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FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 1968

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist assembled with the Apple Orchard Church, McCombs, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1968 at the place where arrangements had been made for the preaching. While singing several of the beautiful old time songs the many Brethern, Sisters and Friends exchanged loving hand-shakes and joyful greetings.

Services were open about the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. by Elder Jonah E. Williamson who admonished the delegates of the several churches to pray for peace so that love and fellowship may abound. Brother Jonah then led in prayer.

Elder Edwin May preached the Introductory Sermon using for a text, Joel 3:14 "Multitudes, Multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Brother Ed was wonderfully blessed to preach and great rejoicing was again heard in the land where 110 years ago (1858) the Apple Orchard Church was organized.

Departing to the Church House where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association, the delegates thus assembled from the several churches and Sister Associations were addressed by Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association. Brother Adkins spoke with love as he advised everyone to pray for the will of God to be done in all things. Brother Adkins then led in prayer.

1. The Moderator, Elder Edwin May, called for the Letters from the several Churches to be handed in to the Clerk. The Letter from the Apple Orchard Church was read by the Clerk and upon motion by Elder Clyde Brown and second by Elder J. L. Nichols, all letters were received, the delegates seated and Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. (It is noted that an objection made to this motion was determined to be out of order and no action was taken on it by the delegates.)

2. Elder Ernest Cochran made a motion that the Association delegates vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk. This met with a second from Elder John Lowe and an objection from Elder Ellis Davis. Voting of the delegates showed 37 in favor of the motion and 29 against it.

3. The Association then completed its organization by electing the following officers:

- Elder Edwin May, Moderator
- Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
- Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
- Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

4. By motion and second it was ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

5. Committee appointed to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers and that peace be preserved around the Stand as follows:

- Brother Trimble Maynard
- Brother Bluford Reed
- Brother Cleston Robinson

6. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk. The reading of the Constitution was omitted.

7. Called for newly organized Churches and received none.

8. Called for the letters from Sister Associations and received the following:

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: W. B. Day, Jinx Ray, Clyde Hall, Perry Tackett, Jim Case, Sam Eversole, Banner Mann, Whipple Reynolds, Grover Adkins and Henry King.

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Fred Rowe, W. C. Elkins, John F. Thacker, Fon Bolling, J. R. Coleman, Bruce Mullins, N. A. England, John Layne, Dalas Ramsey, Oliver Tackett, Bud Coleman, Carl Duty, Hamilton Blevins, Thurston Bowman and Jesse L. Williamson.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Roy B. Akers, Sidney Hudson, Covis Tackett, H. N. Vanderpool, Lloyd Smith, Bill Dunbar, Hiram Adkins, Charles Keese, Baxter Osborne, Virgil Fields, Gillis Hamilton, J. B. Elswick, Hendricks Hampton, Cletius Farley and Harold Varney.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Eales Cotton, Ira Adkins, George Woods, Banner Johnson, Rush Stanley, Otis Steel, Clifford Colley and Odie Scaggs.

THORNTON UNION: Represented by the following delegate: Kirby Ison.

MUD RIVER: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Hall, John Fouch, Ernest Bredlove, Wilbur Toppins, Floyd Matthews, Columbus Fouch, Luther W. Ball, Jr. and Dow Hurley.

FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: G. W. Hopson, Wayne Bryant, Sidney Collins, Cecil Blankenship, Jesse Robinette and Willie Hughes.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Manis Ison, Oluo Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, James Combs and Squire Watts.

9. The foregoing letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the delegates seated in council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

10. The Moderator called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and received the following: Ralph Smith, Clifford Maynard, W. Elmer Blackburn, Butler Howell, H. Jimmy Deeley, James M. Ray, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Willis Dials, Charlie Johnson and Mills Roberts.

11. By motion and second it was ordered that we correspond with the New Salem Association, Union Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Thornton Union Association, Mud River Association, Friendship Association and Indian Bottom Association. The Clerk was appointed to write the letters.

12. A committee was appointed to take care of the visiting Brethern as follows:

Elder John Lowe
 Brother Willie Nichols
 Brother Van Maynard

13. A committee was appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one member from each Church and the entire Apple Orchard Church delegation. They reported as follows:

Friday Night	Association
Charles Keese	Northern New Salem
Alonzo Allen	Indian Bottom
G. W. Hopson	Friendship

(It is noted that Elder Charles Keese, Northern New Salem Association and Elder James Combs, Indian Bottom Association were the only preachers used Friday night.)

Saturday	Association
Chester Belcher	Union
H. N. Vanderpool	Northern New Salem
Grover Adkins	New Salem
Sidney Hudson	Northern New Salem
Hiram Adkins	Northern New Salem

14. A Committee on Arrangements was appointed consisting of one delegate from each Church, Moderator, Clerk, and the entire delegation from our corresponding Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

15. On motion by Elder B. H. Bevins and second by Elder Clyde Brown the Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 1968

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing several old songs of Zion, Elder Manis Ison, Indian Bottom Association, opened the meeting with preaching and offered Prayer. Business then proceeded as follows:

- Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- Read the Bill of Arrangements and on regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows:
 Brother Uley Perry
 Brother Landon Taylor
 Elder Ellis Davis

This committee reported \$680.00 received from the several churches and, after turning this amount over to the Clerk, was discharged.

4. Called for the Treasurer to report and on regular move and second received the following report:

Balance on hand September 10, 1967	\$ 833.00
Less paid out for 1967	
Printing Minutes	\$550.00
Secretary and Treasurer fee	10.00
Clerk's Fee (printing minutes)	75.00
Other expenses	15.00
Total paid out for 1967	650.00
Balance on hand September 13, 1968	\$ 183.00
Received from Churches for 1968	680.00
Donations from congregation	119.00
Received for pictures for 1968	110.00
Total received for 1968	\$ 909.00
Balance on hand September 15, 1968	\$1,092.00

5. By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary and Treasurer for 1968 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his expenses.

6. By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3,500 copies printed, and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expenses. This met with an objection from Elder Harvey Lowe. A vote by the delegates showed 56 in favor of the motion and 1 against it.

7. Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

Saturday Night

Ira Adkins
Kirby Ison
Virgil Fields

Association
Philadelphia
Thornton Union
Northern New Salem

(It is noted that on Saturday night Brother Willie Blackburn led in prayer and Elder Tracy Hatfield preached and closed since he was the only Elder present.)

Sunday

N. A. England
Fon Bolling
Baxter Osborne
Edwin May

Association
Union
Union
Northern New Salem
Sardis

(It is noted that Elder Grover Carey took the place of Elder Fon Bolling on Sunday.)

8. The Circular Letter written by Elder Edwin May was read by him and, on motion and second, was received and ordered printed in our Minutes.

9. On motion by Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Elder B. H. Bevins, it was ordered that Brother James M. Ray prepare the Circular Letter for presentation at our next (1969) Association.

10. Letters to the Sister Associations were read by the Clerk and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Robinson Creek Church, Robinson Creek, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1968. **ELDERS:** Clyde Brown, J. G. Thornberry, Charlie Johnson, B. H. Bevins, Burgess Dials, Wayne Herald, J. E. Williamson, Mills Roberts, Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Lloyd SESCO and John Lowe. **BROTHERS:** W. Elmer Blackburn, Marshall Williamson, Cullen Smith, Joe Warrix, John Maynard, Fred Bevins, Monroe Smith, Chester Dials, Prosper Maynard and Ralph Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder J. E. Williamson.

UNION: When convened with the Little Jocie Church, Breaks, Buchanan County, Virginia on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1968. **ELDERS:** Alson Thornbury, Jonah E. Williamson, Willie Stitner,

Johnnie Cline, Edwin May, Clyde Brown, Tracy Hatfield, Mills Roberts and Charlie Johnson. **BROTHERS:** Joe Warrix, Marshall Williamson, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Jim Scott, Clayton Burris and Floyd Morris. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Richmond County, Ohio beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1969. **ELDERS:** J. E. Williamson, Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Willie Varney, John Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson, Tracy Hatfield, B. H. Bevins and Edwin May. **BROTHERS:** Joe Warrix, Chester Dials, Troy Walters, John Robinette, Jim Bevins and T. J. Robinson. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church, Route 5, Ashland, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1969. **ELDERS:** Charlie Johnson, Willie White, J. L. Nichols, John Lowe, Burgess Dials, Ellis Davis, Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Faye Scott, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, Clyde Brown, Tracy Hatfield, B. H. Bevins, Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe and Willie Varney. **BROTHERS:** Chester Dials, Leslie Blanton, Floyd Williamson, John Maynard, Uley Perry and T. R. Bogar. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie White.

THORNTON UNION: When convened with the Blair Branch Church, Ison, Letcher County, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1969. **ELDERS:** Charlie Johnson, John Lowe, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, B. H. Bevins, J. G. Thornberry, Willis Dials and Mont Ellis. **BROTHERS:** Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and James M. Ray.

