

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session with the Mt. Pleasant Church

Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky

September 7, 8 and 9, 1979

Elder Edwin May—Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator

Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk

Bro. James M. Ray—Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE

Whereas, it was ordered, by motion and second, that Elder Tommy Adair and Elder Clifford Maynard write a Resolution to be printed in our 1979 Minutes to mark the death of three of our beloved Elders. Passing from our midst since our last Association were Elder W. H. May, Elder Tracy Hatfield and Elder H. James Deeley.

Whereas, Brother W. H. May, age 95, trod these hills from some 50 years as an Elder in the Regular Baptist ranks and God, in His infinite wisdom, blessed him with a wonderful family that included still another preacher, Elder Thomas J. May, who passed away July 3, 1973.

Brother Henry was well read in the scriptures and he used this knowledge with his experience of long life to admonish the younger Brethren. We, as Regular Baptist, will surely miss this old soldier of the Cross. We pray that God will richly bless all of his many loved ones and friends.

Whereas, our beloved Brother Tracy Hatfield fought the battle for 46 years in the ranks of the old Baptist family. He has now laid down his armor and gone to be with the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. His soul is resting in the paradise of God, far above all principalities and powers of this world, free from all pain and sorrow forever more. How wonderful it is to write of such a faithful warrior in Christ. I could write a book about this blessed Brother whose love was so fervent and whose preaching was so powerful that it searched out many a heart and caused many poor souls to turn to Christ. May God bless all of Brother Tracy's family and friends. We extend to you our heartfelt sympathy, knowing that we all have to face, somewhere in the future, the same grim reality of death that Brother Tracy faced.

Whereas, Brother H. James Deeley (Brother Jimmy, as we lovingly called him) whose passing so sudden from our number was such a great shock, not only to his family but to the Church and to his friends at large.

Brother Jimmy was allowed to be with us for such a short while but he had such a warm personality it was easy to love him. The scripture says, "He that would have friends must show himself friendly." Brother Jimmy showed his friendliness not only to the Church but outside the Church as well. Young people loved him and flocked around him wherever he went.

Outside of Brother Jimmy's family I think I knew him as well as anyone for we were together a great deal. He was a bright and shining light for the short time God permitted him to be with us. My hope is that Brother Jimmy, Brother Henry and Brother Tracy are together basking in the sunlight of the love of God. I would like to say to Brother Jimmy's wife, daughter, all his family and friends that we are weeping with you but we are living in hope of meeting these three dear Brothers again.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we memorialize this Eighty-seventh Annual Session of the Sardis Association to these beloved Brethren.

May God bless you in our prayer, in Jesus name, Amen.

PROCEEDINGS
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FRIDAY
September 7, 1979

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1979.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association came to the Stand to open this session by way of greeting all of our many Brethren, Sisters and friends in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and make them welcome on behalf of the Sardis Association. After expressing his pleasure with such a large congregation, Brother Ed announced the arrangements for the meeting.

Elder Ross Cline opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. with thankfulness that the Lord had blessed us to meet once more and expressing how happy we should be with just that one blessing. Brother Ross stated his hope that every Delegate and every Church had made peace with God before coming here and that every Delegate would do His will as we go forward in this Association. Brother Ross felt there would be some arguments mixed with our work here today but in that great morning around the throne of God there will be nothing but shouting and joy and peace. Jesus went to His death on a cross and wearing a crown of thorns but He will return on a white cloud wearing a crown of glory. Brother Ross then led in prayer.

Elder Wayne Herald, our highly esteemed Assistant Moderator, came forward to preach the Introductory Sermon from his Text: Revelation 12:1-4 "and to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Brother Wayne was blessed beyond measure of this writer's pen to preach out the Text and the "times". God blessed him to show us that the Beasts of Daniel are not the same as the Beasts of Revelation and that the Church under the Law and the Church under the Covenant were typified by Joshua placing twelve stones in the midst of Jordan and carrying twelve other stones out of the midst of Jordan to the other side. Thank you Lord for this wonderful Brother!

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Mt. Pleasant Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the several Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent where great and joyous tidings from that Heavenly country gladdened the hearts of the congregation thru the mystery of preaching.

Elder Fon Bowling of the Union Association introduced the Services at the House and then led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our dearly loved Moderator, admonished the Brethren to "let" Brotherly love abound as it has been abounding all morning.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee of Finance to receive the contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Elder Ellis Davis
Brother Edwin Hay
Brother Landon Taylor

(3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) The Letter from the Mt. Pleasant Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and all Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$2,035.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates, who were instructed to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Elwood Cornett, Indian Bottom Association
Elder John Layne, Union Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year:

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

(8) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(9) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren and to see that the Stand be supplied with Ministers as follows:

Brother Ronny Tackett, Mt. Pleasant Church
 Brother Russell Thacker, Narrows Branch Church
 Brother Carl Bevins, Salem Church
 Brother Pete Maynard, Eron Church
 Brother Oscar Stepp, Mary Elizabeth Church

(10) By motion and second, the reading of the Constitution was omitted but the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

(11) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by move and second, were received and the delegates seated with us in council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Fred Rowe, Paris Centers, Orban May, N. A. England, Corbet Spears, Jesse L. Williamson, Earl Belcher, Lonnie Mounts, Jack Clevinger, Delbert Sanders, Dewey Sexton, John C. Layne, Fon Bowling, Paul McClanahan, Audy McClanahan, Felix Sexton, Hufford Coleman, Auther Duty, Edgar Deal, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Harold Swiney, Junior Wellman, Rans Clevinger, Victor Coleman, Frank Newsome, Arnold Clevinger, Jonathan Johnson, Jess Thacker, Gary Robinson, Perry Layne, Finis O'Quinn, Hays Duty, King Coleman, George Endicott, Fred Overstreet, Howard Coleman, Eugene Elswick, Roger Clevinger, Charles Wright, Herman West, Dallas Ramsey and Rex Stanford.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Williams, Hatler Kiser, Walker Akers, Arnold McKnight, Edd Moore, Ellis Holbrook, Arnold Tackett, Tavis Akers, Dexter Dixon, Grover Adkins, Bill Day, Joe Brown, Millis Roberts, Jethro Hampton, Zon Parker, Hobert Hamilton, Mitchell Chaffins, George Woods, Hobert Bates, Kit Gibson, John G. Stratton, Wayne Johnson, Jink Ray, Roger Hicks, Ralph Howard, Dean Bays, Perry Tackett, Paul Griffith, Perry Jones, Lonnie Tackett and Eddie Tackett.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Glenn Maddox, Eugene Robinson, John Mullins, James P. Hensley, Hillard Newsome, Hiram Adkins and Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Lowell Adkins, Doug Colegrove, Silas Stumbo, Clifford Colley, Emmitt Gillispie, W. C. Elkins, Walter Morrison, Rush Stanley, Jack Adkins, Virgil Fields and Thurman Carter.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Dave Gibson, Billy Joe May, Robert Lester, Harvey Mullins, Elzie Reed, Leonard Coleman, Robert Mullins, Hurshell Hurley, Lacy Justice, Orville Street, Plennie Rowe, Danny Hurley, Julius Lester, Lawson Baker, Howard Sliker, Elmer Little, Eunice Hageman, Acie Matney, David Lester, Josh Justus, Jr., Phillip Estep, Elmer Mullins, Perry Vance and Lonnie Matney.

After reading the Letter from the *Indian Bottom Association* there followed a discussion about some Requests coming to our Association concerning the *Indian Bottom Association*. By move and second, the delegates were

seated with us in council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator and the Letter referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Indian Bottom was represented by the following delegates: Elwood Cornett, Mannus Isom, Truman Jent, Clark Hayes, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith, Willie Eldridge, Lester Short, Ollie J. Mullins, Charley Gibson, Onis J. Amburgey, Carl Back and Jack R. Varney.

(12) The Moderator called for transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Ernest Cochran, James Gannon, Donnie Brown, Harold Edmonds, James M. Ray, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Uley Perry and Claude Brown.

(13) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence and fellowship with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(14) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church and the entire Mt. Pleasant Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association
 Elder Frank Newsome, Union Association
 Elder Elwood Cornett, Indian Bottom Association

SATURDAY

Elder Hursel Hurley, Friendship Association
 Elder Glenn Mattock, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia Association
 Elder Burton Howard, New Salem Association
 Elder Hiram Adkins, Northern New Salem Association

(15) Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, along with the Moderators and Clerks, and the entire delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(16) On motion from Brother Edwin Hay and second by Brother Marshall Williamson, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY
September 8, 1979

Met pursuant to adjournment amidst joyful and melodious singing with the Brethren we love so dearly.

Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. opened the session with preaching and Elder Ellis Davis led in prayer.

