

PROCEEDINGS

of the

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of

**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
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In Session Assembled With

THE ELK FORK CHURCH

DELBARTON, W. VA.

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At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Ester Hopkins, text: Luke 16:16, "The law and the prophets were until John."

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder C. Cole, the association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates.

2. The association then organized by electing Elder Hi Maynard as Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins Assistant Moderator, Elder Jonah Bevins Clerk, and Bro. R. L. Murphy assistant clerk.

3. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

4. Called for newly organized churches and received one named Turkey Creek by letter and delegates to-wit: Bros. Kenny Varney, Joulis Burgett and Lowis Marcum.

5. Called for letters from sister associations and received as follows: New Salem by the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Hays Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

Kyova by the hands of Elders C. Cole, R. A. Damron, C. M. Childers. Letter in the hands of Elder C. Cole.

Philadelphia by the hands of Elders Finas Adkins, Winwright Adkins, H. G. Spence. Letter in the hands of Elder H. G. Spence.

Union by the hands of Elders N. E. England, McKinley Gilespe and Bro. J. W. Blackburn, H. G. Maynard and Bro. Rush Reed. Letter in the hand of H. G. Maynard.

Friendship by the hands of Elders Perry Cline, W. R. Estep. Letter in the hand of Elder Perry Cline.

Mud River by the hands of Elder A. T. Smith and Bro. Joe Thomas. Letter in the hand of Elder A. T. Smith.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received:

Elders W. H. May, J. R. Evans, Tracy Hatfield, P. H. S. Curry, Frank Canterbury, E. H. Brown, W. A. Hurley and W. C. Hay.

7. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Bro. Lee Curry and J. R. Evans.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Bros. Sam Crum and Grover Cary.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Elk Fork Church. Ministers as follows: First, Elder Perry Cline; second, Elder F. A. Hopkins; third, Elder Finas Adkins; fourth, Elder C. Cole; fifth, Elder Henry C. Maynard. Committee on union meetings: Clyde Bevins, Troy Francis, Ferd Varney.

11. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding associations.

12. Committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church with the moderators and clerks with the corresponding associations invited.

13. On motion by the clerk the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and prayer by Elder Finas Adkins.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the Bill of Arrangements and discharged the committee on same.
3. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Bros. Ester Hopkins, J. S. Munsey and J. S. Dempsey, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the statistical table.

4. Called on Treasurer to report who reported as follows:

Total on hand for the year 1935	\$143.26
Paid out for printing of minutes	54.50
Secretary's fee	15.00
Expenses of delegates to sister Associations	21.92
Typist's fee	4.00
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Total paid out	\$ 95.52
Balance in Bank on hand	54.19
Received from churches this year	111.04
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Total on hand for the year 1936	\$165.23

5. Resolved that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.

6. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 2,500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services for preparing manuscript and recording the same.

7. Brethren called in union meetings and Associations last year made their reports. Their reports received, failures excused. They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Sunday who reported as follows: Elder Blaine England, Hayes Maynard, A. C. Smith and W. R. Estep. Moderator Colse.

9. Letters to sister associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem to be held with the Beaver Creek Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1936. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, W. A. Hurley, Harrison Bevins and Bros. Caudle Williamson and Ben Curry. Letter in the hand of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Kyova to be held with the Mount Calvary Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1937. Elders Jonah Bevins, Asa Evans, Hi Maynard and Bros. R. L. Murphy, J. S. Munsey and C. Williamson. Letter in the hand of Elder Hi Maynard.

Philadelphia to be held with the Rosa Church, Greenup County, Kentucky, to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1936. Elders Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Louis Smith and Wallace Maynard and Bro. Clyde Bevins. Letter in the hand of Elder Hi Maynard.

Mud River to be held with the Little Laurel Church in Lincoln County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937. Elders W. A. Hurley, Ester Hopkins and Bros. R. L. Murphy, Percie Canterbury, Jeff Chafin and P. H. S. Curry. Letter in the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley.

