

MINUTES
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VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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The next session will convene with Valley View Church, Russell County, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1958. The opening time, 10:00 a. m., E. S. T.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125, Clinchport, Va.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Walter Glover, Daute, Va.

Treasurer—Rev. E. H. Overman, 7417 Patricia Drive, Norfolk, Va.

Clerk—Mrs. M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. S. M. McFall (Chairman), Clintwood, Va.

Rev. E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Rev. H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

Wilton H. Dail, 3212 Brest Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Cecil Pressley, Council, Va.

M. E. Howard, Norfolk, Va.

Mack Crowell, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Leslie Ketron, Route 5, Herald, Va.

Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City, Va.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. L. M. Salyers, (Chairman), Route 1, Box 659, Norfolk, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

Rev. H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Va.
Rev. S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron, Box 5,
Herald, Va.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The nineteenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1957.

The session opened with singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 91, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Rev. Orville O'Quinn offered prayer.

Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, presided during this session.

Ministers Registered

Orville O'Quinn, Council, Va.

Jack Richmond, Wise, Va.

E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Va.

S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.

Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Wayland Owen, Route 1, Clinchport,
Va.

Milligan Herron, Route 1, Gate City,
Va.

V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.

William H. Lane, Hilton, Va.

W. H. Fentress, 1809 Blvd. Drive,
Richmond 3, Va.

Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Va.

James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125,
Clinchport, Va.

J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street,
Bristol, Va.

Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines
Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.

Ralph Flannery, Box 383, Dungannon,
Va.

Hershel Ramey, 196 Poplar Street,
Norton, Va.

Ben R. Powers, Box 62, Wise, Va.

Billy A. Melvin, 5210 Monument Ave-
nue, Richmond 26, Va.

Sam Welch, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Jennings Wilson, Route 1, Abingdon,
Va.

Bill Vaughn, Box 583, Kingsport,
Tenn.

W. E. Vicars, 1607 Lowell Drive,
Kingsport, Tenn.

E. H. Overman, 7417 Patrician Drive,
Norfolk, Va.

W. A. Howington, 1826 Broadfield
Road, Norfolk, Va.

Luther Collier, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Cecil Pressley, Council, Va.

Visiting Ministers

Harvey Hill, St. Louis, Mo.

T. H. Willey, Cuba

Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va.

W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.

O. P. Stokes, Johnson City, Tenn.

Delegates Registered

Allie Carter
Frank Richardson
E. T. Darnell
W. H. Slagle
John Holbrook
E. T. Stewart
R. L. Anderson
Cordelia Holbrook
Stella Gilbert
Rosa Sherman
David Hill
Sophia Darnell
Mrs. H. V. Johnston

Deacons Registered

Guy Culbertson
E. J. Hill
J. N. Wallace
J. H. Rhea
J. F. Starnes
E. J. Kilgore
James Baker
W. H. Dale
M. C. Foran

Association letters were received and approved as read;

Letters Received:

Sandy Valley Association—Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Southwest Virginia Association—Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

John Wheeler Association—Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Clinch Valley Association—No letter or delegates but \$50 for state fund.

The conference stood in silent reverence in honor of the deceased, Rev. Mack Fisher, of the Southwest Virginia Association.

At this time the Rev. Harvey Hill of the National Association Home Missions Board, gave an address on the work of the home missions.

By vote the conference session adjourned for the preaching service at eleven o'clock, to convene back at one p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The introductory sermon was brought by Rev. T. H. Willey, a missionary to Cuba.

The closing song was "Take the Name of Jesus." Closing prayer by W. H. Dail.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This service was opened by singing "Heaven's Jubilee."

Scripture lesson, 8th chapter of Romans, was read by the clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Richardson.

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

Report of the woman's auxiliary was read by Sister Octavia Jones.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, secretary-treas-

urer of the National Association, spoke on the behalf of the National Association.

A contribution was taken in the sum of \$40.25 for foreign missions.

The ministerial association report was read by the president, Rev. E. H. Overman.

Report of the foreign missions board was read by Rev. Billy A. Melvin. Report received as read.

Report of the treasurer received and approved as read.

Report of the home missions treasurer was received and approved as read.

OFFICERS ELECTED

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

By vote Rev. Walter Glover was elected as assistant moderator.