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Read the Request from Rebecca Church to reprint the 1932 Circular Letter written by Elder Jonah Bevins. By move and second, the Request was granted to print that Circular Letter for 1980. Brother Edwin Hay to read the Letter at our next Association.
- (4) Appointed a Committee to take the vote of the delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon and who shall be his alternate. They reported as follows and were discharged!
Elder Johnny Cline to preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Isom Hannah to be his alternate
- (5) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows and were discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Roger Clevinger, Union Association
Elder N. A. "Nick" England, Union Association
Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association

SUNDAY

Elder Hiram "Hi" Young, Sardis Association
Elder Fon Bowling, Union Association
Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

- (6) Called for the Association Treasurer to report and, by move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand, September 10, 1978		\$2,528.56
Add: Interest on Savings Account		23.18
Total available for 1978		\$2,551.74
Less paid out for 1978:		
Printing 4000 Minutes	\$1,976.00	
Refund of Obituary money	10.00	
Apple Orchard contribution to Bent Branch Church	25.00	
Delivery expense for Minutes	30.00	
Total expense for 1978		2,041.00
Balance on hand September 7, 1979		510.74
First National Bank of Pikeville balances:		
Savings Account	\$478.36	
Checking Account	32.38	
Balance As Above	510.74	
Add 1979 Receipts:		
Received from the Churches		\$2,035.00
Received for Obituary Pictures		341.00
Cash donation at Association		225.00
Apple Orchard Church sent to Mt. Pleasant Church		88.00

Total Receipts for 1979 \$2,689.00
Balance on hand September 9, 1979 \$3,199.74

- (7) By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise the Churches to try to increase their contribution to the Association by at least 25% because of increased cost in printing.
 - (8) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1979 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expenses.
 - (9) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expenses.
 - (10) The Circular Letter written by Elder Kelly Castle was read by him and, by move and second, was accepted and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.
 - (11) Read the Requests from two of our Churches concerning our Sister Association, the Indian Bottom Association, using double married Brethren in the ministry, specifically the use of Brother John Preece in the Introductory Sermon at their 1978 Association. These Requests were, in part, as follows:
REBECCA CHURCH: "...to ask the Indian Bottom Association to halt the practice of using double (or multiple) married Brethren in any function of the ministry".
DIX FORK CHURCH: "...Sardis Association drop correspondence with the Indian Bottom Association for preaching a double married man, (Brother) John Henry Preece, except they would agree to silence him."
- The very lengthy discussion on this subject brought out several basic points which included the love abounding between our two Associations; the fact that Sardis Association Brethren are forbidden by an order of the Association from taking part in a Church service with any double married Brother; and, the fact that the Indian Bottom Association has not ordained any double married Brethren and have no intention of doing so, even though Brother John Preece is Liberated.
- A motion to grant the Request of the Rebecca Church was made by Elder Ross Cline, second by Brother Sherman May, and to send a Request to the Indian Bottom Association with our Letter next year asking that they cease or stop the practice of using double married Brethren in any function of the Ministry.
- A motion by Elder Bobby Scott, second by Elder Ross Cline, both delegates from the Dix Fork Church, states that this action will also satisfy the Request of the Dix Fork Church.
- (12) On motion and second, it is ordered that we receive the Indian Bottom Association Letter which was referred to the Committee on Arrangements yesterday.
 - (13) It is ordered, by move and second, that a Resolution be written and placed in our Minutes honoring the beloved Elders who have died since our

last Association. The Moderator appointed our very capable Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and Elder Clifford Maynard to write the same. (See Page 1).

(14) On motion and second, it is ordered that we correspond with the UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, OLD FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION; that the Clerk prepare the Letter and a file of Minutes; and that delegates be appointed to attend as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Little Martha Church, Vansant, Virginia on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1979: Marshall Williamson, Emerson Jarrell, John P. Church, Jim Bevins, Charles Pinson, Gene Ratliff, Ross Cline, Glenn Williamson, Stewart Brown, Uley Perry, Chester Belcher, Bobby Scott, Edwin May, James Gannon, Willie Stilther, Alison Thornsbury and Stewart Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the permanent Association Building, Minnie, Kentucky on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1979: James Gannon, John P. Church, Jim Bevins, Charles Pinson, Tom Dials, Marion Duncan, Bobby Scott, Chester Belcher, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Ernest Cochran, Edwin Hay, Landon Taylor, Berlin Thornsbury, Delbert Kazee, Ross Cline, Donny Brown, Claude Brown, Glenn Williamson, Johnny Nichols, Emerson Jarrell and Stewart Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1980: Ross Cline, Monroe Ousley, Emerson Jarrell, Mike Sheppard, Marion Duncan, Bill Cochran, Sam Franks, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., W. H. Hale, Clyde Brown, Julius Cochran, Freddy Maynard, John Jude, Edwin Hay, Kelly Cas- tie, Edwin May, Berlin Thornsbury, Russell Thacker and Wayne Herald. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church at the per- manent Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1980: Emerson Jarrell, Donny Brown, Bobby Scott, Elwood Maynard, John Jude, Curt Elswick, Berlin Thornsbury, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Sam Franks, Julius Cochran, Ellis Davis, Stewart Brown, Edwin May, Johnny Nichols, Edwin Hay, Wayne Herald, Mike Shep- pard, Clifford Maynard, James Gannon, Delbert Kazee, David Crigger, Freddy Maynard, Billy Brumfield, Ross Cline, Clyde Brown, Bill Cochran and Ernest Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Payneville, West Virginia on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1980: Edwin Hay, Johnny Cline, Ross Cline, Mark Cline, Burin Thornsbury, Billy Brumfield, Edward Cline, Bobby Scott, Willie Stilther, Claude Brown, James Gannon, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., and Stewart Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Happy Home Church at the permanent Association Building, Sassafras, Kentucky on Friday before the

first Saturday in September 1980: Clifford Maynard, Kelly Castle, Bobby Scott, James Gannon, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., James M. Ray, Edwin Hay, Freddy Maynard, Billy Brumfield, Tom Dials, Emerson Jarrell, James Brown, Steve Robinson, Jr., Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, David Baisden, Landon Taylor, Charles Pinson, Jim Bevins, Stewart Brown and Ison Hannah. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

(15) A tent Committee report by Elder Clifford Maynard revealed no activ- ity. Since we have no separate Treasury fund, it is noted that some expense will need to be paid out of the Association Treasury this year.

(16) Read a Request from the Dix Fork Church and Little Tavie Church asking that Item 13 of our 1978 Minutes be replaced by the advice given on the matter by New Salem Association and Philadelphia Association. After discussion, a move by Elder David Baisden, second by Elder Monroe Ousley, to refer both Requests to Item 13 of our 1978 Minutes for their answer and to reprint that Item in our 1979 Minutes. Objection was made by Elder Ross Cline. Vote of the delegates showed 51 in favor of the move and 22 in favor of the objection. Therefore, Item 13 of our 1978 Minutes is reprinted, except for the preamble which was omitted by move and second as follows:

Dingess, West Virginia
September 13, 1975

Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist
Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Ad- visory Council and not as a law making body say:

To answer this Query in the affirmative would be inter- preted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be inter- preted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water.

We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members — both Brethren and Sisters — to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in such a manner that they can easily be identified from the World. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the

key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members so long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on the internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother James M. Ray

(17) 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.

(18) By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people in adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

(19) A Request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism (restoration, recommendation, letter)?"

On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following Item 20 is defined to include "any means of receiving members".

(20) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband?" The Association by regular move and second said, "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."

(21) The Committee for a permanent Association ground made its report through Brother Jim Bevins. The report was received and, on move and second, the Committee was discharged.

(22) By move and second, it is ordered that we grant the Request of the Sardis Church to drop the name of Burbage Mullins from our list of Ordained Ministers for going off from us in disorder. Therefore, Burbage Mullins is no longer preaching under the patronage of the Sardis Association.

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

(24) By motion and second, it is ordered that 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. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for a picture printed with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

(25) By motion and second, it is ordered that we grant the Request of the Buck Creek Church to print the Obituary of the baby, John Edward Layne, Jr.

(26) By move and second, the report of the Brethren attending Union, Communion and Sister Association meetings was received.

(27) By move and second, it is ordered that we grant the Request of the Dix Fork Church to host the 1980 Sardis Association. The Dix Fork Church is located about 2 miles up Dix Fork of Big Creek and Dix Fork is only about 1 mile from the Mt. Pleasant Church, toward Williamson, West Virginia, about midway between Pikeville, Kentucky and Williamson, West Virginia on U.S. Route 119.

(28) By move and second, it is requested that all of our Churches, who can and want to, send help to the Church that will host our next Association, the Dix Fork Church.

(29) By regular move and second, it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender a special "thank you" to the Mt. Pleasant Church and Brother James Scott who accepted this Association last year and worked so very hard all year long to make this year's Association a success. There were others, of course, who played a very important part in the success of our Association including the co-host Churches, Eron, Narrows Branch, Salem and Mary Elizabeth; the Pike County Board of Education; the teachers and principal of Bevins School, Ronald Young; the many Sisters and friends who cooked such delicious food in abundance to feed the people; the Churches and others who contributed money to pay the many costs; and to all those other lovely people who helped in so many ways, we humbly say "thank you" and our prayer is that God will richly bless each and every one of you ten-fold, heaped up and running over for your efforts.

(30) The reading of the Minutes by the Clerk was omitted by regular move and second and it was ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(31) On motion by Brother Edwin Hay, second by Brother Marshall Williamson, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place mentioned above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September 1980.

(32) The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer offered by our loved Elder John Fouch.

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 9, 1979

It's always a mixture of happiness and sadness when we gather for this final day of our Association. The happiness of just being together with each other overshadows the sadness in realizing we must soon take the parting hand not knowing just who will be blessed to return again next year. But this we know, the Children of God will one day meet around the great throne of God in a meeting that will never breakup, where the parting hand will never have to be taken and Jesus, blessed Jesus, will be Moderator of that meeting in Heaven which will never end. Praise Him children, praise His high and holy name forever!

Elder Hi Young, Sardis Association, Introduced the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. Since Brother Hi lives in Florida, it isn't often that we get to hear him and he was blessed to bring a sweet message in a short space of time. Elder Clifford Maynard, Sardis Association, led in prayer.

Elder Grover Adkins, the Moderator of our Sister, the New Salem Association, followed the opening. Brother Grover was well blessed by the Spirit to preach on "God's love", that spiritual love that is the Hope of glory born within the soul. Brother Grover patiently explained what man must do to come to God and be born again of His love. He ably showed us that God is willing to lead all men but is not willing to drive any man.

Elder Woody Pack began a song and before he could finish the Brethren could not hold their peace. There was shouting and preaching all over the tent. Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. beloved and esteemed throughout the Associations, was especially beautiful as he proclaimed the goodness of God from his overflowing heart. It's no wonder why we love these meetings so well when we are allowed to share in the outpouring of God's spirit in times like these.

Elder Edwin May, our Moderator whom we dearly love, come to the Stand to preach and close with a message and a plea to come, come all ye who are burdened and heavy laden, repent and draw near unto the Lord and He will be found of thee. Brother Ed was well blessed to close out this Association with a plea to all that we "let" brotherly love continue and don't hinder it because love will hide a multitude of sins. He requested that, when this Association is over, we not go home and stay but rather, come Brethren, come Sisters, come all, come, come!