Union to be held with the Ash Camp Church, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1936. Elders Dick Evans, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins and Bros. Tom Jackson and C. Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Friendship to be held with the Bethany Church near Hanover, Wyoming County, W. Va., on Huff Creek, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1937. Elders Ester Hopkins, Willis Blackburn, W. A. Hurley, E. S. Coleman and Bro. Harmon Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

10. The churches have called for Union meetings as follows:

MAY, 1937

Salem—The first Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Willis Blackburn, R. A. Damron with the Moderator to attend.

JUNE, 1937

Apple Orchard—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Willis Blackburn, Harrison Bevins with the Moderator to attend.

Enon—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Asa Evans, Jonah Bevins and the Moderator to attend.

Leanah—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Asa Evans, Harrison Bevins and Ester Hopkins to attend.

Buck Creek—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Jonzh Bevins, Hi Maynard, Willie Hay with the Moderator to attend.

Sidney—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Harrison Bevins, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Ernest Runyon with the Moderator to attend.

JULY, 1937

Dick's Fork—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Lewis Smith, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Willie Hay, with the Moderator to attend.

Mt. Pleasant—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Harrison Bevins, Dick Evans, Jonah Bevins with the Moderator to attend.

Big Branch—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, J. G. Kerry, with the Moderator to attend.

Mary Elizabeth—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Bill Jude, Ted Fouts, H. C. Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins to attend.

Narrows Branch—To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Willie Hay, Harrison Bevins, Asa Evans, Wallace Mawnard and the Moderator to attend.

Little Rosa—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Harrison Bevins, Willis Blackburn with the Moderator to attend.

Bethany—Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. A. Hurley, Perry Cline, Grover Kerry with the Moderator to attend.

AUGUST, 1937

Tabitha—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, W. A. Hurley, Frank Canterbury, P. H. Curry with the Moderator to attend.

Bent Branch—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hayes Maynard, E. S. Coleman, Harrison Bevins with the Moderator to attend.

Elk Fork—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Grover Kerry, Asa Evans with the Moderator to attend.

Beech Grove—Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday.

Elders W. A. Hurley, Frank Canterbury, Wallace Maynard, Grover Kerry, J. G. Thornberry with the Moderator to attend.

Pilgrim Home—Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Lewis Smith, Harrison Bevins, with the Moderator to attend.

Sardis—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, E. S. Coleman with the Moderator to attend.

Rebecca—Friday before the second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Hayes Maynard, E. S. Coleman with the Moderator to attend.

Turkey Creek—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Lewis Smith, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins with the Moderator to attend.

SEPTEMBER, 1937

Little Dove—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Wallace Maynard, Jonah Bevins with the Moderator to attend.

11. Resolved, that we print obituaries presented to the Bro. clerk at the close of the association.

12. Resolved, that the treasurer pay for the expense of the delegations visiting sister association paying for the oil and gas.

13. Resolved, that we adopt a formal church letter written by Narrows Branch church.

14. Resolved, that we advise ministers of our association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

15. Shall we receive into our fellowship men having more than one wife or women having more than one husband?

Answer: We advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any such except those who have put away the companions for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gospel or church evidence of same.

16. Resolved, that we contribute as much as one page of our minutes to memorial and funeral meetings of deceased brothers and sisters.

17. We, the Sardis Association, do hereby advise the churches of our union to use discretion in setting apart men for the ministry as we believe that if a man is called to the ministry by the spirit of God the same spirit will fully manifest its work to the church to which this man belongs and will prompt such church to liberate the man; again we do advise the churches not to ordain any man to the ministry when such party make demand for such action, and further advise the churches that they be sure that a man has the gift of preaching or exhortation before they lay hands on same. And after he has been liberated and set forth by the church to preach the gospel and fails to exercise his gift we advise the church to which he belongs to deal with him and if necessary demand his credentials.

18. By motion we remove the name of the Muzzle church from

our minutes and advise the members to take their fellowship with Bethany church of Friendship association.

19. By motion and second the association appointed a committee to meet the Old Zion association relative to differences that separate corresponding fellowship. Committee appointed, Elder Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins and Ester Hopkins.

20. Resolved that our next association be held with Narrows Branch Church, Hardy, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1937.