By vote Rev. H. V. Johnston was re-elected to the executive board.

By vote W. H. Dail was retained as home missions promotional secretary.

By vote Rev. Billy A. Melvin was retained as treasurer of the foreign missions board.

By vote of the body Rev. E. H. Overman was retained as state associational treasurer.

By vote of the body Sister Della Salyers was retained as treasurer of the superannuation board.

By vote Brother E. J. Kilgore, Rev. H. V. Johnston and Rev. S. M. McFall were elected to serve with Sister Salyers on the superannuation board.

Motion carried that this conference adjourn until nine a. m. Saturday, June 15.

Closing song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. E. H. Overman

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened at 7:30 p. m. by singing "That Glad Reunion Day," followed with prayer by Rev. Winston Sweeny.

Rev. Ralph Flannary brought the message, reading from the second chapter of 2 Timothy for the Scripture reading. His subject was, "Charge to Keep Have We."

Closing song, "At the Cross," followed with prayer by Rev. Earl Austin.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning session of the Virginia State Association opened with the singing of "Victory in Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. Walter G. Henley. The clerk read from the fifth chapter of Romans.

The moderator took charge of the business session.

Report of the field workers received and approved as read.

Motion was carried that the field workers be paid \$100 for their services.

Motion was carried that Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ketron be retained as league field workers.

Motion was carried that Rev. Cecil Pressley and Rev. M. E. Howard be retained on the home missions board for a two-year term.

The following delegates were appointed to go to the National Association: Cecil Pressley, Mrs. Cecil Pressley, Mrs. Jackie Whitehurst, Reginald Wald, Mrs. E. V. Weldon, Mrs. Lester Lily, Mrs. E. G. Waddell, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Fred Rivenbark and Guy Culbertson.

Motion carried that Rev. M. E. Howard be recommended to the National Association Board to succeed Brother E. J. Kilgore whose term expires at this session of the association.

Motion made and carried that 1,000 minutes be printed.

By vote of the body the treasurer was given authority to pay all expenses pertaining to the Virginia State Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, your executive board, wish to make the following report:

We have agreed that the next association session be held with Valley View Church,

Russell County, Virginia. We have chosen Rev. E. G. Waddell, Norfolk, Virginia, to bring the introductory message; Rev. Ben Powers, Wise, Virginia, to preach Friday evening; and Rev. Howard Bostic, Swords Creek, Virginia, to bring the closing message on Saturday morning.

We suggest that Rev. James A. Boatright be retained as moderator, and Rev. Walter Glover be elected as assistant moderator.

The terms of office for the executive board members expires as follows: Rev. S. M. McFall, 1958; Rev. E. T. Darnell, 1959; Rev. H. V. Johnston, 1960.

AUXILIARY REPORT

The woman's auxiliaries of the Virginia State Association convened with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 13, 1957. The following report was read by Mrs. Octavia Jones:

Home and Foreign Missions	\$2,138.76
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 135.65
Children's Home	\$ 352.17
Superannuation	\$ 84.56
Tent	\$ 40.00
State Association	\$ 67.00
Other	\$ 720.00

SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

June 15, 1956, to June 12, 1957

Carried Over \$ 736.88

Receipts

E. J. Kilgore	\$120.00
Fairmount Park Church	197.50
Gent's Chapel	3.00
Esserville Church	11.00
Eastern Star	2.00

Hopkin's Chapel	5.00	
Wilson's Chapel	16.00	
Russell Fork	12.00	
Dungannon Church	15.00	
District Auxiliary Convention	19.57	
Beech Grove Church	5.00	
Total Receipts		406.07
Total to Account For		\$1,142.95
<i>Expenditures</i>		
Rev. Ray Gardner	\$ 80.00	
Rev. J. W. Addington	80.00	
Rev. Wythe White	80.00	
Mailing Expenses	10.00	
Total Expenditures		250.00
Balance in Fund		\$ 892.95

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward\$ 72.51

Receipts

Clinch Valley Association	\$ 50.00	
Sandy Valley Association	50.00	
Southwest Association	50.00	
John Wheeler Association	50.00	
Church Offerings	27.00	
Offering for Free Will Baptist		
Home for Children	109.62	
Total Receipts		336.62
Total to Account For		\$ 409.13