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

My dear Brethren, since you have chosen me, the least among you, to write a circular letter for your consideration and approval, I trust the God of Heaven, whom we serve, to direct my mind and thoughts in this effort.

To me this is a very sacred undertaking because it deals with the great God of Heaven and his plan of salvation, also it makes me feel very humble to think you have placed enough confidence in me to write a letter to be read and printed before so great a people as make up Sardis Association and her sister Associations. I realize that there will be many bible readers beholding what I put before this old association, but all I can do is to put in print the thoughts and beliefs of my heart, which I believe is in accord with the written word.

My thoughts and beliefs as I attempt to write is that the inward man which is the spiritual part of man directs and controls the mortal part or outward man, teaching him what he should say and do. We come short in many instances through the weaknesses of the flesh, because one of the writers said, "There dwelleth no good things in the flesh". Yet God, through his divine goodness keeps us in this good old way. The Apostle Paul said, "I find with the mind (and I believe he was talking of the heart) I serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin", because sin is condemned in the flesh. And so then, my dear Brethren, it is through the weakness of the flesh that we make our mistakes and not the intent of the heart.

The inward man is resurrected unto righteousness by obedience on our part and through the death and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ, who made an atonement for all men and women and yet there is no male and female with God, but all one in Christ Jesus which is to say he purged out sins and has gone to sit on the right hand of God making intercession for all that call upon his name, which is offered for mercy to all men upon the terms of the Gospel.

My dear Brethren, I would if it be God's will to write this letter in three segments or parts concerning the fate of mankind. If I would use a text, it would be this, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ", (John 1:17) which concerns the two covenants. As we, the children of God know, the precious book we call the Bible or the written word of God, and which is also the divine plan of God is framed around the blessed Son of God who stood as a lamb without spot or blemish foreordained before the foundation of the world ready to be revealed and offered in these last days; (1-Peter 1:19:20) and the last days have been from the dispensation of A.D. or in the days of our Lord until now, and will continue until the finish of all things, when the Son will deliver back to the Father all things committed unto him.

Man who had fallen from his safe estate through the disobedience of Adam waited and looked for a Messiah or Saviour who could and would bring life to the hidden man of the heart, and redeem him from a state of sin, because he was dead in sin and trespasses. To quote, "In the day thou eats thereof, thou shalt surely die". (Gen. 2:17) I believe this referred to both spiritual and natural death, spiritual first and then natural.

The shedding of blood of bulls and of goats and the sprinkling of ashes of heifers could not possibly give life to the inner man (Heb. 10:4), but only stayed the people's sins for one year at a time and then it had to be renewed from year to year, but it served as a shadow of better things to come (Heb. 10:1) and to the purifying of the flesh, who had the law of works given to them by Moses, which was given to him by God on Mt. Sinai. To quote from Hebrews 9:13-14, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The people who died faithfully, looking and believing in the coming of a Saviour, died justified, and when his blood flowed from his side, the power of redemption reached and sealed them as well as us. "And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half to the former sea, and half to the hinder sea, and in winter and in summer shall it be". (Zechariah 14:8)

Now the scriptures foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith preached before the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, "In thee shall all nations be blessed, but in Isaac shall thou seed be called", (Gal. 3:8) then here is the lineage of our Lord which was to come from the promise seed, Isaac, and not of the Bond Woman's child, Ishmael, which to me represents the flesh or outward man.

Now getting back to the two men, (a man in a man or a wheel within a wheel) God had made a covenant with Abraham, through circumcision of the flesh, and had given the law of works to Moses, but because of transgressions the law was added as stated on Mt. Sinai, but finding fault with them (the people) because they obeyed not God, but offered the halt and maimed and kept not the law as they should, he began to say, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with Judah, not as I did when I took your fathers by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt, but I will put my laws in their hearts and in their minds, and I will be unto them a God and they shall be unto me a people and everyone shall know me, from the least to the greatest". (Heb. 8:8-9:10:11)

No wonder then Brethren, the writer said that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, (Titus 2:11) and that he lighteth every man that cometh into the world. I believe this is when men and women are brought to the time of knowledge of good and evil.

Now the redeemer has made his appearance on the earth as prophesied by the prophets, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord that I will raise unto David a righteous branch and a king shall reign and prosper and shall execute judgement and justice in the earth". (Jer. 23:5) conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin woman made under the law, entering this world in the lowest estate, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger made a little lower than the angels by the suffering of death, but crowned with honor and glory, that by the grace of God he should taste death for every man.

To quote the writer, "Then said I, Lo I come as in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will O'God to take away the first (covenant) that I might establish the second (covenant) (Heb. 10:7:9). For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second, (Heb. 8:7)" also, "For this cause came I unto the world and unto this end was I born", and again "In sacrifices and offerings thou wouldst not but a body thou hast prepared me".

Although, no guile was found in his mouth, no sin whatsoever, yet according to the determinate council and the foreknowledge of God, he was put to death in the flesh that his blood and not the blood of animals should atone or purge our sins from dead works. For without the shedding of blood, there could be no remission of sins. (Heb. 9:22)

Now, the atonement has been made whereby the inward man which was dead in sin, because of Adam all were dead in sin, can be resurrected (Cor. 5:14), unto a lively hope by being born again, not of a corruptible seed, but incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. (1 Peter 1:23). An everlasting salvation in every evaluation and thought I believe may precious Brethren.

Now the process has changed concerning the two men (inward and outward). The inward man becomes alive because of righteousness when born again through obedience and the outward man becomes dead because of sin. "And if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness". (Rom. 8:10)

Here is one cause for water baptism; because he that is dead is ready for burial, and another reason is we are buried with Christ in us to raise to walk a newness of life, showing my dear Brethren, we have put off the old man, and put on the new, also we follow the example of Christ's teaching "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you", (Matthew 28:19) and again "He that saith that he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked. (1 John 2:6)

So now upon being born again, the inward man becomes the righteous man or the man in control through Christ our Lord who is the stronger man, which is the divine spirit of God.

Now, I would like to take up the second part or segment concerning eternal salvation or security of the soul "Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God". (1 John 3:9) also he that has died dead to sin how can he live any longer therein, and we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the Brethren (1 John 3:14); and again whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4). So we see Brethren, it is by God's grace, and our faith, that we are saved eternally; for he that is in you is greater than he that is in the world.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him (1 John 3:6). For as much then as Christ has suffered

for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. (1 Peter 4:1)

The following I would like to dwell upon strongly: the way God's people are commanded and should live. The Lord himself said, "I put my sheep forth, and I go before them, and I call them by name and they do follow me, for a stranger they will not follow, because they know not the voice of a stranger". So if we are the children of God, we should and will do his will, because we are brought under subjection by his chastisement. We no longer follow the ways of the Bond Woman which again to me represents the flesh.

To quote the writer who said, "Pure and undefiled religion is this that you visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keep yourself unspotted from the world; and if you have love one for another, all men will know you are my disciples. To pray for them that despitfully use you, and them that smite you on one cheek, turned the other also, and they that take your coat, give them your cloak also. Do good for evil, and by so doing they themselves will heap coals of fire upon their own heads". I believe, dear Brethren, the family of God are a humble people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a light before a lost and dying world walking a straight and narrow way that leads to a city not made with hands eternally and in the heavens. I am made to believe all that are in that way will inherit that eternal home.

To quote the writer, "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens", and we long to be clothed upon with this house. (2 Cor. 5:1) How many more things I could say concerning man's walks and works here in life after he is born again being not his own keeper, but kept by the power of God. Then is there any wonder why we believe in an eternal salvation?

Now Brethren, I have talked about God's plan of salvation through his beloved son, how the law changed from the outward man and God's grace to the inward man, how according to the scriptures, men and women should live on the earth and now a short sketch concerning our eternal home, the ultimate goal of every child of God. A place called heaven whose builder and maker is God where the streets are of pure gold and the walls of jasper: where the height, length, and breadth are the same, a city that lies four square where the scripture says, "We won't need the light of the sun, for God and his son will be the light of that city". There will be no night there, no goodbye's, no farewells, but everyday will be Sunday forever and ever. Bless his great and holy name, as I write this, I would gladly exchange this life for that home beyond the sky. Again I say, we long to be clothed upon with that house not made with hands.

Dear Brethren, all that have been to the fountain of life, and eat the flesh of the son of man and drank his blood hath eternal life and God will raise him up that great and noble day of the resurrection. When the hope of the outward man will be fulfilled, and this mortal will have put on immortality. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bless this dear old Association and all her work, and that we may live together in peace waiting for our blessed King and the redemption of this body.

I call your attention to what Israel sought for she could not obtain, because she sought it by works of the flesh which is a salvation we enjoy today by grace through faith, Amen.

In closing, I again want to express my sincere appreciation for the confidence and consideration you have placed in me being so new to this old association and I trust you will never have any reason to think differently, God Bless you all.

Your servant in Christ

Elder Kelly Castle

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME - Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, Fon Bowling, Virgil Fields and Monroe Ousley.

OKECHOBBE - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Erwin May, Tommy Adair, Sr., Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Jr. and David Baisden.

LITTLE ROSA - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Woody Pack, Isom Hannah, John Castle and Wayne Herald.

MAY

SALEM - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Grover Adkins, Isom Hannah and Robert Haney.

TURKEY CREEK - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Andrew Maynard, James Gannon and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, James Tackett, Tom Dials, Clifford Colley and Moderator attending.

ENON - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Hobert Hamilton, Clifford Maynard, Edwin May and Steve Robinson, Jr.

ELIZABETH - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Wallace Muncy, Andrew Maynard and Freddy Kidd.

MUNCY VALLEY - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

PILGRIM'S REST - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Lloyd Seco, Edwin May, Willie Stiltner and Moderators attending. Dinner on the ground.

BUCK CREEK - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Freddy Kidd, Hiram Adkins, Kelly Castle, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

SIDNEY - Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Wallace Muncy, Ted Robinson and Elmer Mullins.