21. Resolved, that Elder Willis Blackburn preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Jonah Bevins be his alternate.

22. Resolved that we tender our thanks to the Elk Fork church and to the community at large.

23. Resolved, that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and clerk.

The association then adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

Elder Hi Maynard, Moderator
Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk

SUNDAY'S SERVICE

A large and orderly congregation met at Stand and after several old time songs were sung the service for the day was conducted as follows:

1. Opening remarks and prayer by Elder Blaine England.
2. Elder W. R. Estep preached. Text 2nd Kings 4th chapter, 21st verse.
3. Elder A. T. Smith, text Hebrews 13th chapter, 20th verse.
4. Elder Hayes Maynard, text Mathew 13th chapter, 44th verse.

The preaching was after the old order and the brethren were wonderfully blessed by God's divine grace and in the closing songs there was the manifestation of God's Eternal Love.

Amid the shouts of joy and in tears of consolation the brethren took the parting hand, thus closing the 43rd session of the Sardis Association.

MEMORIALS

Memorial of Uncle Shadle Pauley and family to be held on the second Saturday and Sunday in October of each year.

Memorial of Elder Joe Smith and wife, Mary Smith; W. L. Lowe, Jesse Lowe, to be held at the Fraley Cemetery on Big Creek with the Mary Elizabeth Church at its regular meeting time on the third Saturday and Sunday in July each following year.

Memorial of Nathan Jude, the fourth Sunday in September of each year, to be held with the Sidney Church, Martin County, Ky.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Munsey and others will be held with the Narrows Branch Church on regular church time the fourth Saturday in May, 1936. Brethren all invited.

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church, second Sunday in June, 1936.

Memorial of Tom McCoy to be held at Buck Branch, at the mouth of Wolf Creek, the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1937.

Memorial of Lee Robinson and wife Leanah on the second Sunday in July, 1937, at Leanah Church.

Memorial on the thirtieth day of May at or near the Enon Church.

Memorial of Bro. Heenon Maynard will be held one year from the date of his death. Elder Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn and Bud Coleman are especially requested by his children.

Memorial of Sisters Nancy Jane Harris and Lue Varney on the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1937.

OBITUARY OF ANDREW JACKSON MAYNARD

Andrew Jackson Maynard was born in Pike County, Kentucky, May 1, 1865, departed this life on July 17, 1936, being some past 71 years in passing his sojourn here on earth.

He was twice married. He was first married to Mrs. Rebecca Hairson about 1896 and she preceded him in death, passing on in February, 1929.

His second marriage was to Mrs. Belle Kiser of Grundy, Virginia, who survives him.

Brother Maynard professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Salem Church of Regular Baptist in July, 1935.

His life was a wonderful example of love, kindness, charity, truthfulness and faithfulness. For about two years Brother Maynard was confined to his bed by affliction, but was always jovial toward everyone who came to see him. He possessed that great fortitude, faith and patience in his afflictions. He often would request the writer and other brethren during our visits to see him, to sing those old songs and pray with him and would rejoice.

He left many consoling words to comfort his brethren and a host of friends.

He leaves a brother and sister, some other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

We will say to all his relatives and friends that we surely believe that "Uncle Jack," as he was usually called, is resting from his labors and when Jesus comes again Old Brother Maynard will be with the redeemed, glorified soul and body where there is no more death. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Humbly yours,

Hi Maynard

OBITUARY OF L. D. REED

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Dow Reed. He was the son of Harmon and Anna Reed. Born March 3, 1874 and died February 23, 1936 at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 20 days. He was married to Emma Bogar December 8, 1888. To this union were born 13 children. Four preceded him in death and nine are left to mourn the loss of a dear father and husband.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church August 13, 1935, but never was baptised but left good hopes. He said he was prepared to go, that he had been baptized with the Holy Ghost but he desired to be baptized with water but that burden followed him to the grave.

He was sick two years and he bore his sickness well and with patience and in his last days was very humble and longed to see the change come but hated to leave us all. Dear children, don't forget the sweet words of father on his dying bed and when Jesus knocks at your heart resist not the spirit but yield unto Him and live for Him.

