

Minutes of the 19th anniversary of the Tow River Association held with the Spring Creek Church, Mitchell County, N.C., August the 13th and following days.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Wm P. Brumitt, from Romans 5th chapter and 10th verse. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his life.

Delegates convened, prayer by Rev. Julius Garland. 1st received and read letters from 10 churches and enrolled their delegates. 2nd Then called for correspondence and received letter and delegates from the American Freewill Baptist. Delegates to wit Rev. W.B. Wolsey, Rev. Wm W. Ramsey, C. Taylor, F.E. Hensley. 3rd Elected Moses Peterson moderator and J.N. Wheeler assistant, and David M. Simerly clerk.

Aggregate for the last year.

By Baptism	77
By Letter	9
Restored	4
By Relations	29
Dismissed	57
Excluded	32
Dead	4
Total	731
Contributions	\$10.80

Committee of Investigation – Moses Peterson, John Wheeler, Wm B. Wolsey, D.M. Simerly, R.B. Justice, C. Taylor, Wm C. Parsons – to examine in reference to means of amalgamation with the Freewill Baptist General Conference and petition to the home mission to send us a missionary for our information.

Agree to place the funds of the association in the hands of the clerk.

Agree to appoint the clerk to write a correspondence letter to the American Association and to the corresponding delegates with W.R. Campbell, S.D. Cox, S.M. Honeycutt, R.B. Justice, J.W. Adkins, U. Bennett, John Anders, W.P. Brumitt, Samuel Hensley, and Julius Garland.

Agree to hold our next association with Jack's Creek Church, Yancy, County, N.C., Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1870, and Samuel Hensley to preach the introductory, and D.W. Adkins his alternate.

Agree to have 400 minutes printed and reserve 20 for the American Association. One to be sent to the general conference, the balance distributed among the churches according to their contributions and that the clerk be paid \$5.00 for his services.

Sabbath The stand was filled by Rev. W.B. Wolsey. J. Garland and D.S. Bell preached the funerals of Captain Garrett Honeycutt and wife. In the close of the meeting the good spirit of love seemed to burn upon the main altar of the heart. May the good Lord carry on his work.

Adjournment until the time and place above specified.

Moses Peterson
John Wheeler moderator

35 students Wilson Adkins superintendent.

Query from Ramsy Town Church, is it in accordance with Freewill Baptist usage to fellowship or tolerate any other denomination that is in favor of the new version of the Holy Scripture? We answer no.

Plea for help following war

Letter to L.R. Burlingame state of N.C. Mitchell Co. Aug 14th 1869.

Mr. L.R. Burlingame, Dear Sir, We the Tow River Association of the Freewill Baptist having become acquainted to some extent with some of the documents of the Freewill Baptist General Conference and we as an association, do petition the home mission society to send us a missionary to visit the scattered Freewill Baptist in Western N.C. and East Tennessee in the bounds of the Tow River and American Association.

Very Dear Brethren we have been reduced to poverty by the rebellion and are very weak. We are desirous of instruction, as we are illiterate and unlearned and scattered.

1st We want information. Please forward this to the proper place, as this is the only way that we know to proceed.

2nd Have us an answer. Address R.B. Justice Marshall, Mitchell County, N.C. Query from the American Association, shall we dispense with the 14th article of the constitution? We recommend that it remain as it is.

3rd Address a letter to L.R. Burlingame and a minute requesting him to forward the same to the proper place and to give us an answer.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday morning met in the grove by D.M. Simerly.

4th Agree to divide the money in the hands of Wm B. Wolsey, which is \$8.10, and this association gave him their part for recording.

5th The report of Sabbath schools

- Taught at North Fork Big Ivy beginning March 28th 1869. Taught 12 Sabbaths, read 6,933 chapters of the scripture, 1,593 pages, 574 hymns, memorized and recited by heart 869 verses of scripture, answered 223 scripture questions, 25 students, 4 teachers. J.C. Andberg superintendent, M.T. Campbell assistant superintendent, B.F. Brown secretary.
- Taught at Ramsy Town during the past year. Read 50 chapters in the new testament, recited by heart on chapter of 52 verses, read 20 volumes of religious works. D.M. Adkins superintendent. Ramsy Town upper district, organized March the 23rd, 1869. John Honeycutt, Sarah Honeycutt, and Loviney Bennett teaches good order.

We greatly lament the loss of Captain Garrett Honeycutt and wife, but from their own confessions we believe they are gone to the good land. And we sympathize for the two daughters that are cast in the boat of life, upon the great ocean of time, to steer their course without father and without mother.

Ministers

Ordained

Moses Honeycutt
Moses Peterson
John Wheeler
W.C. Parsons
D.W. Adkins
Thomas Howell
S.D. Cox
J.B. Arwood
Samuel Hensley
Eason Pate
E. Selman
W. Swan
S.M. Honeycutt
W.P. Barnett
Nathan Honeycutt
E.J. Campbell
Samuel Arwood
Israel P. Sousels
Allan Fender
D.M. Simerly
N.R. Campbell

Licensed

Elijah Presnell
J.C. Anders
A.B. Anders
B.F. Brown
R.B. Justice
J.A. Head
T.W. McCurry

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