MUD RIVER: When convened with the Little Laurel Church, Myra, Lincoln County, West Virginia beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1969. **ELDERS:** Burgess Dials, Carlos Meadows, C. S. Fry, Harvey Lowe, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield and Willis Lowe. **BROTHERS:** Joe Robinson, S. D. Hensley, Leroy Reed and Floyd Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lue Church, Paynesville, Buchanan County, Virginia beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1969. **ELDERS:** J. G. Thornberry, Willie Varney, Charlie Evans, Charlie Johnson, Johnnie Cline, Edwin May and Mont Ellis. **BROTHERS:** Cullen Smith, Burlin Thornberry, Albert Stanley and Uley Perry. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornberry.

INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Big Creek Church, Du Pont, Indiana beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1969. **ELDERS:** Charlie Johnson, Lloyd SESCO, John Lowe, J. E. Williamson, Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Hiram Young. **BROTHERS:** Clifford Maynard and Joe Warrix. Letter in the hands of Elder Lloyd SESCO.

11. By motion and second we advise the Churches in this Union not to receive or retain anyone in their fellowship who belongs to any secret order.

12. In answer to a Query from the Bethany Church concerning the Bent Branch Church receiving members who belong to a secret order and failing to abide by their prior agreement, a motion was made by Elder Jonah E. Williamson to send the Query back to them because Gospel steps had not been taken to prove the charges or to bring the Query legally before the Association.

This motion met with a second by Elder Alson Thornbury and an objection from Elder Ellis Davis. The voting of the delegates showed 44 in favor of the motion and 19 against it. (The Query was returned to Elder Willie White who received it in love.)

13. In answer to a Query from the Bethany Church concerning note song books, Sisters with bobbed hair and Sisters using make-up in the Friendship Association, a motion was made by Elder Jonah E. Williamson to send the Query back to them for several reasons and that the Sardis Association not consider the Query further.

This motion met with a second from Elder B. H. Bevins and an objection from Elder Tracy Hatfield. The voting of the delegates showed 37 in favor of the motion and 22 against it. (The Query was returned to Elder Willie White who received it in love.)

14. In answer to a Query from the Rebecca Church concerning the practice of the Mud River Association on the repentance of sinners and on predestination, a motion was made by Brother S. D. Hensley to send the Query back to them for several reasons.

This motion met with a second from Brother John Scott and was so ordered. (The Query was returned to Brother Mike Sheppard who received it in love.)

15. Before any action could be taken on a Query from the Sardis Church concerning double married preachers in the Northern New Salem Association, all three delegates from the Sardis Church requested the Sardis Association to return the Query to them. (The Query was returned to the Sardis Church delegates who received it in love.)

16. In answer to a request from the Sardis Church to publish Elder Johnnie Adair in disorder and to remove his name from the list of ordained ministers because he is double married, a motion to grant the request was made by Brother Calvin C. Bevins. This met with a second from Elder Ernest Cochran and was so ordered. Therefore, Johnnie Adair is not preaching under the patronage of the Sardis Church nor of the Sardis Association.

17. In answer to a Query from the Pilgrim's Home Church asking, "Is it right for Brethern to uphold excluded members of a church and to sow seeds of discord among the churches?" A motion was made by Elder Ernest Cochran to receive a committee report which answered as follows: "No, and if any Church has a man that is called a Brother who is guilty of such—rid yourselves of that man. Every Church holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of their members."

This met with a second from Elder Lloyd SESCO and an objection from Elder Clinton Howard. The voting of the delegates showed 48 in favor of the motion and 2 against it.

18. In answer to a request from Pilgrim's Home and one from the Little Virgie Church to change Item 5 of the Constitution and Item 2 of the Rules of Decorum to read:

"The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present."

A motion was made by Elder B. H. Bevins to grant their request. This met with a second from Elder Ernest Cochran and was so ordered.

19. A motion to reprint Item 12 of our 1967 minutes was made by Elder John Lowe. This was met with a second from Elder Ernest Cochran and an objection from Elder Clinton Howard. The voting of the delegates showed 46 in favor of the motion and 1 against it. This Item read as follows:

"The Association by regular move and second said, that if a Sister has cut her hair she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again she will be excluded."

20. By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise our ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

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

ANSWER: We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication; such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

22. By motion and second, it is ordered that request for Union and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

23. By motion and second, it is ordered that the obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the Church at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association.

24. By motion and second, it is ordered that we print the obituary of Brother Landon Hinkle in our Minutes.

25. By motion and second, it is ordered that we do not include any poems in obituaries printed in our Minutes.

26. Brethern called in Union meetings and Associations last year made their reports which were received and their failures excused.

27. A request for the 1969 Sardis Association was received from the Southern Home Church and from the Mt. Pleasant Church. By motion and second, it is ordered that our next Association meeting be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1969. The Mt. Pleasant Church is located at Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky directly beside Route 119 and half way between Pikeville, Kentucky and Williamson, W. Va. Dinner will be served on the ground.

28. By motion and second, it is ordered that Elder Wayne Herald preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association and that Elder Jonah E. Williamson be his alternate.

29. By motion and second, it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Apple Orchard Church (especially Elder John Lowe and Brother Willie Nichols); William T. (Bill) Hazelrigg, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Highway Department; Pike County Sheriff Department (especially Brother Jim Bevins); Call Funeral Home; Allen Funeral Home; Herbert Maynard; Glen Gibson; Eldon Maynard and all the many others too numerous to mention, who prayed, worked and cooked to make this Association a loving success.

30. The Minutes were read by the Clerk and by move and second, were approved and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

31. On motion by Elder John Lowe and second by Brother Floyd Williamson, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above.

After Elder Wayne Herald offered a few loving words of thanks to God for a good Association the Sardis Association adjourned by way of prayer.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

- Elder Edwin May, Moderator
- Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
- Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
- Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1968

Early on this very cool fall morning the sweet faces of our beloved Brothers, Sisters and friends began to appear. Soon they were singing the old songs of Zion and shaking hands in the good old fashioned way.

The congregation continued to get larger as Elder N. A. England of the Union Association introduced the Services. He was blessed to preach from his Text: John 4:24.

Elder Grover Carey, Sardis Association, came to the Stand with a weak and feeble body but a strong witness in the Spirit. He spoke of the reports he had heard recently of God being dead. But Brother Carey through testimony related, "God is not dead. I talked with Him last night and again this morning." Brother Carey preached from Hebrews 4:12. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword . . ."

Elder Baxter Osborne, Northern New Salem Association, came to the Stand seemingly filled with the Spirit that had already blessed Brother England and Brother Carey. His text was, "If any man will come unto me I will in no wise cast him out." Brother Baxter was wonderfully blessed to feed a hungry congregation.

Elder Edwin May, our loving and overworked Moderator, came to the Stand in weakness of body but strong in the power of God. Brother Ed used for a text Isaiah 64:11, "Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee . . ."

Mere words could never picture the magnitude of the Spirit that overshadowed the congregation and closed out the Services with shouting and rejoicing before Brother Ed had finished preaching. The little children of God had been fed from the bountiful table of Mother Jerusalem by each preacher in the Stand and were filled to overflowing by the Spirit that blessed Brother Ed.

Elder Wayne Herald, our beloved Assistant Moderator, came to the Stand amidst much real old time rejoicing and announced the open door of the Church. No one responded and dismissal was called by Elder Jonah E. Williamson.

On behalf of the delegates and officers of the Sardis Association I want to thank God for giving us a good old fashioned Association. The Brethern, Sisters and friends of the Old Apple Orchard Church did a marvelous job of taking care of the Association and we offer our humble thanks to each and every one.

May God Bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

Your Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To my precious loving Brethern of the Sardis Association, I am now endeavoring as per your request to write my first and perhaps my last Circular Letter. I shall use as my subject two words: Love and Peace.

First, Love:

First John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." We see then that love is the best proof that we have that we are born of God and if we just let brotherly love continue it (love) will work all things right.

We see in the 8th verse of that same Chapter—"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." My loving Brethern, if we expect to have peace we must let brotherly love continue, and love will draw all Brothers and Sisters together in our Churches. Love will also let our children know that we are His Disciples.

Behold the height, depth, length and breadth of God's love. Love will bring peace in our Association and keep us in peace with our Sister Associations. It (love) surely will let us feel when we come to the last mile of the way that we can as Brother Paul of old: "For I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not only to me, but unto them also that love His appearing."

Brethern, if we love His appearing, we love one another now whom we see. If a man say, I love God and hateth his brothers, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brothers whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen: And this Commandment we have from Him: That he who loveth God, love his brother also.

Just let the brotherly love keep peace and surely if we are the sons of God, we understand Him to say: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (St. John 14:27)

"Blessed are the peacemakers: For they shall be called the children of God." (St. Matthew 5:9)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (St. Matthew 5:16)

Brethern, may I say if we are born of God that we are born of love. And having God's love we are in peace with God and surely in peace with one another by this love and peace. Not just in word but in deed and in truth.

"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (I John 3: 10 and 11)

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (I Corinthians 14:33)

"Let all things be done decently and in order." (I Corinthians 14:40)

Now as I come to the close of this letter, I can and do rejoice in the Saviour's love, that my preaching was not with deceit nor with envy or strife, but I have endeavored to speak to you prayerfully and in the influence of His precious spirit and grace.

