

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVEIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TOE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
WHICH CONVENED WITH
FORBES CHAPEL CHURCH SEPT. 17-17-18, 1920

OFFICERS

J. N. ARROWOOD Moderator
J. H. PRITCHARD Association Clerk

Elk Park, N. C.

The next session of the Association will be held with Little Doe Church, Carter County, Tennessee, beginning on Thursday, before the third Sabbath in September, 1921. Rev. Daniel Miller to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. G. Hopson his alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-first Annual Session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with Forbs Chapel Church, Carter County, Tennessee, September 16th, 1920, at 11 a. m.

Introductory sermon delivered by T. H. McCoury after reading of the 16th chapter of St. Matthew by S. P. Barnett and prayer by Rev. Dan Miller.

On motion adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 p. m. Reading by Bro. T. C. Hicks. Prayer by Bro. Dan Tolley, then the Association was called to order by Bro. G. Hapson, Moderator of the previous Association.

Motion passed to organize the Association by enrolling names of ministers, churches and delegates.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Rev. Bros. T. H. McCoury, G. Hopson, J. H. Arrowood, T. C. Hicks, S. P. Barnett, Dan Miller, D. M. Renfro, David Campbell, Joseph Honeycutt, L. H. Griffith, J. J. Hunter, J. M. Lewis, D. J. White, W. M. D. Tolley, S. C. Tolley, D. C. Tolly, W. L. Morgan, G. W. Brummit, W. F. Taylor, J. S. Arnett, James Wilson, James Arrowood.

CHURCHES CALLED AND DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Little Elk	J. W. Whitehead, H. M. Street
Little Doe	By letter
Union Hill	R. C. Morgan, Ed Oxendine
Morgan's Chapel	By Letter
Snow Hill	Henry Hill
Mount Pleasant	Jase Hopson
Tiger Creek	
Shell Creek	T. C. McKinney
Oak Hill	J. M. Garland
Beans Creek	Steven Street, W. N. Miller, W. M. Jarrett
Forbs Chapel	

Roans Chapel	By letter
Curtice Creek	J. W. Miller, Tommy Smith
Fair View	Ely Tolly
Clark's Chapel	A. H. Tolly
Bethel	Rom McGee, Herbert Young
Pigeon Roost	D. W. Barnett, Jas. Arrowood
St. John	
St. Paul	D. F. Blevens
Macedonia	
Green Mountain	Ervin Hopson, Joe Laws
Dennis Cove	J. T. Whitehead
Sciotha	
Toe River	Kinsey Tipton, Cline Grigith
Henson Creek	Albert Woody
Ivy Hill	
Gap Creek	E. C. Swarington
Brumits Creek	Mark Miller, Dock Renfro
Miller's Chapel	By letter

On motion passed to call for newly constituted churches.
 On motion, received new churches and seated delegates, to-wit:
 On motion and passed to elect Moderator and Clerk, vote declared
 Johnny Arrowood Moderator and J. H. Pritchard Clerk.
 Pulpit—Wm. Jarrett, John Miller, Stephen Street.
 Investigation—David Miller, S. P. Barnett, James Arrowood.
 Business—G. Hopson, Wm. D. Tolly, David Campbell.
 Sabbath School—T. C. Hicks, Rom. McGee, Henry Street.
 Temperance—K. Tipton, D. C. Tolly, G. Hopson.
 Obituaries—Joseph Lewis, James Whitehead, S. P. Barnett.
 Finance—Cline Griffith, Henry Street.
 Session—Joseph Honeycutt, D. C. Renfro, W. F. Taylor.
 On motion called for corresponding delegates and minister of Sister
 Associations, received and seated. A. N. Benfield, from Watauga Associ-
 ation, W. T. Nunley, from Watauga Association, Sidney Deaton, from
 Jacks Creek Association.

A motion was passed to adjourn until Friday at 8:30 a. m.
 J. H. ARROWOOD, Moderator.
 J. H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 8:30 a. m. pursuant to adjournment.
 Reading by Rev. S. P. Barnett, from the 14th Chapter of St. John.
 Prayer by Bro. David Campbell.
 Minute of last session read and approved.
 On motion a call was made for delegates. The following came forward:
 Morgan's Chapel—T. A. Arnett, Deacon.
 St. John's Church—Thos. Morgan, Delegate.
 Union Hill Church—J. C. Street, R. B. Whitson, Delegates.
 Spring Creek Church—Jas. Wilson, Delegate.