I am made to believe if we are blest to meet Jesus we will meet your father too. Oh! I have been so lonesome without him and spent so many hours all alone and feel heart broken, worried and troubled, and felt like I would love to go home.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Oh, children, remember your lost, loving and faithful father who has crossed the chilly tide; he is waiting just over on the other side.

May God bless his children that they may seek Thee and finally meet their father in heaven where there will be no parting. I feel that our loss is a gain. Asking all praying people to remember me and my family in their prayers.

Written by his wife,
Emma Reed

OBITUARY OF BRO. LORAN BLAIR

Bro. Loran Blair was born about 44 years ago. He joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about one year before his death and was a member of the Little Rosa Church at the time of his death, March 10, 1936. The writer does not know whether he had a family or not; if so, may God bless them with the richness of his graces and love by leading them in the paths of righteousness.

Written by a brother in the hope of Eternal Life.

Jonah Bevins

OBITUARY OF SISTER SHIRLEY EVANS

Sister Shirley Evans was born March 7, 1899. She was married

to Bro. H. P. Evans January 15, 1914 and from this union were born nine children. Lino Evely preceded her in death and eight of the children are living. They are Elsworth, S. B., Francis, Lawrence, Curtis, Floyd, Virgil Harrison, Shirley and J. R. Evans. Sister Shirley Evans joined the Old Regular Baptist Church September 7, 1924 and lived a faithful member until her death which occurred May 16, 1936, age 37 years, two months and nine days.

This obituary was written by request of Brother H. P. Evans.

OBITUARY OF ELDER J. S. MUNSEY

With much feeling I attempt to write about one who was so close to me. Elder J. S. Munsey was born August 11, 1856, died January 6, 1935. He was married to Mima Maynard in 1875, to this union were born one boy and four girls, all of whom survive Brother Munsey. He spent the early part of his life in Martin County, Ky., was baptized into the fellowship of Old Zion Association over forty years of his life were spent in the ministry. He came to the Sardis Association in 1918 (Salem Church) and by letter, in 1919, he moved his membership to Narrows Branch Church where he lived the rest of his life.

Looking back over the years that I was often with him of the many wonderful meetings, conversations and happy times we had together, leaves impressed on my memory a wonderful picture that I shall always cherish. His words of counsel, love, discipline and steadfastness will live in the minds and hearts of the Little Narrows Branch Church whom he loved so well. May the Lord send us more laborers like him who will stand on the walls of Zion and cry aloud and spare not, with Bro. Munsey there was no compromising when he knew he was right. He stood firm for the old time doctrine in the faith and now, dear children, weep not for father, trust in Jesus who has the power to save for Bro. Munsey is only resting from his labor, for I believe he died in the full triumph of a living faith and has gone to live with Jesus.

Your Unworthy Brother,

R. L. Murphy

OBITUARY OF ELDER WALLACE JACKSON

It is with sadness of heart that I try by request of Bro. Tom Jackson to write a short obituary of one of our beloved Elders in the Gospel. Elder Wallace Jackson, born January 1, 1892. Married to Bro. James Gilman's daughter and to this union were born nine children. The mother preceded him in death about seven years and Bro. Jackson was married again to Henry Varney's daughter, to which union were born three children.

Bro. Jackson joined the church early in life and took fellowship with the Mary Elizabeth Church of Regular Baptist, and was ordained to the ministry about ten or twelve years ago. About two years ago he was dismissed from the Mary Elizabeth Church by

letter and organized the Little Rosa Church of Regular Baptist and served that church as pastor until death came to him September 4, 1936.

Bro. Jackson was loved by all his brethren and sisters and let the church remember his orphan children and widow. May they all seek the Lord in their youth and meet father in heaven where there is no death.