By faith in Christ we become children of Abraham, heirs of God's precious promise, heirs of His Eternal Kingdom, recipients of His wonderful love, from which, in this life, a hundred fold and in the world to come everlasting life. Thus, we see that this love does not cease at death, but after death has taken away our natural life on earth, it will wait our spirits to glory and it will also, at the Great Resurrection, give our mortal sleeping bodies the final and eternal victory by that sweet and glorious appearing of Christ, who, Himself, shall descend from the heaven with a shout and our bodies shall be changed in a moment from mortal to immortal, from natural to spiritual, and we shall be caught up to the clouds to meet the Lord in the air where we will be forever with Him. Oh, wonderful love! How sweet will be the meeting on that Eternal shore. We will be satisfied—Yes, God is love, and then we can sweetly acclaim—Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dear Brethern, if you feel that you want to accept this letter I wrote as I feel in my heart, I want to admonish you—Live in peace, be of one mind, be perfect, be of good comfort. Now the Lord of peace, Himself, give you peace by all means always. Love and Peace for evermore.

Your servant for Christ's sake in hope
of eternal life,

Edwin May

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: Friday before the first Saturday. Communion Saturday evening. All Regular Baptist ministers invited to attend.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Baxter Osborne, Charlie Johnson and Jonah E. Williamson.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Fon Bolling, Mont Ellis, Ernest Cochran and our Moderator, Charlie Johnson.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 o'clock. Ministers called: Willie Stitner, Tracy Hatfield, Roy B. Akers, and our Moderator, Edwin May.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Tracy Hatfield and Edwin May.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Jeff May, Wayne Herald and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 o'clock. Ministers called: Burbage Mullins, Isom Hannah and Jeff May.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Roy B. Akers and Wardie Craft.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, Lloyd SESCO, Charlie Johnson and Chester Belcher.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willis Dials, Wayne Herald, Ernest Cochran, Isom Hannah and our Moderator, Lewis E. Marcum.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: N. A. England, Edwin May, Charlie Evans and Hershell Huff.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Dials, Faye Scott, Wayne Herald, Ed. Runyon and George Woods.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Willie White, Faye Scott, and our Moderator, Willis Dials.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Charles Keese and Johnny Hall.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Hershell Huff and our Moderator, Ernest Cochran.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: John Lowe, Willie Stitner, Alson Thornbury, Grover Adkins and our Moderator, Jonah E. Williamson.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union meeting and our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Hassel Estep, Eales Cotton and Isom Hannah.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Claude Conn, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Lowe, Jimmy Deeley and Charlie Johnson.

AUGUST

TIBATHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Varney, Jeff May and Edwin May.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Eales Cotton, Isom Hannah, Faye Scott, Willie White and Ross Cline.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Isom Hannah.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday starting at 11:00 o'clock. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 o'clock. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Wayne Herald, Jonah E. Williamson, Hershell Huff and our Moderator, B. H. Bevins.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Our Union is in July. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, Johnnie Cline, Earl Clay and Ed. Runyon.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: J. G. Thornberry, Jeff May, George Woods and Isom Hannah.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Ross Cline and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MAY

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday in May 1969 for all the Brethern and Sisters of the Tabitha Church that have departed this life and gone on. Ministers called: Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Willie Varney and Jeff May.

LEANNANAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Munny Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in May 1969. Ministers called: Willie White, Ellis Davis, Hershell Huff, Wiley Coffee, Ross Cline and our Moderator, Willis Dials.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in May 1969. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran and Jonah E. Williamson.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Willie Varney, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson and Faye Scott.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, Johnny Lowe, J. G. Thornberry and Junior Robinson.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Ministers called: Wiley Coffee, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Charlie Johnson, John Lowe and L. E. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Jobe Blackburn on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in May 1969. Ministers called: Jeff May, Tracy Hatfield, Junior Robinson, Willis Dials and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held the last Sunday in May 1969 on Chauncy Hill. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Isom Hannah, Carlos Meadows and Ed Runyon.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch the nearest Sunday to May 30, 1969. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds, Ernest Cochran, Ken Varney and Willis Lowe. Dinner near by.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery, Route 1, Delbarton, West Virginia on May 30, 1969 at 2:30 P.M. Ministers called: Burbage Mullins, Willie Varney, Jimmy Deeley and all Regular Baptist ministers.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Carter-bury Cemetery on May 30, 1969. Ministers called: Willie White, Willard Blair and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the nearest Sunday to May 30, 1969. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LEANNANAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sisters Esta M. Reed, Matidia M. Robinson and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in June 1969. Ministers called: John Lowe, Faye Scott, Stephen Robinson and our Moderator, Willis Dials.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, John M. Justice, Grover Adkins and Lloyd SESCO.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Brother Ransom Chaffins on the third Sunday in June 1969. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother James and Sister Betty Gilman and others will be held on the third Sunday in June 1969 at the Cemetery where they are buried just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Varney, Eales Cotton and Jeff May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek on the fourth Sunday in June 1969. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Edwin May and Roosevelt Lowe.

JULY

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday in July 1969 at the Justice Cemetery, Lando Mines, West Virginia in memory of Sister Dolly Justice, Brother Clayburn and Rebecca Vinson and their daughter, and others. Ministers called: Ellis Davis, Willie White and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sam Burgette will be held at the Step Cemetery on Big Creek on the first Sunday in July 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, Jonah E. Williamson, James Cook and Lloyd SESCO.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in July 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, Tracy Hatfield, Willie White, Faye Scott and our Moderator, Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Tom Price School House for Brother Jarrett Smith, Sister Jane Smith, Brother George and Sister Artie Maynard and their family on the second Sunday in June 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, Jonah E. Williamson, Lloyd SESCO and Grover Adkins.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church House for their deceased members and the deceased buried in Maynard Graveyard, Warfield, Kentucky on the third Sunday in July 1969. Ministers called: Burgess Dials, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Dials and Jonah E. Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery in the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday following the third Saturday in July 1969. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Kirby Isom, Grover Adkins and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday in July 1969. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Edwin May, Willie Stanley and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of J. M. Taylor and family, Flem Maynard and family will be held on the third Sunday in July 1969. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Hershell Huff and Ernest Cochran.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July 1969. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Tommy Adair, Ellis Davis and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Carl Lowe, Brother Roscoe Lowe, Sister Emma Lowe, Phillip Hannah, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Taylor and infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Maynard will be held on the fourth Sunday in July 1969. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, Edwin May and Wayne Herald.

AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery, three miles from Dingess, W. Va. near the Church House and across from Brother Everett Hannah's home on Sunday following the first Saturday in August 1969.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott and Ross Cline.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: John F. Thacker, Jonah E. Williamson and Harvey Chapman.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: George Woods, Eales Cotton and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Uncle George Lowe and Aunt Jane Lowe will be held on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: Willis Dials, Milford Lowe and Clinton Howard.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Eales Cotton, Isom Hannah, Faye Scott, Willie White and Ross Cline.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Faye Scott and Isom Hannah.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith, Elder L. G. Lowe and other deceased members on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, John Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Alison Thornbury.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, W. Va. on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: W. H. May, Isom Hannah, Ed. Runyon and Jeff May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Alison Thornbury.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold its memorial meeting at the same time as the Union meeting, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, Johnny Cline, Earl Clay and Ed. Runyon.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Sherley Fraley and our Moderator, Lewis Marcum.

MEMORIAL MEETING of P. F. C. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in August 1969. Ministers called: John Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for Brother Mosey Dials and others near Inez, Kentucky on the fifth Sunday in August 1969. Ministers called: Russell Jacobs, John Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, J. L. Nichols and Nath Jude.

SEPTEMBER

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, W. Va. on the first Sunday in September 1969. Ministers called: Jeff May, Willie Varney and Jimmy Deeley.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Tom McCoy and all of the deceased that are buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery, near the mouth of Wolf Creek, will be held the first Sunday in September 1969. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Lloyd SESCO, Faye Scott and Willis Lowe.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Joe Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in September 1969. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at the Tom Price School House on the Right Fork of Brushy on the first Saturday and Sunday in September 1969. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Faye Scott and Robert Robinson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday in September 1969. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, John Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Charlie Johnson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Roscoe McCoy and others will be held at the home of Oscar McCoy on Sunday after the third Saturday in September 1969. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in October 1969 for all of the deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wayne Herald and Luther Conn.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1969. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Harold Edmonds, Jonah E. Williamson, and our Moderator, Charlie Johnson.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1969. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Jonah E. Williamson and Ernest Cochran.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased buried in the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday in October 1969. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church the third Saturday and Sunday in October 1969. Ministers called: Troy Nichols, Hassel Estep and Edwin May.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1969. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited to attend.

Obituaries

R. L. TAYLOR, SR.

It is with great humbleness that I attempt to write the obituary of my grandfather, R. L. Taylor, Sr., who passed away on January 9, 1968, at the age of 79.

