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VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia,
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The next session will convene with Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1956. The opening time, 10:00 a. m., E. S. T.

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GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. James A. Boatright.....Moderator
Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Mrs. M. C. Foran.....Clerk
321 Boone Street, Bristol, Virginia

Rev. E. H. Overman.....Treasurer
4010 Little Creek Road, Norfolk, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brother C. L. Woodruff.....Chairman
Essersville, Virginia

Rev. S. M. McFall.....Clintwood, Virginia

Rev. H. V. Johnston.....Norton, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS

Wilton H. Dail, Promotional Secretary and
Treasurer, 309 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk,
Virginia

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Billy A. Melvin, 5210 Monument Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. L. M. Salyer, Route 1, Box 659, Norton,
Virginia

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ketron, Box 5, Herald,
Virginia

Proceedings

Friday Morning, June 17

The seventeenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia, June 17 and 18, 1955.

The opening session began by singing "Jesus Saves."

The Scripture reading, 8th chapter of Romans, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran, followed with the opening prayer by Rev. S. M. McFall.

Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, was in charge and presided during this session of the association.

Ministers Registered:

James A. Boatright

S. M. McFall

Orville O'Quinn

Kyle Hubbard

H. V. Johnston

E. T. Darnell

Ronald Creech

Harry Martin

Della Salyer

E. H. Overman

Winston Sweeney

Walter Glover

Tom Hall

Earl James

Willie Vicars

Visiting Ministers Registered:

C. C. Reedy, Dickerson County
Orville Stokes, Union Association of Tennessee
Charles Keith, Washington, North Carolina

Deacons Registered:

W. H. Dail
M. C. Foran
Roy Helton
Guy Culbertson
P. E. Presley
Tallman Johnson

Delegates Registered:

Bertha Helton
David Gill
Betty Gill
W. M. Hartsock
E. R. Harris
Mrs. D. R. Harris
Edythe James
Hazel Combs
M. C. Foran
Sarah Foran
Elreva Lowe
Mrs. Zella Chesnutt

Letters Received

Clinch Valley Association—Letter and delegates with \$25.00 for State Fund.

Sandy Valley Association—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State Fund.

John Wheeler Association—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State Fund.

Southwest Virginia Association—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State Fund.

Those serving on the Executive Board are: Rev. S. M. McFall, Guy Culbertson and Rev. H. V. Johnston.

Business carried over from the last meeting was agreed on at this session as follows: A proposal that each church may have the privilege of sending one delegate and a freewill offering to the Virginia State Association each year. Churches responding to this proposal were:

Mary's Chapel—Representative, E. J. Kilgore; amount, \$1.00.

Fairmount Park—Representative, D. R. Harris; amount, \$1.00.

Hyde Park—Representative, Mrs. D. R. Harris; amount, \$1.00.

Wilson's Chapel—Representative, Martha Brickey; amount, \$1.00.

Warwick—Representative, Gene Parrisher; amount, \$1.00.

Shiloh—Representative, M. C. Foran; amount, \$1.00.

Motion was made and carried that the association adjourn for preaching services to convene back at 1:30 p. m.

The eleven o'clock preaching service opened by singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. Ronald Creech brought the introductory message, reading from the 26th chapter of Matthew. The services closed by singing "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus."

Friday Afternoon Session

This session opened by singing "Kneel at the Cross." The Scripture lesson was read by the clerk from the 4th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer was offered by Rev. Orville O'Quinn.

Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, took charge of the business session.

The minutes of the morning session were read by the clerk.

Brother I. L. Stanley conducted the devotional, using the song, "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Brother Stanley presented the children from the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee, in song and recitation. He also introduced the new superintendent of the home, Mr. Gerald Medscar, who made a brief talk on the behalf of the home. An offering was taken for the home amounting to \$42.44.