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Shell Creek Church—Berry Richardson, Delegate.
 Rev. A. L. Honeycutt enrolled as a visiting minister. Bro. Marshall
 Boyd enrolled as a visiting brother.

On motion the newly constituted Church at Blowing Rock, N. C., was
 received into full fellowship with this body, represented by letter.

On motion the several committees were called on for reports and the
 following reports were made:

Sabbath School Committee's report was read and approved.

The following Brothers made interesting talks on Sabbath Schools:
 Rev. T. H. McCoury, Rev. Joseph Lewis, Rev. G. Hopson and others.

Bro. J. P. Hopson paid one dollar in the Treasury.

The report on Temperance was received and discussed by several
 brothers. On motion this report was adopted.

On motion the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

Preaching by Dan Miller. Text, Matthew, 6-26th verse. Good erect.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Cline
 Grigith.

On motion minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion letters from the following churches were received:

Minute Funds.	Clerk.
Blowing Rock ----- \$1.50	Mrs. Myrtle Williams
Little Dow ----- 1.50	J. W. Whitehead
Fair View ----- 1.00	L. Carver
Henson Creek ----- 2.00	A. W. Woody
Green Mountain ----- 1.50	Isaac Hopson
Snow Hill ----- .50	A. E. Hollyfield
Millers Chapel ----- .90	Hattie Bell
Brumits Creek ----- 1.25	A. G. Harrel
Oak Hill ----- 1.20	J. R. Stephens
Clarks Chapel ----- 1.20	Nancy Miller
Tiger Creek ----- .75	Isaac Wright
Dennis Cove ----- 1.31	Mollie Bennett
Roan's Chapel ----- 1.00	Cad Campbell
Morgan's Chapel ----- 1.50	A. J. Arnett
St. Paul ----- 1.00	Mary Hughes
Mt. Pleasant ----- .75	Bessie Buchanan
Forbs Chapel ----- 1.00	J. M. Miller
Toe River ----- 1.50	John Wilson
Shel Creek ----- 1.15	G. W. Phillips
Pigeon Roost ----- 1.3	Etter Arrowood
Union Hill ----- 1.00	J. D. Peterson
Curtice Creek ----- 1.00	F. C. Palmer
Bethel ----- 4.00	Rom. McGee
Gap Creek ----- 1.50	

On motion the Association called on the authorities to help suppress
 the liquor traic in Mitchell and Carter counties.

On motion corresponding delegates were enrolled to-wit: Rev. Brown-
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low Vance was seated in this body from Watauga Association.

On motion the Finance Committee was called on for report and reported \$31.06 for minute funds.

On motion the Association took recess until Saturday morning at 8:30 a. m.

J. H. ARROWOOD, Moderator.

J. H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

Preaching by Rev. Sidney Deaton. Text, "Not Careful to Answer Thee." Good effect.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Rev. T. C. Hicks. Prayer by Brother Brownlow Vance.

On motion minutes of last session was read.

On motion all committees were called on for reports.

Report of Committee on Obituary was received and read.

On motion the report on Obituary was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that this body carry out the order made last year as to protecting our church property.

The Committee on Session reported as follows: That the next Association will convene at Little Doe Church.

On motion this report was adopted.

On motion Bro. Daniel Miller was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon and Bro. G. Hopson was appointed his alternate.

The Association will convene on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1921.

On motion the following delegates were appointed as corresponding delegates to the Watauga Association, viz: S. P. Barnett and T. H. McCoury.

On motion the following Brethren were appointed as corresponding delegates to Jacks Creek Association, viz: Rev. David Campbell and Rev. Daniel Miller, Rev. Cline Griffith.

On motion the post office address of ministers and church clerks be carried in our minutes.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk of this body have the minutes at the next ministers' conference.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, would advise all our churches to strictly obey God's Word in regard to Temperance, and do all that is in our power to put down this great evil. Intemperance that is among the people blighting the lives and destroying the souls of so many of our people.

KIRSEY TIPTON,

G. HOPSON,

D. C. TOLLY,

Committee.