He was the son of Allen and Vicy Lowe Taylor. He was married to Dixie Clara Scott Taylor (well known in the community as Mother Dear). From this union came four sons who survive him: Virgil, Guy, Fom, and R. L. Taylor, Jr. Mother Dear preceded him in death in 1964. He later married Mrs. Alta Dotson Taylor who also survives him.

On September 9, 1951, he was baptized. He placed his membership with the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church. He was later ordained a Deacon. He is sadly missed by his family, the community, and the entire Church. Written by one who loved him—his granddaughter, Nancy Taylor



DOVER MAY

It is with sadness and grief that it has now become my duty to attempt to write an obituary of my father, Dover May, who passed away on August 25, 1968, at the age of 77.

The surviving children include four sons: Edwin, Fred Rush, Walter Charles, and Jack Lewis May; five daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Ball, Mrs. Fred Curry, Mrs. Fonso Elswick, Mrs. R. L. Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. Tim Branham. His wife, Mrs. Ella Bevins May, and one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Taylor, preceded him in death.



Dover, known to many as Papa, made a confession to the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday of September, 1967, and was baptized the following day. He placed his membership with the Bent Branch Church at Meta, Kentucky, where he remained a faithful member until God called him home.

As for his life, it spoke for itself to those who knew him, and I believe when the Lord comes on the clouds of glory that Papa will be with Him and remain with Him forevermore.

Written by his son,
Edwin May

STEVE ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness that we try to write an obituary of one very dear to us, Steve Robinette, who died on April 13, 1968, of a heart attack. He was a faithful member of the Regular Baptist Church for several years, and he bore his suffering with much patience. He always filled his seat at church when his health permitted him to go and his presence will be missed very much by all who knew him.

He was married to Bell Smith early in life and to this union there were no children. He later married Elizabeth SESCO who survives. He is also survived by five brothers and two sisters. Namely: Bill Robinette, Elbert Robinette, Okie Robinette, Grayson Robinette, all of Varney, Kentucky, Joe Robinette of Switzer, W. Va. and two sisters, Mintie Jude Thacker of Burnwell, Ky. and Wildia Muncy of Columbus, Ohio. He also leaves many friends to mourn his loss.

We believe he is resting and we will meet him in Glory where there will be no more parting from our loved ones, where all is peace and happiness forever.

Written by his Brothers in Christ

Okie Robinette
Nathan Jude

ALEX C. BLACKBURN

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my late husband, Alex C. Blackburn, Meta, Kentucky.

He was born February 3, 1902, the son of Thomas and Victoria Maynard Blackburn. He deceased this life March 5, 1968. He was married to Marie Lowe Blackburn on November 1, 1922 and to this union was born six children, two sons and four daughters: Alfred C. Blackburn, South Williamson, Ky.; Tennyson R. Blackburn, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Dainese Emody, South Williamson, Ky.; Winogene Toler, Arlington, California; Dalphine Nelson, Vienna, W. Va.; and Yvonne Gillespie, Williamson, W. Va. He is survived by four brothers: W. Elmer Blackburn, Pikeville, Ky.;



Clifford Blackburn, Beckley, W. Va.; Julius C. Blackburn, Meta, Ky.; Carl Blackburn, Goodlettsville, Tenn.; two sisters: Hazel Yourkevitch, Logan, W. Va.; and Margie Basham, Amhurstdale, W. Va.; also, eleven grandchildren and one great grandson. One granddaughter preceded him in death, also his father, mother, two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Alex professed his hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church on October 22, 1967 by Elders Edwin May and Lloyd Sesco and took his membership with the Bent Branch Church.

He was a good husband and father and a friend to all. His love was great to all and was always helping those in need. I believe Alex fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Our loss is Heaven's gain but some day we can go to meet him to part no more.

Written by his wife,
Marie Lowe Blackburn

TEXIE SCOTT

Sister Texie Scott, the daughter of John and Nan (Stratton) Williamson, was born February 16, 1887, and deceased this life on July 14, 1968, making her stay here 81 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Sister Texie was married to Brother Emsy B. Scott on April 8, 1912, and they were not blessed to have any children, but they seemed to love everybody and enjoyed a happy married life until October 25, 1964, when death took Brother Bee from our midst.

Sister Texie became a member of the Old Mount Pleasant Church of Regular Baptist, being baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins on April 30, 1933, and remained a faithful christian until the death angel took her from our midst. Her membership was at the Mount Pleasant Church until she was received into the membership of the Old Bent Branch Church, by letter, on December 19, 1959, and she remained a faithful member there until her death.

Sister Texie and Brother Bee used to come to our house and go with us to the Old Mount Pleasant Church, where Brother Bee, Brother Frank Collins and myself were ordained Deacons on the second Saturday in June 1940. Now, both Brother Bee and Sister Texie, Brother Frank and Sister Pricy have heeded the heavenly calling to come home to rest from their labours, and I hope to join them when death closes my eyes and the resurrection brings our bodies forth out of the graves to live forever with Christ, our Redeemer.

Sister Texie and Brother Bee used to visit the Old Burning Spring Church of Regular Baptist, when Brother Bee was so feeble that he was really not able to go. But they both enjoyed the preaching and the fellowship with the Brothers and Sisters. Almost always, they went home with Sister Charles (now Sister Maynard) for dinner, and I have had the enjoyment of taking them there. Not too long ago, Sister Texie gave me the "Sweet Songster" that Brother Bee used to enjoy using when singing the

old songs of Zion. She said that she knew that he would want me to have it. Yes, Sister Texie was like a second mother to me, and Brother Bee was like a father. We were not made to love each other, we were born to love each other and that love will live eternally in the heaven that Christ went to prepare for all those who love Him and keep His commandments. Left to mourn the loss of Sister Texie are one sister, Mrs. John Gannon, of Pisonfork, Kentucky; one half-sister, Maxie Williamson, of Pikeville, Kentucky; one half-brother, Hollis Williamson, of Richwood, West Virginia; a nephew, Edward Smith, of Pikeville, Kentucky and a great host of relatives and friends. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

May God richly bless and save all of us, is my prayer in Jesus' sweet and blessed name.

Written by one she dearly loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

T. M. (MONTY) KISER



T. M. Kiser was born March 2, 1902, and died July 2, 1968, at the age of 66. He was the son of Fullen and Catherine Kiser of Colley, Virginia. He was married to Bertie Deel, daughter of A. F. and Martha Deel, of Vacey, Virginia, on March 26, 1927. To this union was born five children: Mrs. Glenna Gray, Baltimore, Maryland; Gary Kiser, Rockville, Maryland; Tyree Kiser, Odenton, Maryland; Mrs. Clara Eanes, Arlington, Virginia; and Lynnda Kiser, at home.

"Monty" came to Williamson when he was 14 years of age and began work in a grocery store and restaurant for his father. In 1923 he began work for Sanitary Nehi Bottling Company and worked there until the end. He began as machine operator and worked his way through delivering, selling and manager of production and Vice President and Treasurer for about the last 20 years. He was part owner of the company.

He was converted to Christ, baptized, and joined the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Kentucky on August 5, 1945, along with his wife and daughter, Darlene. He was baptized by Elder Harrison Bevins who has been his Pastor ever since. "Monty" always showed a great love for his Church and God's Kingdom by his very regular attendance and most faithful and devoted Christian life.

He was a kind, obedient son to his parents, a loving and compassionate husband, a wise and understanding father to his children and was always wrapped up in his twelve grandchildren.

His honest and friendly life and willingness to work brought him a full and happy life with a host of friends, fellow workers, and his old acquaintances back in Virginia. He was never known to have a personal enemy.

Daddy, rest and take your sleep until the Lord calls and we hope that by the Grace of God we can all join you in a better world that will know no old age, sickness, pain or parting. We'll truly miss you but certainly Heaven will have a greater attraction to us because we are certain you will be there.

By the family

ETHEL MAE (BLACKBURN) FRANCIS



Sister Ethel Mae (Blackburn) Francis, age 46, was born June 6, 1917, the daughter of Trimble and Becky (Slone) Blackburn. She deceased this life April 4, 1964.

She was married to James A. Francis and to this union was born six children: Mrs. Betty Lou Rollins of Bellfry, Kentucky and Harold and Patty Sue Francis at home. Three sons preceded her in death.

In addition to her husband, mother and father, children and grandchildren who are left to mourn her loss, are three brothers: Willard,

of Sidney, Ky.; Glen, of Varney, Ky.; and Willis, of Pontiac, Michigan; five sisters: Mrs. Alpha Murphy, Mrs. Grace Stanley of Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Harold Miller of Logan, Ohio; Mrs. Clyde Stanley of Goody, Kentucky; and Mrs. Henry Stanford of Portsmouth, Va.

Sister Ethel professed a hope in Christ and was baptized March 2, 1946 by Elder Basil Robinette. She placed her membership with the Salem Church and remained a faithful member until death. She will be remembered in those moments of reminiscence in happiness and sadness by those who loved and knew her. Her life here on earth was comparatively short, her last few months of life painful; on the other hand, when she could consider the great promises of the better life with Jesus beyond the grave, she could confidently say with the Apostle Paul: "I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us." And again "our light afflictions, which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." With this hope in the resurrection of the dead she could say, "I shall live again."