Jonah Bevins

OBITUARY OF LEEANER ROBINSON

Leeaner Robinson, wife of Leeandas Robinson was born September 9, 1845 and departed this life April 9, 1934, aged 87 years and eight months.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 25 years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder Joe Smith. She lived a good, christian life until the death angel visited their home and took mother away. She left to mourn her loss a dear old pious husband and six children. Two preceded her in death several years ago. I want to say to the bereaved children, you who have not accepted the offered mercies of God, will you begin and remember the sweet counsel of mother and try to get ready before it is too late. I want to say to father, weep not for mother, she is not dead, only asleep in Jesus awaiting for the trumpet of the Lord to sound when she will get up with all the redeemed in Christ. I long to see mother, she will not be sick, she'll be well again, dear brethren and sisters. I want to say a word about father and mother Robinson. I never heard them speak rudely to each other, their doors were always open to all, mother was never too tired to feed those that were hungry. I am sure that that only came from a heart wrought up by the almighty powers of God and I feel that the Leeaner Church has lost a good member and I trust their loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter-in-law and a sister in hope of Eternal Life.

Ora Robinson

OBITUARY OF JESSIE DEHART FARLEY

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write an obituary of a dear loving mother in the flesh sister in Christ, Jessie Dehart Farley. She was the daughter of Charley and Mary Dehart and was born March 7, 1887. Departed this life December 21, 1936.

She was married to Bob Farley January 8, 1913. To this union were born twelve children, one preceding her in death, and eleven left with father to mourn her loss.

Mother professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Bro. Ester Hopkins and Willie Hay. Mother was sick a long time, suffered many pains, but she bore her sickness with good patience. Words can't explain the loss of Mother. I miss her everywhere I go, but

I feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

A few words to father. Just be faithful a little while longer and we can be with mother and our Savior where there will be no more sickness or pain to bear. A few words to brothers and sisters; seek Jesus while He is near for he is never far from any of you and always pleading, turn and live and by doing so you can see mother again. Ask yourself a question, will you be in the number when the Saints go marching in.

Daughter, Sister in hope of Eternal Life.

Ethel Varney

OBITUARY OF BROTHER CARL HAGER

He was born October 8, 1895 and married to Martha Mayse October 16, 1913. To this union were born nine children, seven boys and two girls. Two of the children preceded him in death. Bro. Carl joined the church of Regular Baptist October 13, 1928 and lived a faithful Christian life until death came to him August 8, 1936. Living in this world forty-one years and ten months, in his departing hours he admonished all his relatives and friends to meet him in heaven where his hope was centered for eight years of his later life.

The companion has lost a loving and good husband, the children a pious and christian father, the church a loving brother and the community a good citizen. He will be missed by all but his loss to us is his eternal gain and Bro. Carl is not dead but sleepeth and all that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him, then Bro. Carl with the whole church will attain the perfection of his Christian hope which is the anchor of the soul.

Elder Jonah Bevins

OBITUARY OF LOUISA J. SPARKS

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary of my dear mother, Louisa J. Sparks. She was a daughter of Elizabeth Goff Charles and David Charles. She was born December 16, 1856 and was united in marriage to Josiah Sparks about 60 years ago. To this union were born eleven children, three preceding her in death; father also preceded her in death 29 years ago. Eight children are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 35 years, was baptized by Elder Joe Smith and Elder John Keese. Mother always loved to go to church and never failed to fill her seat as long as her health would permit. Mother was only sick five weeks and she called her children to her bedside and prayed for her children and asked us all to meet her in heaven and told us not to grieve for her for she was going home to rest. She said, children, don't wake me when I go to sleep for I am sleeping with Jesus. I miss dear mother at church more than any time for we always went to church together, but dear mother will never go with me again to church. I am trying to live a life so I can die like mother died. She said she wanted to go to rest and I know dear

mother is with Jesus today.

Mother was laid to rest in the Bent Ridge cemetery with father and two of her children. Mother leaves a host of friends and relatives besides her children and grandchildren to mourn her loss, but our loss is her eternal gain.

She is singing, sweetly singing in the paradise of light in the garden sweet of Eden where no flowers are ever blight.

One by one the Lord will call us as our labor here is done, and as we cross the river we will meet her one by one.