AUXILIARY REPORT

The woman's auxiliaries in Virginia organized a State Auxiliary Convention at this conference, June 17, 1955. Mrs. Jones of Norfolk, Virginia, was elected president. Mrs. Jones read a partial report of the work they are doing. Contributions have been made to the following:

Student Love Fund.....	\$ 81.00
State Association.....	18.95
Home Missions.....	45.60
Foreign Missions.....	155.00
Superannuation.....	132.28
Children's Home.....	279.75

The next State Auxiliary Convention will convene with Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, Thursday before the third Sunday in June, 1956.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Carried Forward from 1954.....	\$ 5.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va.	\$ 100.00
Big Spring Sunday School, Big Stone Gap, Va.	118.00
Stallard Memorial Sunday School, St. Paul, Va.	36.26
Wilson's Chapel Church, Norton, Va.	3.40
Wilson's Chapel Ladies' Auxiliary, Norton, Va.	5.53
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Va.	49.00
Total Contributions	312.19
Amount Mailed in Otherwise	2,106.93
Balance to Account For	\$2,424.12

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. Raymond Riggs,

Treasurer of Foreign Missions:

November 18, 1954, by Check \$ 154.53

March 3, 1955, by Check ----- 95.03

June 8, 1955, by Check ----- 62.63

Total ----- \$ 312.19

Disbursed Otherwise ----- 2,106.93

Total Sent to Foreign Missions

For the State of Virginia ----- 2,419.12

Balance in Treasury ----- \$ 5.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

Foreign Misions Fund

Motion was made and carried that this report be received and adopted.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

October 29, 1954, C. L. Kilgore, by Check ----\$676.16

Fort Blackmore Church ----- 25.00

Wilson's Chapel, Norton, Va. ----- 6.36

Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va. ----- 97.29

Warwick Church, Norfolk, Va. ----- 10.00

Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va. ----- 5.00

Total in Bank ----- \$819.81

No disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. M. Salyer, Treasurer

Route 1, Box 659

Norton, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Brought Forward ----- \$ 772.26

Received for the Year ----- 429.30

Total ----- \$1,201.56

Disbursements ----- 506.80

Balance in Treasury ----- \$ 694.76

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Dail, Treasurer
309 Graydon Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward from 1954	\$ 40.51
Received from 1954 Meeting	175.00
Total	\$ 215.51
Expenditures	178.00
Balance in Association Treasury	\$ 37.51
Promotional Work Brought Forward	\$ 246.70
Received	225.13
Total	\$ 471.83
Expenditures	113.00
Balance for Promotional Work	\$ 358.83
Total Brought Forward	\$1,059.47
Total Received	829.43
Grand Total	\$1,888.90
Total Expenditures	797.80
Balance in All Funds	\$1,091.10

EXPENDITURES AS LISTED

<i>State Association:</i>	
Moderator	\$ 10.00
Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	15.00
Minutes	108.00
National Association	30.00
<i>Home Missions:</i>	
Wiring Little Creek Church	\$ 63.00
West Bristol Building Fund	100.00
Little Creek Building Fund	100.00
Hyde Park Building Fund	100.00
Rev. M. E. Steepe, Big Stone Gap, Va.	100.00
Stationery and Stamps	17.70
Advertising in Hopewell, Va.	26.10
<i>Promotional Work:</i>	
Travel to Nashville, Tennessee	\$ 50.00
Two Trips to Southwest Virginia	38.00
Travel to Richmond and Warwick	15.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
<i>Received Home Missions State:</i>	
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	\$ 271.49
Warwick Church, Norfolk, Va.	61.04
Auxiliary Fairmount Church, Norfolk, Va.	78.48

State Association	13.19
Auxiliary Little Creek Church	5.00
Total Received for the Year	\$ 429.20
Amount Brought Forward from Last Year	772.26
Total	\$1,201.46
Expenditures for the Year	489.10
Balance on Hand	\$ 762.36
<i>Received for Promotional Work:</i>	
Fairmount Park Church	\$ 50.00
State Association	13.19
Warwick Church	54.17
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	20.10
Southwest Virginia Association	10.50
Total Received	\$ 148.05

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Dail, Treasurer
309 Graydon Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia

Motion made and carried to receive the treasurer's report.

Motion made and carried that this conference adjourn until 9:00 a. m., Saturday, June 18.