LITTLE VIRGIE - Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Johnny Cline, Milford Lowe, Eddy Tackett and Moderator attending.

JULY

DIX FORK - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: N. A. England, Eddie Tackett, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Fon Bowling.

SAMARIA - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and David Baisden.

LEANNAH - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Clifford Maynard and Wallace Muncy.

MT. PLEASANT - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Delbert Sanders.

LITTLE TAVIE - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Anthony Hamilton, Hobert Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Berlin Thornsberry.

BIG BRANCH - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Howard Coleman, Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Hobert Hamilton, Isom Hannah and Clinton Howard.

NARROWS BRANCH - Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Wallace Muncy, Ronald Scott and Moderator attending.

AUGUST

TIBITHA - First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edwin May, Johnny Cline, Willie Stiltner, Joe Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Chester Belcher.

REBECCA - Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Paul Adkins, Jimmy Miller and Ross Cline.

ELK FORK - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Raymond Smith and Lawrence Lester.

BENT BRANCH - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: John P. Church, Mitchell Chaffins, Alson Thornsberry and Grover Adkins.

ROSA - Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Burl Sturgill, Eales Cotton, David Lester and Steve Robinson, Jr.

BETHANY - Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy, Edward Runyon and Andrew Maynard.

SARDIS - Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Johnny Cline, Mont Ellis, Raymond Smith, Tommy Adair, Sr., Tommy Ellis, David Baisden, Mark Cline and Kirby Ison.

PIGGRIM'S HOME - Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Ernest Cochran and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jay Mitchell, Edwin Hay, Millis Roberts and Henry Barney.

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, John P. Church, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

MAY

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Duncan at the Church on Meathouse on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Louie Muncy and Wayne Herald.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsberry and Clifford Maynard.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, David Crigger and Howard Coleman.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Tackett, David Baisden, Matt Justice and Bobby Scott.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Loyd Sisco, Frankie Scott, Tommy Dials, Alson Thornsberry, Edwin May and Clifford Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Jobe Blackburn and all the deceased on that cemetery will be held on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: John P. Church, Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Milford Lowe and Louie Muncy.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday on the Justice Cemetery at Lando, West Virginia in memory of Clayburn and Dolly Justice, Children and Grandchildren. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Johnny Cline and Raymond Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork at 4:00 p.m. on the last Saturday. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Berlin Thornsberry and Billy Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Also, a Meeting up the hollow at the Brown Cemetery about 4:00 p.m.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden and Joe Evans.

JUNE

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard (May) Robinette for all the deceased on the Robinette Cemetery on June 1st. at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Clifford Maynard, Grover Adkins, Virgil Fields and Louie Muncy.

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Monroe Ousley, Millis Roberts, Earl Belcher and Moderator attending.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mark Cline, Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis and Willis Lowe.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Morris Cemetery on the first Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Church will be moved to the Cemetery on Sunday.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, John P. Church and Edward Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Chester Belcher, Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah, Charley Evans, Ellis Davis, Willie Stiltner and Perry Layne.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Ransom Chaffins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Ellis Davis, Willie Varney, Andrew Maynard, Willard Blair and Charles Hall.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Fon Bowling.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday on the Gilman Cemetery. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Joe Evans and Charles Hall.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife and all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery at Guthrie, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Dave Williams.

JULY

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted Blackburn will be held at the home of his son, Dewey Blackburn, on Wiggins Branch on July 6th. Ministers called: James Tackett and Tom Dials. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, Bobby Scott, Wallace Muncy, Robert Hamilton and all Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Dinner will be served near by.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ballard Blackburn and baby of Cashier and Opal Blackburn will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Maynard, David Baisden, Virgil Fields and Alson Thornsbury.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the home of J. T. Watts on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tommy Adair, Sr., and Raymond Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers

called: John P. Church, Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Wayne Herald and Grover Adkins.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Taylor and Scott family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, Howard Coleman and Moderator attending.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Sr., Kirby Ison, Raymond Smith, David Baisden and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Joe Taylor Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, James Gannon and J. C. Tackett.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Rachel Stacy on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Wayne Herald and Sabert Nichols.

AUGUST

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols and John P. Church.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, John P. Church, Edwin May and Bobby Scott.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ison Hannah and J. L. Nichols.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Clifford Maynard and David Baisden.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Millis Roberts, Plennie Rowe and Delbert Sanders.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Virgil Fields, Sales Cotton, George Woods and Moderator attending.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts and all the deceased of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in Union Meeting will be used.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lowe Cemetery on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Lloyd SESCO, Bobby Scott, Buddy Wayne Carty and Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Charlie Evans, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger and Moderator attending.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr., James Tackett, Chester Belcher and Moderators attending. Dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Milford Lowe.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Ross Cline and Nick England.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Billy R. May and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard and J. L. Nichols.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held at the Dave Jude Cemetery on Peter Cave in Martin County. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Milford Lowe and Wallace Muncy.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of Sidney Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Alson Thornsbury, Hobert Hamilton, Wayne Herald and James Tackett.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Henry Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Clifford Maynard and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the fourth Saturday, the same time of its Communion Meeting and the same Ministers will be used.

SEPTEMBER

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting near the Leannah Church of Tom McCoy and others buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery and of Money McCoy and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Louie Muncy, Edwin May and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Billy R. May and Hobert Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Wesley Young Cemetery in memory of Bessie Young and others on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Frankie Scott, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials and Louie Muncy. There will be dinner on the ground.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for their deceased members and for the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald and Tom Dials.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Ted Robinson and Monroe Jones.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of Roscoe McCoy and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Clifford Williams.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Johnny Jude and son and of the Howells will be held on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Freddie Maynard and Wayne Herald.

OCTOBER

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Isom Hannah and Billy Cochran.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Harold Edmonds and Zee Holbrook.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins, Hobert Hamilton and Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Clifford Maynard, James Tackett and Mitchell Chaffins.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Clifford Colley, Ray Hamilton, Ted Robinson, David Crigger and Wallace Muncy.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers

called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Lloyd SESCO, David Baisden and Isom Hannah.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude, Bell Jude, Annie Jude and her son, J. T. Jude, on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Ernest Cochran and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

ELDER W. H. MAY

By request of the family I will attempt to write the obituary of my loving Brother in Christ, Henry May. With much sadness and by the help of the Lord I will do my best. He was a dedicated member of the Church. I have heard him say he had been an Elder for 50 years. I believe working and talking about the Lord was his true love. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist at Samaria Church, Dingess, W. Va. Everyone who knew him loved and respected him. He had a wonderful family who loved and took care of him. He suffered so much his last five months it still hurts them to talk about him.

Elder William Henry May was born

February 25, 1883 and departed this life at the age of 95 on September 14, 1978. He was the son of the late David and Casby Dempsey May. He was married to Mary H. Hannah May and to this union 11 children were born, 5 sons and 6 daughters. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death as did two sons, an infant, Isaac May, and Elder Thomas J. May of Dingess, W. Va. Surviving are: William May, Breeden, W. Va.; Sherman May, Lenore, W. Va.; Blackburn May, Dingess, W. Va.; Pearl Dillon, Dayton, Ohio; Wilda Dillon, Radnor, W. Va.; Cosby Stanley, Breeden, W. Va.; Georgia Vance, Dingess, W. Va.; Lola Lackey, Tennessee; and Janie Prince, Dingess, W. Va. Also surviving are a half-brother, Blackburn Sturgill, Lenore, W. Va. and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Henry was well read in the Bible. He loved going to Church and when he could not go he would have Church in his home. He loved people and especially children, he always had a special smile for them. He loved feeding his company and his table was free for all who would come. He was a faithful member of the Church until death.

There is so much I would like to write or say about Brother Henry and his good work's but the Lord and those who knew him knows. We all love and miss him very much and are living in hope of seeing him again. If any of his children have not repented and want to see Dad again, you will have to repent and live for the Lord.

Written by,

Elder Edward Runyon



ELDER TRACY BURGESS HATFIELD

On March 9, 1900 this world was richly blessed because that was the day my daddy was born. He was an inspiration and a true friend to all who knew him. This obituary will be quite hard for a little person, like myself, to write.

Daddy was the son of the late Sherman and Sarah Francis Browning Hatfield. Sarah Francis died when daddy was only seven years old and this truly was a hardship for him.



On March 5, 1921 daddy married the former Stella May Browning. This union was blessed with twelve children: Marie Bosley of Costa Mesa, California; Opal Thomas of Gallipolis, Ohio; Tracy, Jr. of Forrest Hills, Kentucky; Ruth Wells of Sacramento, California; Julian of Anaheim, California; Rachael Henderson of Conley, Georgia; Ralph (deceased in 1964); Chester of Forrest Hills, Kentucky; Hayes of Hempden, West Virginia; Patty Taylor of Hampden, West Virginia; Patsy (deceased in 1943); and Bennett of Conley, Georgia.

In 1933 daddy felt another need in his life. He traveled for about six months before he felt the Lord had forgiven him for his sins. He said he was going up the mountain (walking) and he told the Lord he would kneel and pray when he got to the top of the mountain. He said when he came to himself he was several miles down on the other side of that hill. He said everything looked different, the trees were more beautiful and the birds sang prettier. That was when he felt the Lord had forgiven him.

His experience was different about the Regular Baptist. He had never heard of them. He walked miles to different kinds of churches but was never satisfied. He had heard of a meeting (Regular Baptist) at a little school house about fifteen miles from his home. He walked and said he was only there a few minutes when he felt the same spirit that had saved his soul. So, the third Sunday in August 1933 — Mom and Dad were added to the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. When daddy came out of the water (after Baptism) he came preaching.

Daddy was ordained in March of 1934. He went to church when he wasn't able and he had to leave Mom unattended when she was sick. He went because he promised the Lord he would do whatever he wanted him to, if he would just save his soul. I feel he kept his promise to the end. He went to church the first Sunday in June, that was his last time.

