

1870

Minutes of the twentieth anniversary of the Tow River Association, held with the Jack's Creek Church, August the 19th and following days.

Introductory delivered by Rev. Samuel Hensley from 48 Psalms 12 and 13.

Delegates convened. Prayer by Rev. J.M. Adkins who was appointed moderator pro tem.

Received and read letters from 19 churches, two of the numbers newly constituted, Green Mountain and Red Hill.

Invited transient ministers to seats with us. Invitation accepted by Mr. T. Parsons, E. Presnell, J.N. McCurry, and G. Honeycutt.

Elected Samuel Hensley moderator and D.W. Adkins his assist, and D.M. Simerly clerk.

Committee on finance R.C. Elliott and Henry Howard, committee of arrangements R.B. Justice, G.R. Campbell, Uriah Bennett, Sidney Peterson with the moderator and clerk.

Granted letters of transfer from this to the American association to the following churches to wit. Reams Creek, North Fork, Big Ivy, and Redbank.

Investigating committee E. Howell, Uriah Bennett, S. Howell, James Burnett, and J. Shelton to settle difficulty existing between S.D. Cox and Stephen Adkins.

Adjourned.

Saturday morning prayer by the moderator.

Received report from committee of arrangements. Read record and committee discharged.

Inquiry from Big Rock Creek as to whether it is in accordance with Freewill Baptist usage to tolerate adultery or fornication. We say it is NOT.

Report of committee on finance. Reports \$13.45.

Of arrangements we recommend that the churches be more vigilant in building houses of worship and sustaining their ministry. We further agree that the territories of this association be divided into districts.

Special committee J.C. Melton, E.H. Howell, Hardin Kurby, J.W. Ballard, A. Andres, G.W. Cole, and Rev. J. Shoope to receive or reject Red Hill Church. Under existing circumstance reports its acceptance.

Resolve that J.M. Simerly, R.B. Justice, M. Peterson, and G. Honeycutt write a memorial of John Wheeler, deceased.

Memorial

Elder John Wheeler, much beloved in life and greatly lamented in death, departed this life
Aug. 17th, 1870, age 77 yrs.

Universally beloved by all who knew him as a Christian brother.

He united with the Baptist church in early life, and after some years commenced his
ministerial.

In this profession he was faithful, exhausted his means, and spent his time. Although his
prosperity is gone, and himself a poor man, he was a rich father.

He was one of the fathers of the denomination in this part of the land.

He taught free grace and redeeming love, a general atonement, and free Christian
communion.

We sympathize with the late widow and sister, who is left with seven children, to mourn
the loss of a husband and father.

Resolved that we recommend Sabbath schools at all the churches. Agree that the funeral of
our beloved brother, J. Wheeler, deceased, be announced in every church belonging to this
body, the 1st Sabbath in October 1870.

The ministers to preach at the various places as follows.

Jacks Creek – Moses Peterson or G. Honeycutt

Ramsey Town – Samuel Hensley

Big Rock Creek – S.D. Cox

Tow River – W.M. Parsons

Limestone Cove – Moses Honeycutt

Spring Creek – Eason Pate

Cub Creek – Julias Garland

Ball Creek – Allen Fender

Little Doe River – G.R. Campbell

Squirrel Creek – J.B. Arwood

Stoney Creek – D.M. Simerly

Cane River – K.C. Elliott

Bethlehem – Thomas Howell

Pleasant Valley – Samuel Arwood

Green Mountain – E. Presnell

Red Hill – J.W. Adkins, T. McCoury, and E.J. Campbell, in the Army.

This not to interfere with the home funeral.

Correspondence to the American Association

Nathan Honeycutt, W.E. Parsons, E. Presnell, Thomas Howell, Allen Fender, Godfrey Heatherly,
Uriah Honeycutt, Joseph Street, Uriah Bennett, and D.W. Adkins, E.L. Moses Peterson to write
the corresponding letter.

Agree that we hold our next association with the Stoney Creek Church 11 miles east of Elizabethton, Carter Co. Tennessee.

To commence Friday before the third Sabbath in August 1871.

D.W. Adkins to preach the introductory and G.R. Campbell to be his alternate.

Resolved that we return our thanks to the citizens of Jacks Creek for their hospitality during this meeting.

Agree that we have 200 minutes printed and distributed according to constitution. If any funds remaining, the clerk to have it for his services.

Sabbath preaching

The stand was filled by D.W. Adkins, Moses Peterson, D.H. Simerly, and Samuel Hensley in the order of their names.

Adjourned until time and place above named.

Ordained ministers

Moses Peterson
D.W. Adkins
Moses Honeycutt
Thomas Howell
Elijah Presnell
S.D. Cox
J.B. Arwood
Samuel Hensley
Julius Garland
Eason Pate
J. Andres
M.J. Brummit
Nathan Honeycutt
E.J. Campbell
Allen Fender
D.M. Simerly
G.B. Campbell
T.H. McCurry
W.T. Parsons

Licensed Ministers

H.C. Elliott
B.F. Brown
Wesley Miller
J.A. Head

J.C. Andres
R.P. Moore
J.J. Campbell

Membership for the present year

Baptized	106
By letter	3
Restored	41
Relation	16
Dismissed	20
Excluded	32
Dead	6
Total Number	860

Printer fee	9.00
Postage	.15

Samuel Hensley Moderator
J.W. Adkins Moderator
D.M. Simerly Clerk