Written by a daughter,

Mrs. Victoria Blackburn

OBITUARY OF SISTER ORA ROBINSON

Sister Ora Robinson, daughter of Elder J. W. Smith and Mary Smith, born February 13, 1881, married to Steve Robinson, March 16, 1900. Born to this union were eight children, Oscar, Joe, Bertha, Mary, Virgie, Edna, Minnie and Ester Robinson. Oscar Robinson preceded her in death. The other seven children are living with the father to mourn the loss of a pious christian mother.

Sister Robinson joined the Regular Baptist Church September 3rd, 1908, at the Mary Elizabeth Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Armstrong Maynard on a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and continued in that faith unto death which came to her April 19, 1936, which faith is the anchor of the soul, and was a staff for sister Robinson in her last hours of her affliction. In that faith she told her husband and children and many of her brethren that all doubt of her was cleared away and she was ready to go at the Lord's will, and that the Lord appeared to her in many visions and had perfected her faith without doubt. So precious is the death of the Saints that God will redeem them from death at the resurrection of the dead and her hope will be accomplished in eternal salvation and joy and peace without any more sickness or trouble. Amen.

Thank God for her testimonial in Jesus Christ.

This obituary written by your humble servant in hope of meeting sister Robinson in heaven,

Jonah Bevins

OBITUARY OF VICTORIA BLACKBURN

It is with sad memory I write an obituary of my dear grandmother, Victoria Blackburn, which through neglect wasn't put in last year's minutes. She died on January 13, 1934, aged 78 years, three months and three days. She was confined to her bed about two years; then the death angel came and took her home, of which I really believe she is at rest and our loss is her eternal gain. She married Windfield Blackburn and to this union were born eight children. She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Joie Smith about 47 years before death. I really believe she lived up to

that hope for during my visits to see her, which were many, I never saw her fretted at any time. She always had the sweetest of smiles and a kind word for everyone.

One of her children has also professed a hope in Christ and one has gone on to meet mother we believe by his testimony. So dear grandfather and children, do prepare to meet the judgment, for you too must die some day. Do not forget her sainted prayers gone up so often in your behalf and I feel God will be pleased to answer them. The church will still plead God in your behalf. She is gone and cannot return to you but through obedience of God's command you can go to her. The cross you must bear, then a crown you shall wear and meet Mother in heaven to share. When I go back to see grandfather, I see that vacant bed and oh! how I miss her sweet smiles she always had for me, but I'm hoping to meet it at heaven's door. So I pray that you'll all repent and come home so that the family circle will not be broken.

Mrs. Arnold Bevins

OBITUARY OF HEENON MAYNARD

It is with a sad heart but with a glorious hope that we try to write an obituary of our dear father.

He was born February 14, 1864. Deceased July 26, 1936, 72 years, four months and 26 days old. He was married to Alcie Ann Lowe, daughter of A. C. and Mary Jane Lowe, in 1890 and to this union were born four children, three boys and one girl. Then mother died and he again married and his second wife preceded him in death and again he married Eliza Nichols who is still living with the four children, one brother and one sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year 1895 and was baptized at the hands of Elder Joe Smith and was affiliated with the Apple Orchard church and was ordained to the ministry July the first Saturday, 1916, by the hands of Elder J. W. Fields and J. E. Taylor presbytery and to this calling he served faithfully. He filled his seat at the home church each first Saturday with the exception of only about once or twice on account of sickness, always filling his calling at other churches. Ministering to the sick and to those who were in distress, never failing to go at every call unless disabled. He always gave good counsel to those he met and was dearly loved by all who knew him. He lived a christian life before the sinner as well as saint. Extraordinarily fulfilling the scripture that said, "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, rebuke, reprove, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine and especially the last five words of this verse of scripture. He was a peace maker among his friends.

To his neighbors and all I want to say, the advice and good impression he left with you to lay them up near your hearts and gather them up as bread cast upon the waters lest at any time you let them slip and heed the voice of God in your hearts and prepare

yourselves to meet him where he can see the fruits of his labor around the throne of God.

Father took sick May 18, 1936 and lived two months and eight days. During his sickness he was visited by many of his friends and christian brethren and sisters. Most of his talk was about the church and giving advice to his children and those who visited him; he talked so much of his brethren. Ester Hopkins and Jonah Bevins visited him a few days before he died, he knew them but could not talk to them. He called Jonah's name so many times. By his children Jonah is especially requested in his memorial with Willas Blackburn and Bud Coleman.