Daddy got sick on June 6, 1979. He had been sick for several years but he wasn't able to do much from June 6th. On Friday, July 13, about 1:00 p.m. he died. He just went to sleep.

Daddy lived a good life but he had a hard life too. He fought a good fight, he stood firm in what he believed in. He loved mother and us children but he never let us stand between him and his Lord.

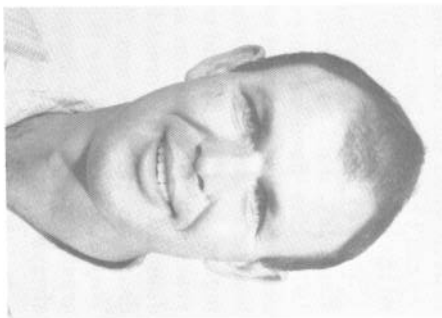
I feel sure daddy will be missed by all who knew him. I also believe our loss is heaven's gain. I must say I hated to see him go but I am also happy in my heart because I feel after forty-six years of labor, daddy got his pay day on July 13, 1979.

I hope he can be remembered by all the churches. May God add his richest blessings to each of you.

His unworthy daughter,
Patty Taylor

ELDER JIMMY DEELEY

It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Brother in the Lord, Elder Henry James "Jimmy" Deeley, who departed this life on March 15, 1979 at the age of 54 years, six days before his birthday. He was born on March 21, 1924 in Indiana, Pa. to the late Harry Deeley, Sr. and Esther Barrett Deeley. He grew up in Newark, Delaware where he attended school and held various jobs.



He married Ruby Nae Browning on August 22, 1943, who still survives along with one daughter, Ava Jean Peck, and two granddaughters, Rebecca Amber Peck and Shannon Rae Peck, all of Delbarton, W. Va. Other survivors are his step-mother, Hanna Deeley, of Canfield, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. John C. Dunlap of Elkton, Md. and Mrs. Edmund Smith of Canfield, Ohio; one brother, Harry Deeley, Jr. of Youngstown, Ohio; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran of World War II and served under General George Patton's Third Armored Division in the European Theater of War. He came to West Virginia in 1946 after the War ended. He was a former employee of General Motors in Wilmington, Delaware and was a retired disabled coal miner of Island Creek Coal Company's Number 24 and 25 mine.

He was baptized by the late Elder Cecil Evans and Elder Willie Varney at the Sardis Church on September 24, 1962 and was Ordained to the ministry on October 24, 1964. At the time of his death he was the Assistant Moderator at the Apple Orchard Church.

The Church lost a wonderful Brother and he will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him.

Written by,
Elder Ellis Davis

LOTUS VARNNEY WILLIAMSON

I hope the Lord will bless me to write a few words about my beloved mother-in-law, Sister Lotus Williamson, who passed away only a month ago. No one ever had a more kind and loving mother-in-law than she was to me. She taught me many things, the most important being about the church. I could always ask her anything I didn't understand, and she was glad to tell me what she could, to pass on what the Lord gave to her. She was one of the wisest persons I have ever known. I feel I will miss her so much as time goes on. She had a hope within her breast to go to heaven when she died, and I believe she has, we can't help but believe that because she lived the life before us all that will take us there.

She was the daughter of the late A. M. and Maggie Varney, of Forest Hills, Kentucky. Born on March 23, 1903 and lived there until her death July 28, 1979. She lived seventy-six years upon this earth, enjoying a happy childhood, being a great wife and wonderful mother and grandmother. Two brothers survive, Ralph Varney of Forest Hills, Ky. and York Varney of Lexington, Ky. Her husband was Roy Williamson, who preceded her in death two years ago. Her children are, Jesse Lee Williamson, of Kingsport, Tn. and Joanna Copley, of Forest Hills, Ky. Another daughter, June, preceded her in death several years ago. She leaves six grandsons, whom she dearly loved, Wayne, Danny and Jay Williamson, and Bruce, Cohen and Jack Copley. Two great-grandchildren, Penny and Adam Williamson. She loved us all so well, always wanting to feed and care for us. And we all loved her the same way.

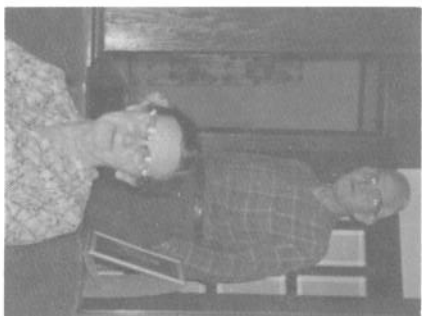
She joined the Salem Church of Old Regular Baptist over fifty years ago, remaining a faithful member until her death. Always filling her seat whenever possible to worship with her Brothers and Sisters who she loved so well. They will miss her sweet face among them. We, the family, will miss her most. But I hope to meet her in heaven on that great resurrection day.

Her Daughter-in-law,
Sister Bernice Williamson

BERTHA BEVINS

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of my loving Mother, Bertha Bevins, who departed this life on August 22, 1978, making her stay here on earth 80 years, 1 month and 14 days. She was born July 7, 1898 the daughter of Roland and Maggie Justice Goff.

Mother was united in marriage to Leonard Layne who preceded her in death. To this union was born 2 sons, Bruce Layne of Warren, Ohio and



Ireland Layne of Albany, Georgia; 2 daughters, Erna Williamson of Cape Coral, Florida and Goldie Kuhn of Columbus, Ohio.

Later in life she met and married James Bevins who also preceded her in death in 1957. To this union was born 2 sons, James Bevins, Jr., who preceded her in death in 1967, and Ray Bevins of Meta, Ky.; 2 daughters, Irene Sabree of Anderson, Indiana and Ruby Scott of Meta, Ky. She also leaves behind one brother, John Goff of Vansant, Va.; 3 step-daughters, Mayme Blackburn of Williamson, W. Va., Myrtle Stratton of Happy Valley, Ky. and Imal Bevins of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and one step-son, Farrest Bevins of Prestonsburg, Ky. She was preceded in death by three step-sons. Mother also leaves behind to mourn her loss 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and a host of her many friends and neighbors. She was a faithful member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

No one but God knows how we miss her but we believe she is resting in peace. No one can take her place, she had kind and loving words for everyone. We believe she is resting in Heaven today.

Written by her daughter,
Ruby Scott and Grandchildren

GERTIE (JONES) LOWE

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Gertie (Jones) Lowe was the daughter of Freeland Jones and Gustie (Jude) Jones of Pilgrim, Ky. She was born September 23, 1918.

On the 13th day of October, 1935 she was married to Milford Lowe and to this union was born six children as follows: Garnet Maynard, Hayes Lowe, Larra Nichols, Gabe Lowe, Eunice Jean DeLong and Loyd E. Lowe, all of Pilgrim, Ky. She also has 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Mother professing a hope in Christ gave her hand and was baptized by the hand of Elder Edwin May on August 30, 1958 at Pilgrim, Ky. She placed her membership at



the Leannah Church where she lived a faithful member, always filling her seat and preparing dinner for large crowds, which she enjoyed so much, as long as she was able. Mother was loved by everyone who knew her and she was such a loving and understanding mother. Even when she was so sick she still smiled at everyone. She suffered for ten long months but she took it with so much faith and courage. But I realize that our loss is Heaven's gain. Our mother told us on the Sunday that she was dying that she saw her Saviour.

There is not enough paper or enough space to say all the good things about our mother. We can not express all of our love for her or how much we miss her but, I must say for her children to go where mother is, we must repent and believe. That song is so true, "How deep does a Mother's love go?" No one knows until they've lost their mother. I thank God for the wonderful memories I have of my dear, loving mother.

Mother leaves here her mother, her husband and six children, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn her passing. Oh, how we do miss her! She also had 8 sisters, one preceded her in death, Rebecca Jude, and living are Aisie Lowe, Victoria Cline, Mae Marcum, Sadie Preece, Bessie Parsons, Bertha Muncy and Norma Jean Marcum.

Mom, as we called her, attended the old Leannah Church where she was a faithful member until death. We feel with surly that mother is resting in the Paradise of God, awaiting that great day when the Lord will call her body from the tomb. What a wonderful day that will be for all the Saints of God when we can all go home forevermore.

Two of her children made their confession and come to the Church, one son and one daughter, Gabe Dewey Lowe and Eunice L. Delong, placing their membership with the Leannah Church. I now want to say to the other four children, mother is not dead, she is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus where she won't have to die anymore. If we want to meet mother again, we must repent, believe and be born again. If we fail to make peace with God while we have life, where mother is we cannot go. So while we still have time we should remember our mother's good council that she gave with her whole heart. We can't hear mothers voice here in this world but we can sing with her in that mansion that Jesus has gone on to prepare.

Prepared by her daughter and husband
Larna Lowe Nichols and Milford Lowe

RUBY HUNT

In loving memory of a dear friend to me and to the Little Virgie Church, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of our Sister in the Lord, Ruby Hunt. She was the daughter of Alex and Sophia (Bostic) Varney, born February 24, 1935 and departed this life October 28, 1978 at the age of 43. Sister Ruby joined the Little Virgie Church of Old Regular Baptist on October 28, 1973 and remained a faithful servant as long as she was able and filled her seat when she could.

Sister Ruby was first married to Mount Honaker and to this union was born eight children. Her first husband preceded her in death and then she was married to Edus Hunt. There were no children by her second husband. Sister Ruby and her second husband were in a bad car wreck and her husband was taken away but Sister Ruby lived around five or six months before God called her away.

In passing she leaves five sons: Charley Honaker, Arley Honaker, Johnie Honaker, Jack Honaker and Jimmy Honaker; and three daughters: Florene Robinett, Varney, Ky., Lorene Hunt, Meta, Ky. and Dorene Hess, Kinper, Ky. She also leaves seven grandsons to mourn her passing, along with the members of the Little Virgie Church and a host of friends. Sister Ruby was a loving Sister and a great friend to all that knew her.