Expenditures

Moderator	\$ 15.00	
Treasurer	15.00	
Clerk	15.00	
National Association	30.00	
Printing of Minutes	82.30	
Free Will Baptist Home for Chil-		
dren	109.62	
Total Expenditures		266.92
Balance in Treasury		\$ 142.21

E. H. Overman, Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Brought Forward\$1,026.25

Receipts

West Bristol Church	\$ 80.00
Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.	168.23
E. J. Kilgore	110.00
First Church, Warwick, Va.	247.00
Virginia State Association	10.00
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	290.68
Leslie Ketron	20.00
Cardwell Town	34.00
Guy Culbertson	10.00
Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.	53.43
First Church, Richmond, Va.	50.00
Auxiliary Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	69.04
Auxiliary, Richmond, Va.	7.39
Auxiliary Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.	1.15
First Church, Portsmouth, Va.	12.76
Otto Capps	15.00
Bible Sales	229.08
Home for Children	6.09

Total Receipts 1,413.85

Total to Account For\$2,440.10

Expenditures

Office Supplies	\$ 28.50
Bought Bibles	209.08
Clinchport Church	150.00
Mead's Chapel, Herald, Va.	100.00
Dungannon Church	100.00
Mack Crowell Church	200.00
Little Creek Church	35.00
Home for Children	6.09
Literature Mission Work	15.00
Miscellaneous	10.00

Total Expenditures 868.60

Balance\$1,571.50

Promotional Work

Brought Forward\$ 464.04

Receipts

Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.	\$ 84.00
Warwick Church	34.26
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	325.00
Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.	86.00

Portsmouth Church	75.00
Total Receipts	613.96
Total to Account For	\$1,078.00

Expenditures

Travel 4,160 Miles	\$125.00
League Field Workers	50.00
Rev. Rivenbark's Services	10.00
Miscellaneous	11.98
Bell Howell Projector	323.12
Total Expenditures	520.10

Balance for Promotional Work ..	\$ 557.90
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Grand Total

Balance in Regular Fund	\$1,571.50
Balance in Promotional Work Fund	557.90
Grand Total	\$2,129.40

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

January 1, 1957, through June 15, 1957

Hyde Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	\$ 136.63
E. J. Kilgore Sr.	60.00
First Church, Warwick, Va.	510.72
First Church, Bristol, Va.	125.00
Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	10.00
First Church, Richmond, Va.	94.32
Princess Ann Mission	8.47
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Va.	38.63
Stallard Memorial Sunday School, Coeburn, Va.	33.77
Oak Grove Sunday School, Big Stone Gap, Va.	30.00
Total	\$1,047.54

This includes only those offerings for missions which came through the state treasurer. Some of our churches send their mission offerings direct and others give through the cooperative program.

Note: As of June 5, \$2,651.72 has been paid toward our quota of \$3,600.00. This

leaves us only \$948.28 short of our quota with six months to go.

Billy A. Melvin, *Treasurer*

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS REPORT

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1957.

As field workers for the young people's league, we do submit the following report of work accomplished for the past year which we pray may be acceptable to you.

Due to illness we were forced to cancel two appointments for the year. Except for these two we managed to go when and where we were invited and do feel that much has been accomplished.

We have visited churches in the following associations: Sandy Valley, Clinch Valley and Southwest Virginia. We have organized one league in Sandy Valley and one league in Clinch Valley; also assisted various groups in Southwest Virginia.

We have traveled 904 miles for this cause and have received \$54.35 in donations, \$50 of which was donated by the Southwest Virginia Association.

Respectfully submitted with prayer for you and whosoever may be chosen as workers for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron

The next conference session will convene with Valley View Church, Russell County, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1958.

The ministers' conference will convene with Valley View Church, Russell County, Virginia, Thursday evening before the third Sunday in June, 1958.

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

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

The service opened with a song, "Touch Not the Book," sung by Rev. B. R. Powers. Rev. E. H. Overman brought the closing message.

Closing prayer by Rev. E. H. Overman.

We, the delegates of the represented associations and visiting brothers and sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of Shiloh Church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE REPORT

The ministers' conference met June 14, 1957, and presented its constitution and bylaws and recommended that they be

adopted. Motion made and carried to adopt them as presented.

