrey.....	24	6	13	73	2	3	6	1,366	59.77	26.87	32.90
G. F. Samples.....	3	8	84	..	..	6	4	870	61.25	14.75	46.50

Church Union Meetings Convened Thursday Night
Before Each Fifth Sunday. Month Year

Mountain Grove.....	.....	November	1908
Falwell.....	Near Bixby.....	.....	1909
Macedonia.....	R. R. Station, Illinois.....	.....	1909

CONCLUSION

This, the 15th Annual Session of the Association, marks the passing out of the name Territorial, and in its stead, Grand River, has been adopted. While the name Territorial is now history of the past, we thank the Supreme Ruler that the work still lives. When we let our minds run back to the founding of this Association in 1894, at Nubbin Ridge School House and consider the hardships and disadvantages that the founders necessarily had to undergo in order that the work might live, causes us to say God was with them. Many bright lights have fallen asleep in this warfare all along the line of battle and we thank the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for the hope that all have fallen with their face toward Zion. Two of the faithful founders of this Association are with us yet, J. M. Roberts and J. W. Graham. Although the time scarred veterans are nearing the sunset of life, long after they have fallen asleep their work will stand a living monument to the faithful ones, for it can be said of a truth their works do follow them. And may God help the young ministers and laymen to ever stand firm on what we understand to be the true doctrine taught in Holy writ and practiced by this Association.

A. E. MOORE.

Paid for printing 500 Minutes... 25.00
For delivering Minutes to 13 Churches
Bro. J. H. Loring was paid... 5.00
Expenses including car hire 2.31
41.31