The last time I saw Sister Ruby was when her son, Johnie, was married. We sang some old time songs and held prayer with her and she was blessed to shout the praises of God in the home of her daughter, Florence. We can say to Sister Ruby, just sleep on for a little while in the Honaker Family Cemetery until God sounds that great trumpet, then we will meet to part no more. I thank God that some of the children have been coming to the Little Virgie Church where their mother came. I want to say to all the children, think of what a happy home Mama is in now. You can go to where Mama is if you will put your trust in Jesus and repent and live forever.

Written by a Brother in hope of eternal life and a great friend to the family, for Sister Ruby's children.

Elder Chester Belcher

MINTIE VARNEY

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear Grandma, Mintie Varney. Most of all I trust the good Lord will enable me to write this because without His help I can't.

Mintie Varney was born March 14, 1890 and deceased this life August 22, 1979, making her stay here on earth 89 years, 5 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late W. R. and Sophia Francis. She was married to the late Don Varney and to this union were born six children. Surviving children are Elder Willie Varney of Ragland, W. Va.; John L. Varney of Delbarton, W. Va.; and a daughter, Fannie Thornsberry of Stone, Ky. Preceding her in death was a daughter, Melba Chapman of Lorain, Ohio who died July 9, 1979, and two sons who died in infancy.

Grandma was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 50 years. She first took her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church and was baptized by the Elders Johnny Taylor and Willis Blackburn. Twenty-eight years ago she moved her membership to the Sardis Regular Baptist Church at Delbarton, W. Va.

Grandma was always talking and telling us she wanted to go home. I truly believe she is gone to the beautiful home she had been preparing for. She would always tell us she was ready to go. Oh, how I feel in my heart she was ready. She told us just before she passed away she hoped to meet her children and grandchildren in heaven. She leaves to mourn her loss her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, friends, neighbors and the entire church but our loss is Heaven's gain. Grandma was a grandmother to just about all the young kids that knew her. She was so kind and sweet to everyone who knew her.



Grandma needed help to get around in her last few years. I feel that she has gone to a land where she won't need anymore help. She's gone to meet our Lord and her loved ones whom she longed to see. I could write and write about my dear Grandma but space would not permit. In closing, I would like to say to Uncle John L. and to the ones that don't know the Lord, if you ever expect to see mother and grandmother you must repent of your sins and live for Jesus.

Just sleep on Grandma and Grandpap. I feel that in that blessed morning by the help of the good Lord, I'll meet you. I couldn't close without saying something about Grandpap. To my Dad and Mom who were so good to her, may God bless you both. I know both of you will miss her when we go home. Now her seat is empty and we miss her so much and her sweet smile. God bless all of you is my prayers.

Sadly missed by her granddaughter and Sister in hope,
Dolly (Varney) Baisden

JOHN EDWARD LAYNE, JR.

With much sadness is our hearts I will try to write about my beloved grandson, John Eddy. He was born February 21, 1979 and went to live with Jesus on August 25, 1979. He stayed with us only a short six months and 4 days. John Eddy was born with several serious heart defects, so much of his life was spent in the hospital.

He leaves behind a broken-hearted mother, Barbara Jean Dials; his maternal grandmother, Betty Dials of Beauty, Ky.; his parental grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Layne, Jr. of Williamson, W. Va.; Elder Thomas J. Dials, Tomma and Todd of Warfield, Ky.; Cpt. Jack Dials of Camp Pendleton, California; Rick Layne of Morgantown, W. Va.; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Dora Hill of Williamson, W. Va.

John Eddy was a loving child and a beautiful little boy. We loved him with a special love but God loved him more and, in His mercy, took him home to comfort and heal his little body. He is resting there now with his grandpa Jerome and we, with hope, will meet again where tears and heartaches are left behind.

Written by his grandmother,
Betty Dials

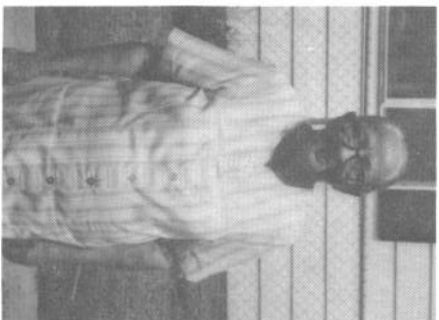
ROXIE BELL MEADOWS

It is with sadness that I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear, sweet Aunt Roxie. Born July 10, 1890 and died July 16, 1979, she was the daughter of the late Mont and Ann Taylor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Meadows, who died in 1968.

Aunt Roxie joined the old Regular Baptist Church in the year 1955 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Carlos Gibson and Elder Mont Ellis. For twenty-four years she lived a faithful life until God called her home.

She leaves behind in the world her children, eight daughters: Mrs. Arzella McDonough of Cicero, Ill.; Miss Bell Meadows of Wilkinson; Mrs. Bessie Varney, Mrs. Gracie Lambert, Mrs. Mae Boggs, Mrs. Sara Williams and Mrs. Lilly Bowns all of Omar, W. Va.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Tomblin of Barnabus. Four sons: Claude of Pritchard; Willie, Johnny and Wayne all of Omar, W. Va.

She gave good council to those who were in need of it. She let her light shine and her whole heart filled with love to all who knew her. Her cup runneth over with kindness and she was pure as gold to us all. I feel her light still shines and will never go out.



Children, you have lost a good mother and the Church has lost a good member. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I believe she is resting in Jesus' arms.

Written by one who loved her dearly,
Miss Rose Meadows

MINTIE V. JUDE

With sadness of heart I am writing this obituary of my beloved mother, Mintie V. Jude, who departed this life December 22, 1978 at the age of 90 years and 8 months. She was the daughter of Hiram and Florence Hess Robinette who preceded her in death. She had ten brothers and one sister and all but two brothers, Bill Robinette and Okie Robinette, both of Varney, Ky., preceded her in death.

She married James Jude on November 26, 1903 at Varney, Ky. and he departed this life September 7, 1944. To this union was born eight children, one of whom preceded her in death. Seven are left to mourn her loss, namely: Herbert Jude, Nathan Jude, Willis Jude, Flora Maynard, Florence Owens, Charity Bragg and Gladys Phillips.

Mother was a faithful member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Ky. She always lived her life for the Lord and for other people. Everyone who knew mother loved her. She will be greatly missed by her children, brothers, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones.

Dear Jesus, Mom is with you in Heaven. She was a blessing to us while here and she taught us of Jesus and His precious love. Someday we will join her in Heaven.

Written by her daughter,
Gladys Phillips

WILLIAM HOMER HARRISON

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of my father, William Homer Harrison, who departed this life on October 24, 1978 making his stay on this earth 67 years. He was born March 29, 1911 a son of William Harrison and Montana Smith Harrison. He was united in marriage to Verla (Frale) Harrison who survives and to this union was born two children, Bill Harrison



of Jacksonville, Fla. and Maxine Adkins of Hardy, Ky. He has two grandchildren, Colene Harrison and John Randall Adkins. He also leaves behind seven brothers to mourn his loss: Ireland Harrison, Jerry Harrison, Donnie Harrison, E. H. Harrison, Edward Harrison, Warrn Harrison and John Harrison; and two sisters, Virgie and Mary Nichols.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in July 1978 and placed his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church. I would like to say that I believe that my Daddy has suffered his last pain and that I am so sure that he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and that he is only resting from his labor. The life that he lived makes me so sure that when God calls His children home that our Daddy will be one that will hear Him say, "Come on up and live happily with me forever more."

Although we have been and still are lonely and broken hearted we would not wish him back on this earth to suffer any more. Our home is lonely and sad but we can comfort ourselves with the thought that Daddy is sleeping in peace. So, Daddy, sleep on in your peaceful rest your memory will always live on in the hearts and minds of your family and loved ones.

As the Moderator of the Mary Elizabeth Church, I feel that the Church has lost a good and faithful member. There will always be a vacant seat in our Church and our hearts but I can sincerely say that I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by ones who will love and miss you dearly,
Daughter, Maxine Adkins, grandson, Johnny Adkins, wife,
Verla Harrison and Wallace Muncy, Moderator of the Mary
Elizabeth Church

MYRTLE TAYLOR SMITH

On July 6, 1979 Myrtle Taylor Smith passed from this life at age 82, leaving many loving memories. She was my "Mammaw". Mammaw was born on March 11, 1897 to the late William and Rebecca Taylor. She married Henry Smith, who preceded her in death on December 1, 1962, and to this marriage was born ten children, five sons: Kelsie Smith of Varney, Ky.; Montie Smith and Troy Smith of Pontiac, Michigan; Joseph Leroy Smith of Florida; and Hoover Smith of Meta, Ky.; five daughters: Neisie Robinette, Emma Adams, June Stewart and Youvonne Hazlett, all of Pontiac, Michigan; and Sarah Pinkerton of Rush, Ky. She had 26 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



She is also survived by a half-brother, Troy Maynard. A brother, James Joseph Taylor, and a half-sister, Ollie Muncy, preceded her in death.

Mammaw was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church on September 15, 1951. She was a faithful member and attended as long as her health permitted. The life that Mammaw lived has been an inspiration to me and to all who knew her. We are very thankful to the many friends and to the staff of the Mountain Manor Nursing Home for all they have done during her long illness.

She was such a "sweet and good" person. Although we will all miss her, I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. She is in her new home now, free from all pain and sorrow.

Written lovingly by her Granddaughter,
Carolyn DeMoss



DELLA MOUNTS

It is hard and sad for me to write the obituary of my mother, Della Mounts. I miss her visits and when I call she doesn't answer the phone. She was a loving and kind mother to us all and she was kind to her friends as well. We all loved her and miss her very much. It has been one year now since she left us.

She was born at Shelby, Ky. on December 28, 1896. She was received into fellowship of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church by the experience of Grace and baptism on the fourth Saturday in April 1934. She died January 5, 1978.

Survivors include her husband, Dan Mounts, six daughters, two sons, twenty-two grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Surviving children are: Grethel Patrick of Gallipolis, Ohio; Gerry Shearer of Deerfield, Ill. whom she also lived with; Edith Trainer of Joliet, Ill.; Erma Oetting, Ruby Jesse and Harold Mounts all of Saukville, Ill.; Phyllis Snider of Woodruff, Wis.; and John Mounts of Palos Hills, Ill.