To all of her loved ones, Sister Ethel cannot return to you, but you can meet her in the city of God, by accepting his Son as your Savior while you have life and opportunity.

Written by request by,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

EASTER BROWN



In much sadness and aching heart, I will attempt to write this obituary of my loving companion, Easter Brown. She was born March 22, 1913, at Meta, Kentucky; she was the daughter of Esta and John L. Blackburn. She deceased this life December 24, 1967, making her stay on earth 54 years, 9 months and 2 days.

We were united in Holy Matrimony August 3, 1931, and to this union was born three sons, one of whom preceded his mother in death.

Easter joined the Regular Baptist Church at Dix Fork and was baptized the first Saturday in June in the year 1947, at the hands of Elders J. G. Thornsbury and Milton Thacker. She lived as a faithful member until death.

She leaves to mourn her loss, myself and two sons, Billie Brown of Card, Kentucky, and Keith Brown, of Columbus, Ohio; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Ted Blackburn and Bernice Blackburn of Meta, Kentucky; three sisters, Gladys, Beatrice and Audrey, and a host of friends and relatives.

So, I would like to say to my sons, I realize our lives will never be the same because we miss her so very much, but I believe she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and when he calls for the sleeping dead, that he will call for your mother and take her home with the redeemed of the Lord, where there will be no more deaths, nor pain, nor sickness. So if you want to meet Mother again, fall out with the wages of sin and turn to the Lord while you have life. He won't turn you away if you will ask him in faith, so may God bless you is my prayers.

Written by Elder Clyde Brown,
in hope of Eternal Life through
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

WILLIAM LANDON HINKLE



With much sadness and sorrow I will try to write the obituary of our dear loving father who passed away May 23, 1968, making his stay here on earth 89 years, 6 months and 22 days. He was the son of the late Billy and Mary (Bevins) Hinkle. He was married to Mary Jane (Ray) Hinkle. To this union was born 3 children; Mrs. Augusta Thompson, Mrs. Gracie Stanley, and Lawrence Hinkle, all of which preceded him in death.

Daddy later married Wildie Stanley and to this union two children were born; Glenville Hinkle and Gretis Stanley, of Sidney, Kentucky. Again, Mother and Glenville preceded him in death.

He later married Vicy Turnmire and to this union no children were born.

He then married Sarah Maynard Hinkle. To this union five children were born: Mrs. Clara Blevins, Thurman and Irvin Hinkle all of Ecorse, Michigan; and Mrs. Lishia Philpot of Pasadena, Texas. One daughter, Madagnaline, and his wife preceded him in death.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in August of 1939. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until they moved to Michigan. He then moved his letter to the Little Ida Regular Baptist Church around five years ago for more convenience. There he remained until death called him away. Daddy was loved by all who knew him. I believe Daddy is resting now from all of his labors.

To all of his children and grandchildren, I want to say if they ever want to see Daddy again they must accept Jesus as their Savior, because I believe Daddy has lived a good life before his children. He always taught us to do the right thing. He was kind and loving to everybody. The family circle is broken now but it will be complete again someday. God has fixed a way where we can live again if, I believe, we want to. I have hope that I'll meet Daddy again some sweet day where there will be no heartache and trouble, no sleepless nights to worry about. I believe our loss will be Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Gretis Stanley

VICIE SCOTT



With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Mrs. Vicie Wolford Scott. She was born at Hardy, Kentucky in Pike County, on August 5, 1885, the daughter of the late Marr and Jane Farley Wolford. She died August 27, 1968 in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital after an extended illness.

Mother was married October 10, 1906 to Freeleand Scott, who survives, and to this union was born five children. One son, Johnnie Glenn, preceded her in death on January 21, 1945. Among the survivors are two sons: Luther Scott and Warren Scott both of Hardy, Ky.; two daughters: Dorothea Doan, Columbus, Ohio and Olive Carman, Hardy, Ky.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 49 years and was a faithful member until her health confined her to my home but her faith of the beautiful home above was her goal. She talked about the Bible and the right way to live and said, "if we miss Heaven we have missed it all. I want to make Heaven my home."

I have no weeping for Mother for I know she is at rest and the loss of my loving mother here on earth is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,

Olive Carman

STEVE ROBINSON



I will try with deep sympathy to write the obituary of Steve Robinson. Pa, as he was known to all of us, was born March 7, 1879, and deceased this life December 1, 1967, at the age of 88. He was the son of the late Lee and Leaner Maynard Robinson and was married to Ora Smith Robinson who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church. He also had two sisters and four brothers who preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters—

Mrs. Minnie Crigger, Mrs. Bertha Cox and Virgie Norfleet, and two sons—

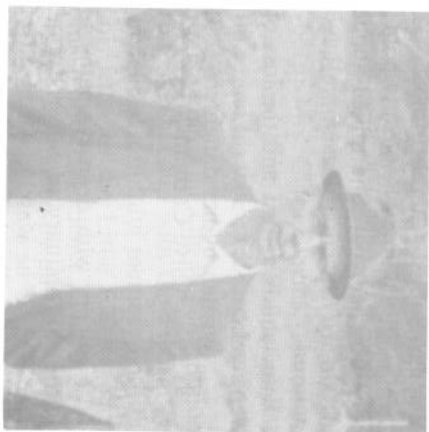
Joe Robinson and Oscar Robinson. He had one son and two daughters who preceded him in death. Other survivors include one brother, Jarrett Robinson, 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; also a host of relatives and friends.

We all miss Pa, but if he was what he professed to be, he is just resting, waiting for our Lord to come back and take us home where we can live forever and never part. I know it is hard to give up our loved ones but Jesus said he wouldn't put more on us than we could bear.

The most wonderful part of all is that if we fall out with sin and follow Jesus, we can meet again around God's throne. The only thing to say to the children that haven't made peace with God, is that this world is only a dressing room to get ready to live or to die and never die. It is your choice to make and remember that time is growing short and after death it is too late to pray for mercy.

Written by his grandson's wife,
Mrs. Geraldine Crigger

HARRISON RAY



It is by request of the family that I make this attempt to write an obituary of a dear beloved Brother in Christ, Brother Harrison Ray. Brother Harrison was a veteran of World War I and a retired merchant.

Brother Harrison Ray was the son of Joseph Ray and Margaret Maynard Ray. He was born April 30, 1895, at Pisco, Ky. and departed this life October 10, 1967, making his stay here on earth 72 years, 5 months and 10 days.

Brother Harrison Ray was united in marriage to Sister Ivia Cline Ray on August 2, 1918. To this union five children were born. One daughter preceded him in death. Surviving children are Harrison Ray, Jr. at home, Phiness Ray and Moses Ray of Pikeville, Ky., and Alpha SESCO of Columbus, Ohio. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a half-sister, Pricy Ray of Pisco, Ky.

Brother Harrison professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church May 4, 1963 by Elders Bud Coleman and Jonah E. Williamson. Brother Harrison was a warm and faithful Brother. He faithfully filled his seat at Church as long as he was able to do so and he let his Light shine right up to the time that God called his Soul home to Heaven.

Sister Ivia, soon you too will see Brother Harrison again, but he will not be your husband, he will be your Brother, and you will enjoy Paradise for ever and ever.

Children, if you want to see Daddy again you can, by the Grace of God. You must accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior just as Daddy did if ever you want to see and live with him again.

Written by a Brother in Hope of Eternal Life
James M. Ray

LON GILLMAN, SR.



In sadness I will attempt to write the obituary of my father, Lon Gillman, Sr. He was born March 23, 1902 at Elk Fork (Mingo County) W. Va. He was the fourth of twelve children born to the late Bill and Phoebe (Stone) Gillman. He departed from this life August 3, 1968, making his stay on earth 66 years, 4 months and 11 days.

In April of 1938, he was united in marriage to Lamberta Gladys Gayhart and to this union was born four daughters and one son: Phoebe Rene Gillman and Virginia Ceila Owens, both of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Ilene Janis Henry, Waukegan, Illinois; Ethel Mae Townsend, Graham, N.C.; and Lon Gillman, Jr. serving with the United States Navy in Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Elmer, and four sisters, Minnie, Brookie, Mrs. Betty White and Mrs. Lida Curry. There are ten grandchildren who will miss Granddad, as they called him, and they were all very special to him. Also left to mourn his loss are four sisters: Vicie Hendricks and Oma Meadow, Chauncey, W. Va.; Roxie Privett, Chicago, Ill.; and Martha Smith, Marion, N.Y.; and two brothers: Lewis and Charlie, Switzer, W. Va.

Daddy was sick for quite awhile before his death and he suffered badly in the past two years. I believe he isn't suffering now and although we miss him, I feel that now he is in a better world and will suffer no more.

Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church at Sandy Bottom in October 1949, and was baptized by the hands of John Hensley and John Fouch. Because he lived far away from the church he was a member of, he did not attend regularly, but every chance he got to come to W. Va he attended faithfully. At home his Bible was always within his reach and it was a helping hand to him many, many times.

Written by his daughter,
Phoebe Rene Gillman

EDNA ROBINSON



With much sadness I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my mother, Edna Robinson, who was born December 11, 1893 and deceased this life July 11, 1968, making 74 years and 7 months that God blessed her to live upon earth.

She was married to Oliver L. Robinson who preceded her in death in 1944.

She leaves five children as follows: Ben Robinson and Steve Robinson of Delbarton, W.Va.; Robert Robinson of Chattaroy, W.Va.; Grover Robinson of Bald Knob, W.Va.; and Faye Stepp of Williams, W.Va. and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

She joined the Leannah Regular Baptist Church in October, 1938, and was baptized by the Elders Lark Lowe and Harrison Bevins and lived a devoted and faithful Christian life until death.

There are many good things I could say about Mother, but I feel the life she lived before her children and everyone makes us feel assured her soul is at rest in the paradise of God waiting for that day when God will wake the Sleeping Dust, and give her a new body that will never grow old. Neither will it suffer or be troubled, but will live throughout eternity and shout the praises of God forever more.

Mother, I know, suffered many hardships, heartaches, and disappointments in this life, but I've heard her say, "God has been so good to me. I am proud of my children. I have a lot to be thankful for."

I would like to say to the rest of the family, we have lost a good mother. We have lost a great friend. She will not be praying for us any more. Her voice is still, her place is vacant. As David said she cannot come back to us, but we can by the grace of God go to her.

I believe if she could speak to us today, she would say as Jesus did when he was marching up Calvary's Hill, "Don't weep for me, but rather weep for yourselves and your children."

To the children that are on the outside of Christ, if you ever see Mother again you will have to seek the Lord and repent, for I feel she has gone to live with the angels of God. Some sweet day I feel I will meet Mother where parting will never more come. Sadly missed by all.

Written by her son,
Elder Steve Robinson

DONALD R. BOOTEN



It is with sadness that I write the obituary of my beloved husband, Donald R. Booten, a son of the late Clyde Booten and Jane Booten Hankins. He was born October 3, 1938, and died May 26, 1968, at the age of 29 years, 7 months and 23 days. He was married to Willa Nell Ritchie, and to this union was born two sons, Jack Kevin Booten and Brian Douglas Booten.

He leaves two brothers and one sister, James O. Booten, Jack E. Booten, and Mrs. Mildred Bevins. Donald accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized March 26, 1968, by the hands of Elder Ernest Cochran, and placed his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist. By His Grace this courageous man knew an inner peace and comfort amid his suffering in his last months.

This dear one was only loaned to us that we might blend our lives together for divine purposes. Would we deny to God who secures us in all things the return of His very own loved ones if they could render a greater service to Him.

POLLY BROWN



Written by his wife,
Mrs. Willa Nell Booten

It is with much sadness that we will try to write an obituary of our dear loving mother, Polly Stanley Brown, who deceased this life June 30, 1968, making her stay here on earth 86 years, 10 months and 20 days. She was born August 20, 1881 at Canada, Ky. the daughter of George H. and Celia Stanley. She was married to W. J. Brown, January 18, 1901 and to this union was born eleven children. Her husband and three children preceded her in death, two daughters and one son.

Left to mourn her loss are three sons: Roy Brown and George Brown, Sidney, Ky. and W. S. Brown, Bel-fry, Ky.; five daughters: Arminda Brown Alley Williamson, Sidney, Ky.; Sarah Ann Wright, Warrensville, N.C.; Lucy Wyetete, Marysville, Ohio;

and Martha Felix, Miami, Fla.; one brother, two sisters and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized the first Sunday in August 1934, by the hands of John H. Brown and she was a faithful member until death. The Church has lost a good member, the children have lost a good mother, the community has lost a good neighbor, but we feel that our loss is God's eternal gain. We believe from the life she lived before her children and neighbors that she is resting from all her labors and now is waiting for Christ and the great resurrection day. Then she will go home to Heaven where there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. I would like to say to the children, except they repent and be born again by the Holy Spirit of promise they will never meet Mother again. She gave us all good counsel and asked us to promise to meet her in heaven. So I would like to say, please remember the promises you all made and how happy it will be to meet her again around the throne of God.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law,
W. S. and Ethel Brown,
In hope of seeing Mother again

WILLIE BEVINS



It is with a sad and aching heart that I attempt to write an obituary of our dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather, Willie Bevins. Poppy, as the grandchildren called him, was born in Pike County, Piseo, Kentucky on August 27, 1889, and grew up on main Johns Creek, Ky. He deceased this life October 17, 1967 at the age of 78 years, 2 month and 21 days. He was the son of the late Elbert and Rutha (Stanley) Bevins and is survived by his wife, Belle (Young) Bevins; one daughter, Ethelmae

Staton; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Fred Bevins, Meta, Ky.; one sister, Effie J. Blackburn, Forest Hills, Ky.; a large number of nephews and nieces; together with the Brethren and Sisters of the Turkey Creek Church and elsewhere to miss his presence here.

He was baptized into the fellowship of the Turkey Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist on November 15, 1943, where he remained a faithful member until God called him away. He always filled his seat as long as he could get there. Midst all of his suffering he would know when it was Church time here at Turkey Creek Church. "Be thou faithful until death

and I will give thee a crown of righteousness," Paul said, "which the Lord the righteous judge will give me at that day." I believe he breathed out his last breath of life here in full triumph of that living faith. His body will come out of the grave at that day and he will receive the end of that hope which I believe he lived with and clung to for more than twenty-four years. There will be no cancer, no more pain, no more tears of sorrow. This strengthens me in my lonely days. With this in my view I could not wish him back to suffer the pangs of death again.

To you, my precious loved ones, take hold of this living faith, the one way that leads from earth to heaven. Then we can meet our loved ones, never to sorrow no more. I could say lots more now but this would get too lengthy. I must close.

Written by his lonely wife in hope of seeing him again,
Mrs. Belle Bevins

LEONARD B. ROMANS



The son of Melvin B. Romans, deceased, and Carrie Stepp Romans, who survives. He was born July 22, 1905, and deceased this life May 4, 1968. God blessed him to stay on this earth 62 years, 9 months and 12 days.

In early life he met and married Gerrie (Dempsey) Romans, who survives, and to this union was born four children: Mrs. Doris Vanbuskirk, Miss Helen Romans, Columbus, Ohio; David H. Romans, Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Shelby Jean Perkins, Hatfield, Ky. These and three grandchildren are left to mourn the loss of son, husband, father and grandfather. He also leaves two brothers and five sisters: John Romans, Nolan, W.Va.; Kermit Romans, Mrs. Hope Lowe and Mrs. Alyce Stepp, Hatfield, Ky.; Mrs. Lena Bevins, Pikeville, Ky.; Mrs. Jane Hankins, Goody, Ky.; and Mrs. Allie Wendell, Nolan, W.Va.

Brother Leonard gave a reason of his hope in Christ and was baptized March 21, 1962, by the hands of Elder S. B. Fraley and Brother Tommy Jackson and took his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist Church faith and order.

The writing of this obituary brings many memories to my mind. Brother Leonard and I were playmates and school-boys together as we grew into manhood. We spent many days together at school and at play and last, but not least, God blessed us to be together in many good meetings in the Old Church.

Now to the mother, companion, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, Brother Leonard has gone from this earth but his life will live on and on in your hearts. May you all be like Mary of old, choose that good part which shall never be taken away from you and all the redeemed of the earth can be together in Heaven after this short life is over.

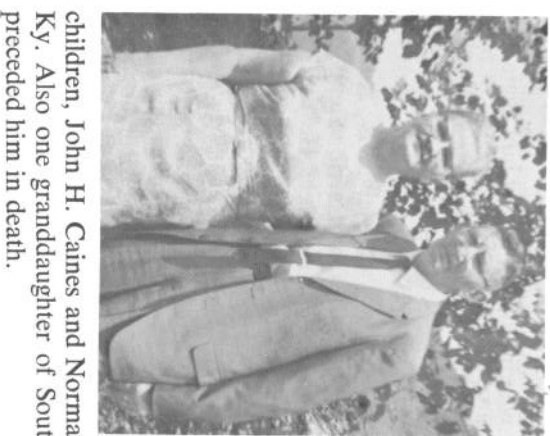
May God bless you all.

Written by a Brother in Hope,
George Fraley

WALTER HOMER (BILL) CAINES

With prayer in my heart I will try to write the obituary of Brother Walter Homer Caines.

Brother Bill, as we all loved to call him, was born July 18, 1902. He was the son of John W. Caines and Dora Pinson Caines, both of whom preceded him in death. Brother Bill deceased this life December 21, 1967, making his stay on earth 65 years, 5 months and 3 days.