Friday Evening Service

The evening service opened with the singing of "Love Lifted Me," followed with prayer by D. H. Harris. Rev. Winston Sweeney brought the evening message, reading for the Scripture lesson the 1st Psalm, and using as his subject, "Walking with God."

Saturday Morning, June 18

The Saturday morning session of the Virginia State Association opened with the singing of "I Would Not Be Denied," followed

with prayer by Rev. Orville Stokes. The 5th chapter of Galatians was read by the clerk for the Scripture lesson.

The moderator, Rev. James A. Boatright, took charge of the business session.

Officers Elected

By vote of the body Rev. James A. Boatright was re-elected as moderator, the clerk taking the vote.

By vote the body re-elected Mrs. M. C. Foran as clerk for another four years.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. E. H. Overman be elected as state treasurer for another year.

By vote of the body Wilton H. Dail was re-elected treasurer and promotional secretary for home missions.

By vote Sister L. M. Salyer was re-elected as treasurer of superannuations.

Motion was made and carried that Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron be elected as league field workers for the coming year.

By vote of the body Rev. Billy A. Melvin was elected as treasurer of foreign missions.

By vote Rev. H. V. Johnston was elected to the Executive Board.

The following delegates were appointed to go to the National Association: David Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Jewel Sweeney, Vonda Dorton, Carter Owens, Marvin E. How-

ard, Mrs. Ronald Creech, Otto Catts and Bill Frye.

Motion made that the moderator be given \$5.00 more for his service. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, your Executive Board, wish to make the following report:

The next conference session will convene with Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1956. We have appointed Rev. F. A. Rivenbark to bring the introductory message Friday morning at eleven o'clock and Rev. E. T. Darnell to bring the evening message at 7:30. Rev. S. M. McFall will bring the closing message Saturday morning at eleven o'clock.

The board wishes to endorse the proposal that was brought over from the 1954 session, that each church have the privilege of sending one delegate and a freewill offering to the Virginia State Association each year.

The terms of office for the Executive Board members expires as follows: Rev. S. M. McFall, 1956; C. L. Woodruff, 1957; and Rev. H. V. Johnston, 1958.

At the close of the business session, the association, in appreciation, offered its sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of Russell Fork Church and community for their kind hospitality shown the association during this

session. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Motion made and carried that this conference adjourn for one year.

The seventeenth session of the Virginia State Association came to a close with preaching services at eleven o'clock.

The service opened with the singing of "Victory In Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. E. H. Overman. Scripture was read from the 23rd Psalm and the 33rd chapter of Deuteronomy by Rev. Orville Stokes. Mr. Stokes brought the message, using as his subject, "Heavy Shoes." The services closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Rev. James A. Boatright, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Clinch Valley Association

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia, June 17 and 18, 1955.

We send as delegates: Oscar Hartsock, Emory Ashworth, Willie Hartsock, Dewey Worley, Robert King, Stella Price, Jim Pierson, Vonda Dorton, Mabel Robinson and Harry Whittaker.

Our standing is as follows:

Number quarterly meetings 3, total mem-

bership 981, number Sunday schools 21, average attendance in Sunday school 1,098, paid pastors \$2,324.00, paid evangelists \$1,434.70, paid for building and repairs \$1,501.98, paid to home missions and orphanage \$596.08 and value of church property \$16,000.00.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association while in session with Lick Creek Church, Fort Blackmore, Virginia, August 6, 1954.

The next session of the Clinch Valley Association will convene with Cassell's Chapel Church below Dungannon, Virginia, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1955.