Written by her daughter,
Grethel Patrick



NANNIE MARTIN

I will try and write the obituary of my mother, Nannie Martin. She was born September 1, 1893 near Haysi, Virginia. She departed this life October 23, 1978 making her stay on earth 85 years, 1 month and 23 days.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Delbarton in 1923 where she was a faithful member until death. She was married to John F. Martin who preceded her in death. She leaves six boys and three girls to mourn her passing. One son preceded her in death. She also leaves numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Written by a loving son,
George Martin



BERTHA MARTIN

With much love and sadness we will try to write the obituary of our dear wife and mother, Bertha Martin. Born September 5, 1908 and departed the 12th of December 1978, making her stay here on earth 70 years, 3 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Asa Evans and Delia Staten Evans, both preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, George Martin of Delbarton, W. Va.; a son, Prentus Evans, Jr. of Delbarton, W. Va.; and a daughter, Mrs. James R. Tickle of Grove City, Ohio. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She also leaves 7 brothers and sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Delbarton, W. Va. in 1936 where she was a faithful member until her death. She left this world on her knees praying. I feel her labor is over and she is receiving her reward. Thank God for His promise. We love you Mom!

Written by her husband and daughter
George Martin and Patsy Tickle.



BOGAR M. BEVINS

Brother Bogar M. Bevins, the son of the late Joseph Bevins and Mary Ollie Bevins, was born August 11, 1900 at Sidney, Ky. and deceased this life about 8:30 a.m. on November 23, 1978, making his stay here 78 years, 3 months and 10 days. He was a retired coal miner from the Osborne Coal Company at Goody, Ky. Brother Bogar was united in marriage to Sister Mable Williamson Bevins and to this union was born 5 children. Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Thelma G. Headen and Juanita Bevins, both of Goody, Ky.; and Mrs. Sally Gugelchuk of South Point, Ohio; two sons, Joseph C. Bevins of Robinette, W. Va. and Kenneth Bevins of Goody, Ky.; one brother, Johnny C. Bevins, Gordon, Georgia; five sisters, Eunice Smith, Ethel Scalf and Armilda Smith, all of Sidney, Ky.; Myrtle Farley, Hardy, Ky.; and Glessa Lee, Orlando, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. One brother, Craft Bevins, preceded him in death.



Brother Bogar confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elder John P. Church and Elder David Crigger on June 22, 1975. He placed his membership with the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. and later was ordained a Deacon of that Church.

Although he will be missed by all his loved ones, the Church and community at large, we sincerely hope that our loss will be his eternal gain. If Brother Bogar was not mistaken in the strong hope he had of the resurrection of the dead, he will hear Jesus say, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The scriptures tell us that the righteous enter into life eternal where all will be peace, joy and happiness forever and ever. So, we say to Sister Mable, the children, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, weep not for Brother Bogar but rather weep for yourselves and your children. To those of us who have not already done so, seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. He is close enough to hear our lowest whisper if we will repent of our sins, believe the everlasting Gospel and obey Him in this life so that we may live forever with Him in heaven when our journey is ended here. May God richly bless us all in my prayer, in Jesus' sweet and blessed name.

Written as requested,

Brother Chester Combs

ZELLA MAY FRALEY HARRISON

It is with much sadness that I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my dear, sweet mother, Zella Mae Fraley Harrison. She was

the daughter of the late Henry Fraley and Vicy Lowe Fraley. Mommy was born the 13th day of May 1900, making her stay here on this earth, God's footstool, 78 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist family around 32 years ago when she placed her membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church. I believe Mommy lived a good christian life for the world to see. She loved the old Church and the good old time singing and the good preaching of the dear Brethren.

Mommy was married to the late John H. Harrison on April 18, 1928. To this union were born nine children, all living, as follows: Layton Harrison of Turkey Creek, Ky.; William Harrison, Charlie Harrison, Ruth VanHoose, Opal Tackett and Jean Scott, all of Chattray, W. Va.; and J. B. Harrison, Ray Harrison and Clifford Harrison, all of Hatfield, Ky. Mommy leaves 38 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two brothers living, Tom Fraley of Hatfield, Ky. and S. B. Fraley of Lexington, N.C. One brother preceded her in death, George Fraley. She has one sister, Verla Harrison of Hardy, Ky.

God blessed us with a wonderful mother and I love her and miss her very much. Our home will never be the same and there will always be a vacant place because Mommy isn't here anymore. I believe that I will meet Mommy again someday when this life is over and we won't have to be separated anymore. There won't be anymore sickness, tears or sorrow, all will be peace, joy and happiness forever and ever.

I would like to say to my brothers and sisters, to the ones that have not made peace with God, if you ever want to see Mommy anymore you will have to repent of your sins, pick up the cross and follow Jesus as Mommy did. Be good to one another so that when this life is over we can go where the family circle won't ever be broken anymore. I believe Mommy is resting now and that our loss is Heaven's gain. Jesus needed another rose for His beautiful garden and when He picked Mommy, He picked one of the best.

Written by her baby daughter,

Jean Scott

EASTER NICHOLS

Born January 25, 1899 and deceased April 12, 1979 at the age of 80 years. She was the daughter of the late Boone and Matilda Sherman Pinson. She was married to Willie Nichols on May 4, 1917 and she and Brother Willie were blessed with one son, Claude Nichols of St. Claire Shores, Michigan; one



daughter, Marie Jenkins of Gross Point, Mi.; two grandsons, Billy Jenkins, Bridgman, Mi.; and James Jenkins, Gross Point Park, Mi.; two great-grandchildren, Jeffery and Ulando Jenkins of Bridgman, Mi.; and 62 wonderful, happy years of living and working together.

She had two brothers, Ben Pinson of Turkey Creek, Ky. and Henry Pinson, deceased; and two sisters, Bertha Pinson of McCombs, Ky. and Rebecca Pinson Taylor.

She was a retired Postmaster having served as Post Master of the Heenon, Ky. Post Office for 23 years.

She and Brother Willie were baptized into membership of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on August 27, 1938 at the hands of Elders Jim Jude and Johnnie Nichols. It would be impossible for me to express in words what a great job she and Brother Willie did at the work which I am convinced that God called them to, the work of ministering to the needs of God's people, both Saint and sinner. Theirs was one of the few homes I have visited where the love of God seemed to be always present in abundance. Even the food seemed to be seasoned with love.

Sister Easter was always delighted at the opportunity to welcome anyone into her home where one of the first questions asked, regardless of time of day, would be, "Have you eaten yet?" She would always insist on you eating before leaving. Many thousands of meals were eaten at her table at no charge but she would tell you that the pay was great for, while she spent a large part of her life cooking and serving, it was to her a labor of love. She had found that Great Truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Her life was so full of love that she wanted everyone to share in the joy of real life.

In her latter years, as her health began to prevent her from being as active, it seemed that her only concern was that she was unable to wait on the people she loved so well. So she was contented to go on and be with the Lord. Sister Easter is sadly missed but as her brother-in-law, Elder J. L. Nichols so well stated, "Her work is done, her crown is won."

Written by,
Elder Clifford Maynard

GEORGIA (GILMAN) STALLARD

It is with much sadness in my heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear Aunt, Georgia (Gilman) Stallard. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Betty Gilman. Born July 20, 1917 and deceased this life May 5, 1979, making her stay on earth 61 years. She was united in marriage to Johnny Stallard who preceded her in death. Aunt Georgia leaves one son, Jimmy



Hynes, and three grandchildren, all of Texas; 3 sisters, Nancy Sheppard, Celia Baisden and Tennessee Curry, all of Delbarton, W. Va.; 3 brothers, Mosco Gilman of Florida, Burise Gilman of Ohio and Arnold Gilman of Delbarton, W. Va.; several nieces and nephews; a host of friends and neighbors; and the entire Church.

She was a member of the Elk Fork Church for many years. She enjoyed Church so much and being with her family and the children of God. Aunt Georgia was sick for many years. Her lungs were bad and she could hardly get her breath at times but I feel that she is out of this world of trouble and gone to a place where she will never be sick anymore. Her troubles are over. I feel and believe she's gone to a land of peace, love and joy. Just before she passed away she clapped her hands and said, "I'm going home!" Those were beautiful words for me to hear.

Aunt Georgia is missed so much. When we have our family meetings and I go to Mom's I can't keep from looking for Aunt Georgia's sweet smiling face. Oh, how I miss her! She was never too busy to talk to me as I was growing up. She would always counsel us kids and we respected her for that.

I would like to say to the rest of the family that haven't repented of their sins, if you ever expect to see what Heaven looks like you will have to first get right with the good Lord so that when this life is over the family circle won't be broken. May God bless all of you is my prayer.

Written by one who loved her dearly,
Nephew and Brother in Christ,
David L. Baisden

LENA MULLINS

Lena Thornsbury Mullins, 69, died Sunday morning, August 26, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital of a lingering illness. Born January 2, 1910 at Canada, Ky. she was the daughter of the late William Madison Thornsbury and Octavia Smith Thornsbury. She was married to James Troy Mullins on November 19, 1930 and to this union were born two daughters, Lena Faye Elkins of Hatfield, Ky. and Barbara Ann Lowe of Zanesville, Ohio. She is survived by two granddaughters, Teresa and Barbby, and four grandsons, Kent, Keith, Paul and Greg. She leaves three brothers, John and Willie of Canada, Ky. and Calvin of Salyersville, Ky. and four sisters, Goldie Hankins of Sidney, Ky., Ethel Scott and Lola West of Canada, Ky. and Betty Jane Cook of Superior, Arizona. Five brothers preceded her in death, Herbert, Warren G.,



George, Bob and Claude. She also leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Before her illness she worked in the Bevins Grade School cafeteria.