The ministers' conference reported that there were 42 ministers from the Virginia State Association present and 3 ministers from the John Thomas Association attended the conference held on Thursday evening, June 13, 1957.

Officers elected by the ministers' conference are as follows:

President—Rev. E. H. Overman, 7417 Patrician Drive, Norfolk, Va.

Vice-President—Rev. James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125, Clinchport, Va.

Secretary-Treasurer — Rev. Ralph Flannery, Box 383, Dungannon, Va.

Executive Committee—Rev. Douglas Orfield and Rev. Earl Austin.

Committee on Ministerial Practices and Conduct—Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Avenue, Norfolk, Va., 1 year; Rev. Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va., 2 years; Rev. Walter Glover, Box 458, Dante, Va., 3 years; Rev. Howard Bostic, 4 years; Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Va., 5 years.

The ministers' conference recommends to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists that the following changes and additions to the constitution and by-laws be read for consideration and voted on during the 1958 session:

Article V.—Section 1 (Be changed to read)

Officers: The officers of this state association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a recording secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, 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 secretary which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior.

Article VI.—Section 1 (Be changed to read)

Executive Board: The executive board shall consist of the moderator, secretary and treasurer of the association with two members elected from the floor. The two members of the executive board elected from the floor shall be elected annually.

Article VI.—Section 3 (Have the words added)

. . . to the next regular session of the state association for its approval.

E. H. Overman, *President*

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1957.

We have chosen as delegates: Proctor Kennedy, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mattie Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Heath, Myrtle Davis and Belvin Boyd, these we pray may sit with you in your godly work.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of churches, 47; church members, 3,699; number of Sunday schools, 47; Sunday school membership, 4,425; number of youth leagues, 14; league membership, 320; ordained ministers, 76; licentiates, 13; enclosed for state minutes fund, \$50.00.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Oak Grove Church, May 18, 1957.

Rev. E. H. Overman, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

Ministers Reporting to Southwest Virginia Association

W. E. Adams, Box 62, Derby, Va.
Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va.
B. Addison, Route 1, Wise, Va.

Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Va.
S. R. Ball, Route 1, St. Charles, Va.
I. W. Barnnon, Route 1, Fordtown, Tenn.
W. M. Bowman, Derby, Va.
Ivey J. Carter, 8702 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, Va.
J. B. Chism Jr., 618 N. Hudson Terrace, Warwick, Va.
S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
C. H. Denton, Hampton, Va.
E. E. Edens, Keokee, Va.
W. H. Fentess, Norfolk, Va.
G. T. Francis, Pound, Va.
Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va.
Ray Gardner, Esserville, Va.
W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.
L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.
J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
Billy A. Melvin, 5210 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.
Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Hansford Mullins, Wise, Va.
E. H. Overman, 1826 Broadfield Road, Norfolk, Va.
David D. Powers, Norton, Va.
W. H. Powers, Route 1, Wise, Va.
B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Va.
V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.
Ethel Robbins, Route 1, Norton, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn, Va.

F. A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Avenue,
Norfolk, Va.

Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines Avenue,
Portsmouth, Va.

Wythe White, Herald, Va.

Curtis Wynn, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Palmer Belvins, Route 1, Box 153-A, Coe-
burn, Va.

L. J. Fields, Route 1, Norton, Va.

S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

Robert Lee Stanely, Wise, Va.

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Associa-
tion when convened with Shiloh Church,
Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1957.

We send as delegates the following: Sis-
ters Bertha Helbert, Stella Gilbert, Cordelia
Holbrook, Rosa Sherman, Elizabeth Worley
and Brother Sherman Canter.

Our standing is as follows: Churches, 14;
membership, 985; Sunday schools, 13; mem-
bership, 985; auxiliaries, 2; membership, 40;
leagues, 2; membership, 35; ordained minis-
ters, 40; licentiates, 6; dismissed, 2; paid
pastors, \$4,614.57; paid evangelists, \$1,-
686.42; paid home missions, \$287.97; value
of church property, \$114,000; enclosed for
state fund, \$50.00.

Done by the order of the John Wheeler
Association while in regular session with

Friendship Church No. 2, Neva, Tennessee,
June 1, 1957.