Early Hobbs, Clerk
Route 3
Castlewood, Virginia

Ministers of the Clinch Valley Association

James A. Boatright, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Wayland Owens, Mabe, Virginia
Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tennessee
Walter H. Gloyver, Dante, Virginia
Emory Cook, Dante, Virginia
J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Virginia
Jeff Salyer, Nickelsville, Virginia
Lonnie Brown, Nickelsville, Virginia
Bill Vaughan, Kingsport, Tennessee
Bill Gardner, Fall's Branch, Tennessee
Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elmer Barker, Natural Tunnell, Virginia
Earl Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee
R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee
Kelsie Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee

Erit Darnell

Roy Jenkins

Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee

Carson Bishop, Gate City, Virginia

Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Virginia

Tallmage Wallen, Natural Tunnel, Virginia

Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tennessee

Pat Bishop, Sunbright, Virginia

James Cassell, Dungannon, Virginia

Southwest Virginia Association

To the Virginia State Association when convened with Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia, June 17 and 18, 1955.

We have chosen as delegates: W. H. Dail, Betty Hill, Jack Hill and Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Johnston.

Our standing is as follows:

Number quarterly meetings 3, number churches 47, total membership 3,213, number Sunday schools 47, Sunday school membership 4,308, number young people's leagues 17, league membership 561, ordained ministers 85, licentiates 14, minute fund enclosed \$50.-00.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association while in regular session with the Indian Creek Church, Pound, Virginia, May 14, 1955.

Rev. E. H. Overman, Moderator
Norfolk, Virginia

Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk
Herald, Virginia

Ministers of the Southwest Virginia Association

C. C. Arney, Herald, Virginia
G. L. Addington, Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia
J. W. Addington
Herbert Addington, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
Willie E. Adams, Inman, Virginia
Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Virginia
J. W. Brannon, Dryden, Virginia
W. A. Bevins, St. Charles, Virginia
Palmer Bevins, Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia
Monroe Bolling, Esserville, Virginia
H. E. Bevins, Bondtown, Virginia
S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Virginia
George H. Collins, Norton, Virginia
Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Carson Dotson, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
Tillman Derry, Olinger, Virginia
Gillus Francis, Pound, Virginia
L. J. Fields, Norton, Virginia
Mack Fisher, Wise, Virginia
Virgill Griffith, Dunbar, Virginia
W. H. Gibson, Olinger, Virginia
Silas Gibson, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Ray Gardner, Esserville, Virginia
W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
S. H. Jackson, Dorchester, Virginia
H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Virginia
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia
Roy W. Kilgore, Dungannon, Virginia
J. B. Maggard, Benham, Kentucky
Hansford Mullins, Pound, Virginia
Charlie Mullins, Route 2, Wise, Virginia

L. H. Martain, Jonesville, Virginia
Raymond Powers, Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia
P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
J. L. Meade, Herald, Virginia
B. R. Powers, Wise, Virginia
W. R. Powers, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
David Powers, Norton, Virginia
Beecher Powers, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elmer Parsons, Jonesville, Virginia
Lacy Powers, Route 1, Norton, Virginia
James Rose, Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia
Earnest Ramey, Kingsport, Tennessee
Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Norton, Virginia
C. A. Robinette, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
Mrs. Della Salyers, Norton, Virginia
Andrew Stidam, Ramsey, Virginia
J. T. Sturgill, Pound, Virginia
W. R. Surett, Exter, Virginia
V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Virginia
Curtiss Wynn, Exter, Virginia
Wythe White, Herald, Virginia
S. H. Wilson, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Jake Welch, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
E. R. Davis, Dryden, Virginia
S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Virginia
D. W. Cherry, Portsmouth, Virginia
C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan, Virginia
Leroy Forlines, Newport News, Virginia
L. H. Moulton, Richmond, Virginia
M. C. Roscholar, Norfolk, Virginia
E. H. Overman, Norfolk, Virginia
Jessie Cowdan, Toms Creek, Virginia

J. T. Grear
Elmer Haga, Nickelsville, Virginia
Raymond Smith, Inman, Virginia
Willie Adams, Inman, Virginia
James West, Flat Gap, Virginia
Otis Keith, Kingsport, Virginia
Homar Richardson, Sanduska, Ohio
C. W. Noles, Route 2, Wise, Virginia
Earl Miller, Toms Creek, Virginia
Jonah Shupe
Eddie H. Corn, Norfolk, Virginia
Billie A. Melvin, Richmond, Virginia
Ronald Creech, Norfolk, Virginia
F. A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Virginia
Lewis M. Cole
John Steffer
Ralph Flannery
Allen Mays

Licentiates

V. L. Collins
Arnold J. Boggs
Robert Lee Stanley
Jack Richmond
Emitt Begley
John H. Creech
Willie Kelly
Tommy Peakes
Sam Sluss
C. B. Addison
P. L. Dixon

Sandy Valley Association

To the Virginia State Association when con-

vened with the Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia, June 17 and 18, 1955.