Written by Elvert, Eldon and R. B. Maynard

OBITUARY OF BRO. J. M. HENSLEY

Bro. J. M. Hensley was born June 10, 1858. He was married to Juda Varney July 22, 1878. To this union were born six children, five boys and one daughter, Arthur, Andy J., Willard, Ben and James Jr., and Vicie Hensley. Five of the children are living. Andy J. Hensley preceded his father in death with sister Hensley, his wife.

Bro. Hensley joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ the second Sunday in June, 1897, and was baptized by Elder J. W. Smith. Elected clerk of the Mt. Pleasant church in August, 1897. Ordained deacon of the Mt. Pleasant church December 2, 1897, and served the church faithfully until the second Saturday in May, 1934, when he was dismissed by letter by his request, and took fellowship with the Narows Branch Church of the same faith and order and deceased this life.

Bro. Hensley was not sick very long and was so patient in his suffering and said he was ready to go at the Lord's will and called for his brethren to come and pray with him and was conscious until death and said he was anxious to go meet his companion and all the rest of his brethren and sisters who had preceded him in death. His hope was truly to him what Paul said, it was the anchor of the soul. Bro. Hensley was so faithful to attend his church meeting and was truly watchful for the good of the church and was loved by all the brethren throughout the bounds of the Sardis Association and was broadly known and loved by all the corresponding Associations as he was free to go as a delegate to keep up the brotherly fellowship throughout the sister Associations. But God called him from his labor below to enjoy the mansions in which Jesus went to prepare for the faithful but his work will still live in the heart and mind of his Brethren. I have missed him so much and I am sure all the brethren and sisters feel as I do, that our loss is his eternal gain.

A word to the children: take heed to the counsel you have from your father and seek the Lord and you can meet your father again where there will be no more separating by death for there is no death there.

Written by a brother in hope and full assurance of the promises of God, he that believeth in me tho he were dead shall live again.

Elder Jonah Bevins

OBITUARY OF ESTHER LOWE

It is with sadness I try to write an obituary of my mother, Esther Lowe, who died September 8, 1936 at the hour of 11 o'clock p. m. She was born April 15, 1868, married to T. S. Lowe January 1, 1888 and to this union were born ten children, six boys and four girls. Two daughters and one son and her husband preceded her in death. Five sons and two daughters are left to mourn her loss with a real host of friends. She was a good mother to all and was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins and Wallace Jackson on April 19, 1936, and we hope our loss is her eternal gain. After mother was baptized she said she felt much better, she loved the good brethren and sisters and we know that is a witness that we have passed from death to life. I can say the best of all she left for me was that hope I feel that I will see mother again some day with her new robe and crown on where we will never part, where there be no sorrow or sickness nor pain.

Written by your unworthy brother,
Lacy Lowe

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association according to the following form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in this association who shall be members whom they shall think best qualified for the purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Article 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into our union that shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated by their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association.

Article 11. The church shall send money by the delegates of each church for printing the minutes of the Association.

Article 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary appointed for that purpose.

Article 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may

be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they deem necessary.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

Article 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they think necessary. 6. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association. 8. The association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the union. 9. That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by the church and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We, the churches of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Article 2. We believe in only one true and living God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things that are therein contained.

Article 3. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of his church.

Article 4. We believe in the Holy Ghost the sealer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 5. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

Article 6. We believe in the Old and New Testament scriptures to be the infallible word of God and take it for our only rule of faith and practice and nothing is to be taken from or added to it.

Article 7. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, that He tasted death for every man and that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the gospel.

Article 8. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

Article 9. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Article 10. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ, in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until his second coming.

Article 11. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus

Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Article 12. Be believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Article 14. We believe the happiness of the saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at a time and he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state that cause and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and idea.

Article 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without consent of the association.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Article 7. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in time of public speech.

Article 8. No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of Brother.

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject except when he breaks the rules of decorum.