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

*Ministers of the John Wheeler Association
Ordained:*

E. F. Mitchell, Route 1, Holston, Va.

H. M. Whittaker, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

H. R. Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.

W. G. Henley, Box 128, Abingdon, Va.

L. F. Henley, Box 128, Abingdon, Va.

Dewey Foran

A. L. Prator, 660½ Sixth Street, Bristol,
Tenn.

E. A. Wagner, 146 Lee Highway, Bristol,
Tenn.

J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol,
Va.

Charlie Roark, Box 102, Abingdon, Va.

C. C. Norris, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Amos L. Pope, Route 1, Bristol, Va.

Preston Roark, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

Jennings Wilson, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

Thlema Combs

Virginia Brannan, 1813 King Mill Pike,
Bristol, Va.

W. S. Broyhill, Meadowview, Va.

Louise Gilreath, Windsor Avenue, Bristol,
Tenn.

John Vannoy, Glade Springs, Va.

C. A. Hawks, 2002 West Fern Street,
Tampa Fla.

Dan Jackson, Route 2, Abingdon, Va.

Douglas Offield, Route 1, Bristol, Tenn.

W. A. Sheens, 111 Lily Street, Bristol,
Tenn.

T. A. Ingram

Cecil Clifton, Meadowview, Va.

Edd Pendergrass, Route 1, Box 479, Bristol,
Tenn.

David N. Warren, Box 886, Bristol, Va.

Lawrence Chapman, 1401 Texas Avenue,
Bristol, Va.

W. J. Cooley, Saltville, Va.

Hassie Saltz, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

D. W. Jackson, 112 Spurgeon Lane, Bristol,
Va.

Mack Galliher, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Herbert Adams, Route 2, Abingdon, Va.

Sylvester Shaffer, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

John C. Sherfey, Route 4, Fordtown, Tenn.

Walter Statzer, Hansonville, Va.

Licentiates:

Clifford Roark, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Jack Sprinkle, Abingdon Highway, Bristol,
Va.

Hilliard Pickel

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1957

We send as delegates the following:

Glover Whitt, Crockett Harmon, Bertha Helton and Maude Pressley.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; churches, 16; membership, 893; ordained ministers, 45; licentiates, 5; valuation of church property, \$30,890.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

Rev. Earl James, Moderator

Gladys Compton, Clerk, *pro tem*.

*Ministers of the Sandy Valley Association
Ordained:*

Earl James, Venia, Va.

Estil Sanders, Driel, Va.

Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.

Elmer Hess, Driel, Va.

Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

R. E. Helton, Canton, Ohio

Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.

H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.

A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Truell Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.

Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.

Dewey Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.

Kyle Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.

Bert Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.

James Blott, Jewel Valley, Va.

Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Va.

Howard Bostic, Dye, Va.

W. M. Boyd, Prater, Va.

Harry Martin, Council, Va.

Mary Martin, Council, Va.
R. A. Ryder, 922 Shelby Street, Bristol,
Tenn.
Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.
Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.
E. E. Estep, Rowe, Va.
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
Paul Wingo, Dade City, Fla.
H. A. Hess, 928 Shelby Street, Bristol,
Tenn.
Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
Martha Church, Bluefield, Va.
James H. Sargent Jr., Amonate, Va.
Arnold Bostic, Amonate, Va.
Elmer Hankins, Route 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
Ernest Lynn, Amonate, Va.
Walter Reedy, Route 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
Arnold Simpkins, Bruno, W. Va.
Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Va.
Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.
Allen Stevens, Jewel Ridge, Va.
B. B. Snead, Richlands, Va.
Charlie Glenn Quesenberry, Bluefield, Va.
Lester Gilley, Honaker, Va.
Hassell Boyd, Bristol, Va.
LaFern Honaker, Putnam, Va.
B. S. Perkins, Honaker, Va.

Licentiates:

Monnie Johnson, Dayton, Ohio
Cecil Mullins, Jewel Ridge, Va.
James Griffith, Richlands, Va.
Jimmie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Olen Cassell, Nebo, Va.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the state of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and Bylaws 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 meeting.

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 associa-

tion 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 associa-

tion to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, 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.

BYLAWS

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 belong-

ing 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 anyone 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 bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this state association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