The following Brothers were licensed to preach the Gospel, viz: Bro. Albert Woody, Bro. John C. Street, Bro. D. F. Blevins and Bro. Cline Griffith—

fifth. Bro. W. J. Pritchard was ordained by this body.

On motion the Association adjourned until time and place.

J. H. ARROWOOD, Moderator.

J. H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Charles Burleson—Age 65; member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 35 years.

Hunter Delinger—Age 70; member of the Free Will Baptist Church several years.

Mack Tolly—Age 54; member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 4 years.

Joe Price—Age 45; member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 15 years.

Louisa Price—Age 84 years; member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 70 years.

Don Miller—Age 25; member Free Will Baptist Church for 8 years.

Nancy Tolly—Age 84; member Free Will Baptist Church 60 years.

Amanda Bleins—Age not known; member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 25 years.

Polly Shepherd—Age 50; member Free Will Baptist Church 35 years.

Emmet Campbell—Age 22; member Free Will Baptist Church 5 years.

Flem Hill—Age about 25 years; member of Free Will Baptist Church about 14 years.

Hattie Street—Age about 16 years; member Free Will Baptist Church about 4 years.

Cain Campbell—Age 18 years; member Free Will Baptist Church 35 years.

Hannah Hammet—Age 30 years; member of the church 19 years.

Baxter Bennett—Age 80; member of the Free Will Baptist Church several years.

Allen Peters—Age 62 years; member of the Church 15 years.

Rebecca Peters—Age about 54 years; member of the Church 15 years.

We will say to the bereaved friends of the deceased, your loved ones have passed out of this time world, and have joined the Church triumphant and while we mourn their loss in this world, it is their eternal gain. They have received the reward which await the faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHITEHEAD,

J. M. LEWIS,

S. P. BARNETT.

MINISTERS' ROLL AND PAST ADDRESS.

T. H. McCoury	Senia, N. C.
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park, N. C.
J. H. Arrowood	Relief, N. C.
D. M. Renfro	Relief, N. C.
Daniel Miller	Relief, N. C.
G. Hopson	Peppers, N. C.

FIVE—

David Campbell	Magnetic City, N. C.
Joseph Honeycutt	Magnetic City, N. C.
L. H. Griffith	Hunt Dale, N. C.
J. J. Hunter	Ramsey Town, N. C.
J. M. Lewis	Newland, N. C.
D. J. White	Erwin, Tenn.
W. M. D. Toley	Roan Mountain, Route 2, Tenn.
S. C. Tolley	Roan Mountain, Route 2, Tenn.
W. L. Morgan	Roan Mountain, Route 2, Tenn.
D. C. Tolley	Hampton, Route 1, Tenn.
G. W. Bummett	Johnson City, Route 2, Tenn.
W. F. Taylor	Johnson City, Route 2, Tenn.
S. P. Barnett	Johnson City, Route 1, Box 171, Tenn.
J. S. Arnett	Hampton, Route 2, Tenn.
James Arrowood	Relief, N. C.
James Wilson	Rutherfordton, N. C.
J. W. Miller	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
W. J. Pritchard	Pineola, N. C.

Licensed the following: Albert Woody, Spear, N. C.; D. F. Blevins, J. C. Street, Cline Griffith.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, would advise every Free Will Baptist Church of our association to run an evergreen Sabbath School. Let your Superintendent and all the other officers and teachers of our Sabbath Schools be Christians. Let the Holy Bible be your text book. Should you use literature, use the literature printed at Ayden, S. C., by our Free Will Publishing Co.

T. C. HICKS,
ROM. McGEE,
W. M. STREET,

Committee.

To the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association, Greeting in Christ:
Date.....19.....

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at.....
now in session, hereby appoint and send our beloved brethren to represent us in your Association.

Names of delegates.....

No. baptized..... No. added otherwise..... No. excluded.....
No. dismissed..... No. deaths..... Minute funds.....
Total membership..... Present pastor..... No. in Sabbath school.....
Amount paid pastor..... Paid for revival work.....

Revival conducted by.....

Pastor elect.....

Does your church run Sabbath School?.....

Remarks:.....

Has your church a Home Mission Board?.....

SIX—

Deceased.....

How much have you given for Home Missions?.....

Moderator..... P. O.....