He was married to Caroline Nelson on April 11, 1923, who survives. To this union was born two children, John H. Caines and Norma Maynard, both of South Williamson, Ky. Also one granddaughter of South Williamson and one grandson who preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Myrtle Kauns of Valparaiso, Ind., Pet Lowe of Hatfield, Ky., Maude Kimberlain of Williamson, W.Va., and Grace Simpkins of Miami, Fla. He was preceded in death by one brother, John T. Caines.

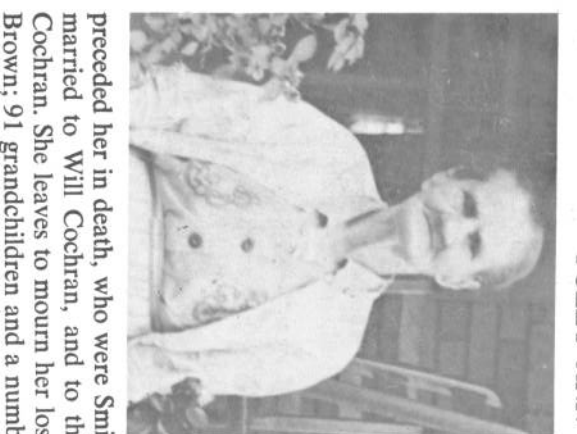
Brother Bill professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Church by Elder Rodolph Sisco and placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church. His greatest enjoyment was professing God's word and attending church.

In pain and sorrow he asked God for strength and guidance and in joy and happiness he thanked God for his many blessings.

I believe that Brother Bill was faithful until death and that God will give him a crown of life. I didn't say good-bye to Brother Bill, I only said farewell till me meet again.

Written by his Brother in hope,
James E. Brown

POLLY ANN WILLIAMSON



By the request of the family, I attempt to write this, the obituary of Aunt Polly Ann Williamson. She was born on March 2, 1870 and passed away from this life on December 3, 1967, making her stay here upon this earth a total of 97 years, 9 months and 1 day. She was the daughter of the late Smith and Lila Blackburn Brown. She was married to John B. Williamson, who preceded her in death and to this union was born six sons, who are: Ben, George, Rush, Johnny, Orville and Jack Williamson. Two sons preceded her in death, who were Smith and Rell Williamson. She was then married to Will Cochran, and to this union was born one son, Garland Cochran. She leaves to mourn her loss, her sons; one half-brother, Harmon Brown; 91 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Aunt Polly Ann joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on August 6, 1917, wherein she lived a faithful member of the church until her death. I find that our loss is Heaven's gain and that Aunt Polly Ann is resting from her labors, but her life will live on with her family and many friends. I would like to say to the ones that have not made peace with God, if you want to live with Aunt Polly and go to the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for his believers, you must seek the Lord while he may be found and call upon him while he is near.

May God bless you all is my prayers.

Written by Elder Clyde Brown

RELL VARNEY

Loving him so much it is with sadness in my heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my dearly loved father, Rell Varney.

Dad was born May 24, 1885 and deceased this life March 1, 1968, at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 5 days. He was the son of the late Henry Varney and Elizabeth Walters Varney. He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Willis Blackburn and Lewis Smith the second Saturday in February 1938.

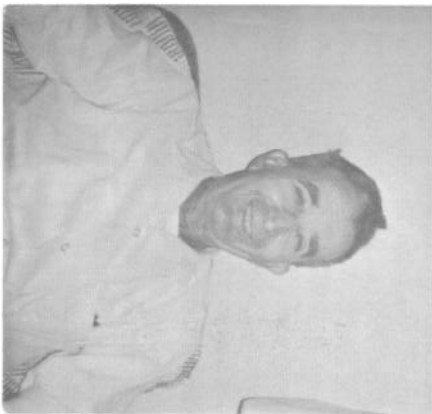
He united in marriage to Elon Baisden Varney on July 3, 1910, who preceded him in death. To this union was born ten children; four of them preceded him in death. Those living are: Vicie Preece of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Verdie Slater of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Ace Varney of Los Angeles, Calif.; Burley Bill Varney of Chattaroy, W.Va.; and Franklin D. Varney

and Recie Varney of Chattaroy, W. Va. He leaves two brothers, Will Varney of Cleveland, Ohio and Rush Varney of Nolan, W. Va. One brother and one sister preceded him in death. He had 33 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and around 45 or 50 great grandchildren.

Dad is sadly missed by the family and many friends and relatives, and by the church; but I believe he has gone to a better home and I hope I can meet him there someday.

Written by one who dearly loved him,
A daughter, Ruthie Recie Varney

ELCAIN ROBINSON



It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Mr. Elcain Robinson. He was born June 1, 1905 to the late James and Matilda Stanley Robinson. He departed this life June 7, 1968, making his stay on earth 63 years and 6 days.

He was married to Minta Mae Lowe. To this union was born seven children: Richard Ray and Clell Robinson of Ocala, Fla.; Willie Robinson of Belleview, Fla.; Mrs. Maxine Blackburn of Citra, Fla.; Mrs. Peggy D. Compton of Americus, Ga.; and Misses Eula Mae and Sharon Kaye Robinson at home.

He also leaves two brothers, Johnie Robinson of Ypsilanti, Mich., Cles-ton Robinson of McCombs, Ky. and three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Newsome, Turkey Creek, Ky., Mrs. Sarah Ann Maynard of Pisco, Ky., Mrs. Bessie Lowe, Varney, Ky., and 9 grandchildren to mourn his passing.

He joined the Apple Orchard Church in the year of 1947, the first Sunday in June and was baptized by the hand of Elder Willie White. Cain was a deacon and also served as Clerk for the Apple Orchard Church until moving to Florida in 1956. His membership remained there until his death.

His funeral was at the Apple Orchard Church and was conducted by Elders Ernest Cochran, Edwin May and J. E. Williamson, with burial in the Apple Orchard Cemetery.

Now to our children: If you ever expect to meet your father, you must repent and live for Jesus Christ your Savior, as I feel your father did. You have lost a good father and I have lost a good and faithful husband but I feel our loss has been Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife who loved him so deeply,
Minta Mae Robinson

MRS. VINA MOORE FIELDS



Mrs. Vina Moore Fields, born November 29, 1904, deceased September 12, 1968 at 2:30 p.m., making her stay on earth 63 years, 9 months and 14 days.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 19, 1950.

She was the daughter of A. L. (Bud) Moore and Alice (Moore) Moore.

Survivors include the husband, Johnnie Fields and the following children: Leslie and Floyd both of Hatfield, Ky.; Joe Fields of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Audrey Felming, N. Hollywood, Calif.; Mrs. Wanda Lee Smith, Inez, Ky.; Mrs. Valerie Hinkle of Beauty, Ky.; and Mrs. Patricia Ann Small of Moorhead, Ky. Also 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Additional survivors include one brother, Henry Moore of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Mrs. Ada Cornett of Inez, Ky.

We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.
Sadly missed by all her friends and family.

Johnnie Fields

NEVAH SPENCER



I will try by the help of God to write the obituary of my beloved mother-in-law and Sister in the Lord, Sister Nevah Spencer. She was born December 15, 1884 in Floyd County, Kentucky, and deceased this life July 20, 1968, at the age of 83. She was the daughter of the late John W. and Clara M. Bayers.

She was united in marriage to the late and beloved Logan Spencer, a Deacon of the Old Enon Church on Blackberry Creek. To this union was born nine children, four sons: James Spencer, McCarr, Ky., Elmer Spencer, Greenup, Ky., George Spencer, Cary, Illinois; and the late Albert Spencer, McCarr, Ky.; five daughters: Mrs. Myrtle Scott, who preceded her mother in death; Sister Cleo

Moore, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Ocie Presley, all of McCarr, Ky.; and Sister Gracie Carter, Greenup, Ky.

Sister Nevah joined the Enon Church of Old Regular Baptist, the first Sunday in September 5, 1954, baptized by the hands of Brother J. B. Anderson and Jonah E. Williamson. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I do believe with all my heart the Angels came to her bedside and appeared before she died. We miss her a lot around the old home place, but I believe her Soul is at rest.

I feel it won't be long until he can meet our Brothers and Sisters again who have gone to rest, and there will be no more heartaches but all will be peace, joy and happiness for all the children of God.

My prayer is to meet you all some sweet day in that Beautiful City of God. May God bless you all.

Written by a Sister in Hope,
Mrs. Brooksie Spencer

JESSIE J. CARTER

Our beloved mother, Jessie J. Carter, age 84, passed away at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 1968, after a long illness.

She was born March 25, 1883 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was a daughter of the late Jess Gooslin and Jane Williams Gooslin. She was baptized by Rev. Wallace Jackson.

She was married to Nute Carter November 13, 1898. He preceded her in death 25 years ago. To this union was born 3 daughters: Gladys Carter at home, Clara Carter who passed away 38 years ago, Mrs. Ora Metzker of Louisville, Ky.; three sons: Carl and Ernest Carter of Sidney, Ky., Fred Carter of Zebulon; two brothers: Ben Gooslin of Kimper, Ky., Douglas Gooslin of Meta, Ky.; three sisters: Mrs. Maudie Justice of McAndrews, Ky., Mrs. Bessie Daniels and Mrs. Sadie Reynolds both of Matewan, W. Va.; ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, and many other relatives, Brothers and Sisters of the church, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She was a faithful and loving mother. I feel if we do and live the way she wanted us to we will meet both her and Daddy on the Golden Shore, where there will be no parting.