We send as delegates: Glover Whitt, Crockett Harmon, Floyd Shaw, Elizabeth Whitt, Ethel Godby, Constine Shaw, Lula Mae Waddell, Hazel Dye, Glayds Compton, Bertha Helton, Mamie Howard, Hazel Combs, Edythe James, Emma Harris and Dora Hawkins.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches 16, number of ordained ministers 37, total membership 716, number of quarterly meetings 2, licentiates 2, Sunday schools at most of the churches, valuation of church property \$27,000.00.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association while in regular session with the Yost's Chapel Church, Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

Rev. S. E. Brooks, Moderator
Richlands, Virginia

Rev. Howard Bostic, Assistant Moderator
Swords Creek, Virginia

Monnie Johnson, Clerk
Council, Virginia

Ministers of the Sandy Valley Association

Earl James, Venia, Virginia

Estelle Sanders, Venia, Virginia

Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Virginia

R. A. Ryder, 922 Shelby Street, Bristol, Tennessee

Harry Masters, Council, Virginia

Mary Masters, Council, Virginia

W. M. Boyd, Praytor, Virginia

Shirley Persinger, Roderfield, West Virginia
S. E. Brooks, Richlands, Virginia
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Virginia
H. A. Hess, 938 Shelby Street, Bristol, Tennessee
Martha Church, Fall's Mill, Virginia
Walter Reedy, North Tazewell, Virginia
Elmer Hankins, North Tazewell, Virginia
H. D. Hess, Lebanon, Virginia
Aaron Justice, Honaker, Virginia
Leo Taylor, Honaker, Virginia
Lester L. Gillis, Honaker, Virginia
Renia Hale, Richlands, Virginia
Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Virginia
Ralph Smith, Martel, Ohio
F. E. Estep, Tookland, Virginia
Henry Simpkins, Jolo, West Virginia
R. E. Helton, Canton, Ohio
Luther Coleman, Honaker, Virginia
B. S. Perkins, Honaker, Virginia
Hassell Boyd, Swords Creek, Virginia
Howard Bostic, Swords Creek, Virginia
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Kyle Brown, Lynn Springs, Virginia
Trula Brown, Lynn Springs, Virginia
Dewey Dye, Lynn Springs, Virginia
Bent Dye, Lynn Springs, Virginia
John Hensley Jr., Amonate, Virginia
Arnold Bostic, Amonate, Virginia
Woodrow Richardson
Ernest Lynn

Licentiates

Paul Wingo, Richlands, Virginia
Charlie Joyce, Jewel Ridge, Virginia
Allen Stevens, Jewel Ridge, Virginia
John Sargent, Amonate, Virginia
Dewey Spears, Amonate, Virginia
Monnie Johnson, Council, Virginia

John Wheeler Association

Greetings from the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists to the Virginia State Association when convened with the Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia, June 17 and 18, 1955.

We send as delegates: Sister Sarah B. Foran, chairman, Elreva Lowe, Mary Cantrell and Stella Gilbert.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches 16, total membership 975, number of Sunday schools 14, number on roll in Sunday schools 942, number of auxiliaries 2, auxiliary members 20, number of leagues 1, league membership 30, deceased members 19, ordained ministers 40, licentiates 2, number dismissed from church 2, paid to orphanage \$83.00, paid home missions \$118.00, paid evangelists \$543.23, paid pastors \$2,204.35, value church property \$77,800.00, enclosed for State Fund \$50.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association while in regular quarterly conference at

Friendship Church No. 2, Neva, Tennessee,
June 4, 1955.

Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Ministers of the John Wheeler Association

E. F. Mitchell, Route 1, Holston, Virginia
H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol, Virginia
H. R. Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tennessee
W. G. Henley, Box 128, Abingdon, Virginia
L. F. Henley, Box 128, Abingdon, Virginia
Dewey Foran, Route 2, Abingdon, Virginia
Albert L. Prator, 600½ 6th Street, Bristol,
Tennessee
E. A. Wagner, 146 Lee Highway, Bristol, Tennessee
J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Virginia
Charles Roark, Box 102, Abingdon, Virginia
C. C. Norris, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia
W. A. Howington, Route 2, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee
Amos L. Pope, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee
Preston Roark, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia
Jennings Wilson, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia
Thelma Combs, 1616 Shelby Street, Bristol,
Tennessee
Virginia Brannan, 1128 Texas Avenue, Bristol,
Virginia
W. S. Broyhill, Meadow View, Virginia
Andy Rutherford
Louise Gilreath, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee

John Vannoy, Glade Springs, Virginia
C. A. Hawks, 8421 Edison Avenue, Tampa,
Florida
Dan Jackson, Bristol, Virginia
David A. Martin Jr., 210 Carson Lane, Bris-
tol, Tennessee
Douglas Offield, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee
W. A. Sheens, 111 Lily Street, Bristol, Virgin-
ia
Winston Sweeney, 1106 Southside Avenue,
Bristol, Tennessee
Cecil Clifton, Meadow View, Virginia
Edd Pendergrass, Route 1, Box 479, Bristol,
Tennessee
David N. Warren, Box 886, Bristol, Virginia
Lawrence Chapman
Wilma Baumgardner, Route 1, Alvarado, Vir-
ginia
Frank Maiden, Saltville, Virginia
W. B. Colley, Saltville, Virginia
Everett Dollar, Route 2, Blountville, Tennessee
James Moore

Licentiates

Mack Galliher, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Clifford Roark, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia

Dismissed on Request

Dimple Jones, 1115 Cedar Street, Bristol, Ten-
nessee
Claude Lethcoe, Route 2, Elizabethton, Ten-
nessee

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree of co-operation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the State Association of Virginia.

Article I

Name: The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory.

Article III

Section 1

Representation: All ministers in good standing in the denomination in the state shall, upon application, become members in full standing.

Section 2

Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association and additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meetings.

Article IV

Discipline: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said State Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said State Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the State Association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

Article V

Section 1

Officers: The officers of this State Association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a recording secretary, an assistant recording clerk, a treasurer and an Executive Board, each of which shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session—excepting the clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior—and the Executive Board which shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2

The State Executive Secretaries of Department Work shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Young People's Work, Sunday Schools and Education, and shall be

nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

Section 3

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

Article VI

Section 1

Executive Board: An Executive Board of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body. The first member named shall serve one (1) year, the second member named shall serve (2) years, the third member named shall serve three (3) years, and one elected annually as order requires, to serve for a three year term.

Section 2

This Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session of the association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.

Section 3

This Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that

occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.

Article VII

Time of Meeting: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June each year and shall continue in session until its work is completed—providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the State Association—said notice to have been given ten (10) days previous to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting. Adjourned session may be called when conditions demand.

Article VIII

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this State Association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages and aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

Article IX

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that a specific notice has been given at the last previous session.

BY-LAWS

Article One

The moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, shall call the association to order and if a quorum is present shall proceed with the business.

Article Two

Any minister in good standing from any association composing the State Association shall be eligible for membership upon application, and any delegate legally appointed or elected by any association and quarterly meeting of that association composed of the State Association shall be eligible to membership in this association.

Article Three

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions, will be considered dropped from this association.

Article Four

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article Five

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a moderator can be overruled.

Article Six

This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

Article Seven

This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

Article Eight

Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

Article Nine

It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

Article Ten

No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

Article Eleven

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article Twelve

The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

Article Thirteen

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

Article Fourteen

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

Article Fifteen

No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

Article Sixteen

It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

Article Seventeen

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