Clerk..... P. O.....

Who is your Mission Board?.....

Pledge for Home Mission.....

How much are your members willing to give per month for Home Missions each?.....

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

Art. 3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

Art. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while in session.

Art. 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Art. 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. On all motions made when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Art. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Timothy 2:5.

Art. 2. The Holy Scripture.—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—II Timothy 3:16.

Art. 3. Original Apostasy.—We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she SEVEN—

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took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and also gave to her husband with her, and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

Art. 4. Free Grace.—We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproveth the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10:12.

Art. 5. Christian Faith.—We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and by the Word of God.

He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

Art. 6. Repentance.—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces God's repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin.

Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damages by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death. II. Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 7. Free Agency.—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah 6:8.

Art. 8. Perseverance.—We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; but it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost.

And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

Art. 9. Good Work.—We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire; wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them.—Matt. 7:19-20.

Art. 10. Christian Baptism.—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also shall walk in newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

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Art. 11. The Lord's Supper.—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represents his body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—I. Cor., 11:28-29.

Art. 12. Feet Washing.—We believe that washing the saints' feet is a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same.

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet.—John 13:14.

Art. 13. The Gospel.—We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—I. Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Faith. We now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandment implied in a confession of faith and in the spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation and our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise, by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and to strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed words in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of our own denomination.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such nor furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

NINE—

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

Art. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

Art. 3. The association shall elect annually a Moderator and Clerk.

Art. 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

Art. 5. This association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Art. 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Art. 7. The association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business, shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committee may be adopted or rejected by the body.

Art. 8. All queries regularly presented in the association by any church shall be attended to.

Art. 9. The association shall have a book in which shall be recorded an accurate account of all its proceedings.

Art. 10. Any church may become a member of the association, by making application by letter or delegate, and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

Art. 11. The association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

Art. 12. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and changes that may accrue and for replenishing such, each church may contribute at pleasure.

Art. 13. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the association whose duty it shall be to have care and account for all money committed to his charge.

Art. 14. The association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

Art. 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Art. 16. The association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

Art. 17. The association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services at each annual meeting.

Art. 18. The association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:
Minute Funds collected by committee-----\$30.91

H. M. STREET,
CLINE GRIFFITH,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1920

CHURCHES	PASTORS	No. in S. S.	Baptized	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	Revival Work
Mt. Pleasant	David Campbell	140	9	0	0	0	0	0	\$.75	\$10.00	
St. Paul	G. Hapson	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	1.00	14.25	
Morgan Chapel	D. Campbell	48	0	2	1	2	55	1.50	8.80	\$30.00	
Roans Chapel	W. L. Morgan	1	7	0	0	1	30	1.00	15.00	18.00	
Dennis Cove	Jas. Arnett	25					37	1.31	10.00		
Tiger Creek	Daniel Miller	6	9				70	.75	40.00	30.00	
Clark Chapel	Daniel Miller	3	2			2	52	1.20	14.69		
Oak Hill	G. Hopson	1	3	1		2	71	1.20	20.00	20.00	
Brummits Creek	Daniel Miller	2					32	1.25	13.40	7.00	
Miller's Chapel	W. F. Taylor					1	21	.90	22.00		
Snow Hill	Daniel Miller		2			1	20	.50	28.00		
Green Mountain	G. Hopson		1	3	3		25	1.50	9.40	4.50	
Henson Creek	G. Hopson	75	5	7		3	53	2.00	40.90	30.00	
Fair View	D. C. Tolly						20	1.00			
Little Doe	W. B. Vance	60	2			3	94	1.50	40.00	36.60	
Blowing Rock	A. L. Honeycutt						15	1.50			
Forbs Chapel	S. Tolly						66	1.00	35.00	40.00	
Toe River	J. H. Arrowood						85	1.50	17.30		
Shell Creek	Lawson Morgan	50	1	1			3	.70	20.00	6.00	
Pigeon Roost	J. H. Arrowood		2	6	6	1	106	1.35	13.65	12.00	
Union Hill	Daniel Miller	30				1	24	1.00	22.19	8.00	
Bethel	T. H. McCoury	95				2	77	4.00		10.00	
Curtice Creek	J. S. Arnett	40	8	2			40	1.00	40.00	40.00	