Written by the family



EMMA (YOUNG) BURRIS

It is with sadness and a heart that is heavy with loss that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Emma Young Burris.



She was born January 8, 1883, and passed away Monday evening, September 18, 1967, being 84 years, 8 months and 10 days old. She was the daughter of John Wesley and Mary Ann Williamson Young of Varney, Kentucky. She was married to James David Burris on October 16, 1902. He preceded her in death on December 8, 1964. To this union was born five children: one daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Lipscomb of Clarksburg, W. Va., and four sons, Clayton Burris of South Williamson, Ky., Floyd Burris of Clothier, W. Va., John Burris of Williamson, W. Va. and Raymond Burris who preceded her in death in 1956. She also leaves 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

She is survived by three brothers, Marion Young of South Williamson, Ky., Amos and Alfred Young both of Varney, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Robinette of New York and Mrs. Bronice Robinette of Varney, Ky. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Julius, Buddy and John B. and one sister, Mrs. Vada Burris.

She also leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Pilgrims' Home Church of Old Regular Baptist of Varney, Kentucky, being the oldest living member of that church and having been a member in the arm from the Bent Branch Church for organization of the Pilgrims' Home Church in 1915. She was baptized at the hands of Elder Joey Smith.

Now to all her children, Mother is gone but not forgotten. We believe that she loved her Lord and Church with all of her heart and lived the kind of life that made us children rejoice. I believe that Mother is at rest waiting for the resurrection and that she will be in that chosen number when the trumpet sounds and the Lord comes in a cloud of glory to collect his jewels. I believe that she will be in that chosen number where there will be no more sickness, pain or sorrow but all will be peace and happiness and where she can sing and praise his name forever.

Written by her son, Clayton H. Burris

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

Article 2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

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

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

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 7. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

Article 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of the Association.

Article 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

Article 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association, shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

Article 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

Article 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

Article 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

Article 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence, and glory.

Article 2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules or faith and practices.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are we saved through faith.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

Article 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.

Article 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

Article 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by His believers.

Article 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

Article 10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.

Article 11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

Article 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or induce people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Article 13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

Article 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Article 15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

Article 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

Article 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

Article 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association and only five minutes at a time.

Article 8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

Article 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother."

Article 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

Article 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Article 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

Article 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be removed by the Association as they think proper.

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 Sheppard, A. A. ----- Holden, W. Va.
 Stanley, Willie ----- Hardy, Ky.
 Stiltner, Willie ----- Kimper, Ky.
 Swanson, L. C. ----- 3303 Oliver St., N.W., Roanoke, Va.
 Thornberry, J. G. ----- Sidney, Ky.
 Thornbury, Alison ----- Kimper, Ky.
 Varney, Ken ----- Box 1942, Williamson, W. Va.
 Varney, Willie ----- Lando Mines, W. Va.
 White, Willie ----- Lenore, W. Va.
 Williamson, Jonah E. ----- Varney, Ky.
 Young, Hiram ----- Rt. 4, Box 406C Ocala, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

NAME	ADDRESS
Blair, Willard -----	Lenore, W. Va.
Burnfield, Billy -----	Rt. 2, Carthage, N.C.
Hay, Edwin -----	Huntsville, Ala.
Hensley, Sammie D. -----	Pie, W. Va.
Robinson, Robert L. -----	Box 211, Chattaroy, W. Va.
Sheppard, Mike -----	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.

CHURCH AND DELEGATES	MODERATOR	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH TIME	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION
MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Bogar, Monroe Smith, James Scott	Jonah E. Williamson	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	38	2	\$30.00
APPLE ORCHARD: John Lowe, Van Maynard, Willie Nichols	Edwin May	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	1	\$30.00
ENON: Jack Farley, Pete Maynard, James Spencer	Jonah E. Williamson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1	\$15.00
REBECCA: Mike Sheppard, Ed Runyon, James Gilman	Jeff May	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	69	2	\$35.00
BENT BRANCH: Lloyd Sesco, Fred Bevins, John Maynard	B. H. Bevins	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	73	3	\$40.00
SARDIS: Willie Varney, Jesse Farley, John Brumfield	Willie Varney	7	1	0	0	0	1	4	99	4	\$30.00
BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor	Ernest Cochran	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	3	\$35.00
MARY ELIZABETH: S. B. Fraley, Tom Fraley, Tommy Jackson	Jonah E. Williamson	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	49	3	\$25.00

BETHANY: Isam Hannah, Willie White, Ellis Davis	Willie White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	4	\$20.00
ELK FORK: Wayne Sheppard, Andrew Maynard, James Jenkins	Faye Scott	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	36	3	\$25.00
PILGRIM'S HOME: Jonah E. Williamson, Joe Warrix, Marshall Williamson	Wayne Herald	7	0	0	0	1	5	1	169	4	\$40.00
SALEM: B. H. Bevins, Floyd Morris, Calvin C. Bevins	B. H. Bevins	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	104	1	\$50.00
SIDNEY: Bascom Maynard, Tan Howell, Jobe Blackburn	Lewis Marcum	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	4	\$15.00
DIX FORK: J. G. Thornberry, Ernest Cochran, Clyde Brown	Ernest Cochran	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	74	1	\$30.00
NARROWS BRANCH: Kelley Stanley, Willie Stanley, Bill Williams	Roosevelt Lowe	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	68	4	\$35.00
LEANNAH: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, T. J. Robinson	Willis Dials	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	42	2	\$20.00
BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazez, Burgess Dials, Johnny Cline	Wayne Herald	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	\$20.00
TABITHA: Carlos Meadows, S. O. Hensley, Joe Robinette	John H. Hensley	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	45	1	\$25.00
LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum	B. H. Bevins	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	2	\$20.00
TURKEY CREEK: Leroy Reed, Clayton Burris, Floyd Williamson	Charlie Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	71	2	\$40.00
SAMARIA: Jeff May, Ersel Prince, Leslie Vance	Jeff May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	\$20.00
ROSA: Tracy Hatfield, Johnie Cline, Uley Perry	Johnie Cline	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	104	3	\$30.00
MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Avery Hensley, Harrison Fields	Charley Evans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	\$10.00
LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornbury, John J. Scott, Willie Stiltner	Lloyd Sesco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	\$20.00
SOUTHERN HOME: Earl Clay, Tommy Adair, J. R. Tripplet	Tommy Adair	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	33	1	\$20.00
TOTALS		57	6	2	0	8	33	8	1367		\$680.00

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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CHURCH	ADDRESS	CLERK	ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, Ky.	James Scott—	Box 105, Canada, Ky.
APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, Ky.	Van Maynard—	Box 926, Williamson, W. Va.
ENON	McCarr, Ky.	James Spencer—	McCarr, Ky.
REBECCA	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.	F. M. Preece—	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
BENT BRANCH	Meta, Ky.	Forest Bevins—	Meta, Ky.
SARDIS	Delbarton, W. Va.	Jesse Farley—	Rt. 1, Box 10, Delbarton, W. Va.
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, Ky.	J. L. Nichols—	McCombs, Ky.
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, Ky.	S. B. Fraley—	Hatfield, Ky.
BETHANY	Lenore, W. Va.	Ellis Davis—	Rt. 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.
ELK FORK	Delbarton, W. Va.	Anse Curry—	Delbarton, W. Va.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Varney, Ky.	Marion Young—	618 Central Ave., Williamson, W. Va.
SALEM	Goody, Ky.	Calvin Bevins—	Maple Lawn Ave. N.E., Roanoke, Va.
SIDNEY	Three Forks, Ky.	Stella Maynard—	Box 30, Pilgrim, Ky.
DIX FORK	Canada, Ky.	Omer Williamson—	Canada, Ky.
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, Ky.	Clyde Brown—	1613 Pine St., Kenova, W. Va.
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, Ky.	T. J. Robinson—	Pilgrim, Ky.
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, Ky.	Elizabeth Dials—	Beauty, Ky.
TABITHA	Stirrat, W. Va.	Charley Evans—	Box 222, Stirrat, W. Va.
LITTLE ROSA	Chattaroy, W. Va.	Robert Robinson—	Box 211, Chattaroy, W. Va.
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Landon Taylor—	Box 93, Turkey Creek, Ky.
SAMARIA	Dingess, W. Va.	Ersel Prince—	Dingess, W. Va.
ROSA	Baisden, W. Va.	Uley Perry—	Box 96, Gilbert, W. Va.
MUNCY VALLEY	Pie, W. Va.	Mont Ellis—	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Ky.	John J. Scott—	Kimper, Ky.
SOUTHERN HOME	Rt. 1, Citra, Fla.	Childmer Marcum—	Rt. 1, Box 415, Citra, Fla.