Article 10. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the Moderator requires.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

Article 12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

Article 13. The delegation to be seated in this association shall be limited to three members from each church.

Article 14. No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the Association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Hi Maynard	Belo, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Williamson, W. Va.
Jonah Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Willis Blackburn	Goody, Ky.
W. H. May	Kirk, W. Va.
Wallace Hannah	Kirk, W. Va.
James Queen	Hart, W. Va.
Shadel Pauley	Beauty, Ky.
Ted Fouts	Beauty, Ky.
E. F. Fields	Moree, Ky.
Dike Blackburn	Pilgrim, Ky.
Louis Smith	Hardy, Ky.
J. G. Thornbury	Canada, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Canada, Ky.
E. S. Coleman	Hardy, Ky.
Bill Jude	Laura, Ky.
J. M. Jude	McClure, Ky.
C. L. Swanson	Boomer, N. C.
Harrison Bevins	Goody, Ky.
L. G. Lowe	Whitepost, Ky.
James Jude	Varney, Ky.
Grover Cary	Delbarton, W. Va.
Frank Canterbury	Parsley, W. Va.
James Marcum	Kirk, W. Va.
Ransom Smith	Holden, W. Va.
Jonah Smith	Whitepost, Ky.
W. C. Hay	Belo, W. Va.
J. E. Taylor	Heenon, Ky.
Asa Evins	Delbarton, W. Va.
P. H. S. Curry	Delbarton, W. Va.
Wallace Maynard	Delbarton, W. Va.
J. R. Evans	Cinderella, W. Va.
A. A. Sheppard	Holden, W. Va.
Mat Mounts	Belo, W. Va.
George Gillman	Belo, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley	Holden, W. Va.
Ernest Runyon	Williamson, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Jeff Chafin	Belo, W. Va.
Lewis White	Belo, W. Va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Delegates	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Restoration	Excluded Dismissed	by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Sent
Mt. Pleasant:	J. H. May, Frank Collins, Ferd Varney	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	36	2	\$ 5.89
Apple Orchard:	Stanford Maynard, R. B. Maynard, Van Maynard	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	1	3.25
Enon:	Logan Spencer, Thomas Smith, Robert Farley	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	14	1	3.75
Rebecca:	Amos Evins, J. B. Dempsey, Jacob Sheppard	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	55	2	3.10
Bent Branch:	G. C. Bevins, Ben Curry, Billie Lowe	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	3	6.00
Sardis:	Stanley Vernatter, N. R. Evins, G. W. Evins	9	0	0	0	4	0	3	167	4	7.00
Big Branch:	T. C. Maynard, Alie Griffin, L. J. Nichols	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	3	2.85
Mary Elizabeth:	M. B. Romans, S. B. Fraley	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	31	3	1.50
Bethany:	Percy Canterbury, Jas. White, Willie White	8	0	0	3	7	0	3	87	4	7.30
Elk Fork:	L. V. S. Curry, Sam Crum, W. E. Runyon	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	72	3	6.00
Pilgrim Home:	Willis Blackburn, C. Williamson, Harve Young	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	4	12.00
Salem:	Harrison Bevins, James Blackburn, Clyde Bevins	12	0	0	0	4	11	5	86	1	15.00
Sidney:	James Jude	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	4	3.00
Dix Fork:	E. S. Coleman, J. G. Thornsbury, Marvin Stanley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	1	7.00
Narrows Branch:	Louis Smith, J. S. Munsey, R. L. Murphy	14	0	0	0	1	0	3	43	4	8.00
Leanah:	No Delegates	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	2	1.60
Buck Creek:	Ted Foutch, Pete Diles, Richard Chapman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	2.50
Tabitha:	Comfort Gilmon, Tom Duty, Howard Duty	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	33	1	3.75
Little Dove:	James Dempsey	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	63	1	1.55
Little Rosa:	Tom Jackson, Lacy Lowe, Arvil Runyon	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	19	4	2.00
Beech Grove:	Mark Hannah, Jos. Hannah, Wallace Hannah	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	30	3	4.00
Turkey Creek:	Ken Varney, Jul- ious Burgett, Louis Markam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	4.00
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