She joined the Old Regular Church the 3rd Sunday in March 1950 at the Bent Branch Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Harold Edmonds and Elder Emmitt Case. She placed her membership at the Mt. Pleasant Church where she was a faithful member until her sickness prevented her from attending.

Aunt Lena had been sick for seven years and done her suffering with much patience. She surely has paid the price and held out faithful until the end. Her conversation was always about her future home and I've heard her say that she loved the Lord and held Him close to her heart and she would never let Him go. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and there's a crown laid up for her. We shall miss her loving face and sweet smile. She's gone from a world of trouble but she shall never be forgotten. She left some milestones behind that will be safe for her family to follow by. It's not goodbye Aunt Lena but farewell for a short while and when we meet again we will get up shouting together and have a family reunion where we will never have to part.

Written by one that loved her,
Her Neice, Geraldine Grigger

LORA STATON

Sister Lora (Lowe) Staton was born June 3, 1906. She was the daughter of George Lowe and Jane Lowe. She was married to Sam Staton, who preceded her in death, and to this union were born ten children, as follows: Vicie J. Small, Jackson, Mich.; Judy Stewart, Mary VanOrder, Jerry Staton, Millard Staton, George Staton and Mona Vill Staton, all of Jackson, Mich.; Emsey Staton of Milo, Inez, Ky.; Liburn Staton of Pilgrim, Ky.; and Joe Staton, who preceded her in death. Sister Lora leaves her nine children, several grandchildren and many, many friends and Brothers and Sisters of the Church to mourn her passing.

Sister Lora gave her hand and was baptized by the hand of Elder Milford Lowe and



Elder Roosevelt Lowe, placing her membership with the Leannah Church but later moved her membership to the Buck Creek Church for her convenience.

Thank God, Sister Lora didn't have to suffer long! Her worries and troubles are all over in this world and I must say I feel her soul is at rest in the paradise of God because there remaineth therefore, a rest for the people of God.

May God's love and mercy be with all you children of this dear, sweet old Mother and her sweet memories live on in your hearts. Let me beg you, please remember the good council she has given you and think on your soul. Think of the many prayers she has prayed for you and your children. Thank God for the memories we have of her and I know that the ones that love and serve Jesus in this life can all be together in that morning to sing His praise thru endless days.

Sister Lora had two brothers and one sister to mourn her passing and many friends and loved ones.

Written by,
Elder Sabert Nichols and Pat Jude

GEORGE IRELAND HARRISON

Brother George Ireland Harrison died at the age of 75. He was born March 23, 1904 at Hatfield, Ky. and passed away May 15, 1979 of a lingering illness. He was the son of the late William Harrison and Montana Smith Harrison. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phoebe Bowling Harrison. Survivors include a son, Elmer Bowling, three brothers, Jerry, Howard and Donald Edward Harrison; a sister, Mrs. Mary Nichols of Turkey Creek; and several nephews and neices.

He was a long time resident of Kentucky and Chattaroy and a member of the Muncey Valley Old Regular Baptist Church.

Brother Ireland suffered a lot before he died. I believe Brother Ireland was looking forward to that day and had made reservations to another city to where all the children of God will live, not just Abraham, Issac and Jacob, but the children of the ages will come forth. Oh, bless that day poor weary pilgrim, when we meet Him and hear Him say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord." No more death, no more tears, no need for them. We will have a glorified body.

Jesus said, "To him that overcometh shall walk with me in white." So, we as weary pilgrims are left here to bear the cross until He calls us. So, dear



friends, Brothers and Sisters be prepared for that blessed day. Call ahead and make reservations, don't be turned away. Be good to everybody, love everybody and walk the way our Saviour walked, that path will lead to that city.

Written by your unworthy,
Elder Mont Ellis

MARIE LOWE

With much sadness we will attempt, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of a beloved Sister, Marie Lowe, who was born April 21, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Tom Robinson and Thine McCoy Robinson. She was married to Clinton B. Lowe who preceded her in death in 1975. They were blessed with three wonderful children who survive, a daughter, Sue Lowe of Williamson, W. Va., and two sons, Claud Lowe of Warfield, Ky. and Kenneth Ray Lowe of Lovely, Ky. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mirtie Preece, Pilgrim, Ky.; Betty Jean Griffey, Roann, Indiana; Nadene Preece, Inez, Ky.; Rush Robinson, Warfield, Ky.; Charles Robinson, Inez, Ky.; and Billie Robinson, Warfield, Ky.; and a host of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.



Sister Marie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1975 and was baptized by Elder Steve Robinson and Elder Milford Lowe. She took her membership with the Leannah Church and remained a faithful member until she was called from our family. Although she was not privileged to attend Church as much as she would have liked to, due to unavoidable circumstances, her heart and prayers were for the Church. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her for she was a friend to everyone. But the life she lived and the good fruit her life manifested gives us no reason to doubt but assures us she has entered into that rest that is for the people for God. We know we can not bring Sister Marie back, neither would she want us to, but our loss is Heaven's gain and we can all go to be with her when this earthly life is ended.

So, children you have lost a great friend but the advice and council she gave you don't lay it aside but follow her footsteps and fall out with sin and call upon the Lord and repent and be born again so you can go to that family reunion in Heaven and be with Mom and Dad in a land where death will never be known and where sickness and sorrow will never enter.

Children, stick together, be one for all and all for one. I'm sure that Mother wanted you to be close to each other and love one another. So, don't let Mother's passing separate you from that love that Mother taught you. We hope we can meet you all in Heaven is our humble prayer.

Written by members of the
Leannah Regular Baptist Church

NELSON TACKETT

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Nelson Tackett, the son of the late Hi and Aggie Tackett. He was born at Robinson Creek, Ky. on September 24, 1904 and deceased this life July 10, 1979, making his life here on earth 74 years, 9 months and 16 days.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1937 and was baptized by Brother Bennett Adams. He remained a faithful member and attended regular. He wasn't able to go to Church much in the last few years as he was sick so much. At his death he was a member of the Dix Fork Church. He served as a Deacon for many years and was faithful to his duties.



He was married to Alva Broadhead and to this union were born seven children, Ruth Davidson and Thomas Woodrow Tackett of Jenkins, Ky.; Bobby Cleo Tackett, Ronnie Nelson Tackett and Paul Bennett Tackett, all of Canada, Ky., two children preceded him in death, Donald Frederick Tackett and Mavis Ann Tackett. He has three sisters who survive, Opal Carter of Ashland, Ky.; Maxine Gilliam of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and Goldia Childers of Elkhorn City, Ky.

He was a loving husband and father. He worried so much about his children and was so good to them. They will miss him but, if they live like he did, I feel we can be with him in a better place where no more sickness and troubles will be there, we will be with our blessed Jesus. I feel I can be with him. He was so humble and prayed so hard to get well. He had such a sweet smile the day he passed away, he just went to sleep.

Written by his wife,
Alva Tackett, children and grandchildren

JAMES H. CRIGGER



Brother James H. (Harvey) Crigger, the son of the late Harmon and Susan May Crigger, was born May 29, 1884 in Pike County, Ky. and deceased this life March 5, 1979 in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his stay here 94 years, 9 months and 7 days. Uncle Harvey, as we loved to call him, was married to Martha Jane Hankins August 12, 1904 and to this union were born 10 children. One son, Perry Andrew Crigger, one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Smith, and his wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, Cecil and Earl Crigger, both of Sidney, Ky.; six daughter, Mrs. Bessie Pauley, Mrs. Gladys Williamson, Mrs. Opal Blackburn, Mrs. Edith Williamson and Mrs. Inis Brown, all of Sidney, Ky.; and Mrs. Marie Allen of Monaville, W. Va.; 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn his loss.

Uncle Harvey became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptists, being baptized June 27, 1977 at the hands of Elder Harold Edmonds, Elder Claude Brown, Elder Berlin Thornsbury and Brother Omer Williamson. Due to ill health, Uncle Harvey was unable to attend the Communion meeting on the first Saturday in July 1977 but the Dix Fork Church Brethren took Communion to his bedside where he was able to take the bread in memory of Jesus' body, which was broken for many, and the fruit of the vine in memory of Jesus' blood, which was shed for many for the remission of sins, and take part in the feet washing, as commanded by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Uncle Harvey remained a faithful member of the Dix Fork Church until death took him from our midst.

Like Aunt Martha, Uncle Harvey was good and kind to everybody and loved to have the Brethren, Sisters, relatives and friends visit in his home, where Aunt Martha prepared such good meals for them to eat. Uncle Harvey also enjoyed visiting the Brethren, Sisters, relatives and friends in their homes where he was always a welcome guest.

We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. For we hear the scriptures saying, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." For the scripture saith, "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Uncle Harvey was not ashamed to confess Jesus Christ as his Lord and Master in this old sinful world and Christ will not be ashamed to confess him before His Father and the holy angels. Our prayer for the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren is that all of us may be saved and live with all the redeemed of the Lord in Heaven forever and ever.

Written by one he and Aunt Martha loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

ESTIE JANE FRANCIS



Estie Jane Francis died October 18, 1978 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Pikeville, Ky. Her stay here on earth being a total of 86 years, six years of which was spent in paralysis since her stroke in 1972. Since that time she had been unable to speak or care for herself, completely invalid. She was a much loved and precious Mommaw who will always be remembered for her sweet disposition.

She was born October 28, 1884 in Pike County, Kentucky to Newton and Mahilia Smith Walters. She was the oldest of two daughters. Her mother and younger sister died when she was very young.

On June 8, 1911 Mommaw married Asbury Francis, who preceded her in death three months earlier. To this marriage of 67 years were born six children. One daughter preceded her in death, Mary Betty Elkins. Surviving children are three daughters: Odessa Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; Gladis Staton, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Mexie Robinette, Meta, Ky.; and two sons, Jessie Francis and Gomer Francis.

Mommaw and Poppaw had been residents of Hatfield, Ky. but since her illness she had resided in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home. She was much loved and cared for there. She was a long time member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Ky.

My Mommaw was a generous, loving mother, grandmother, and wife. She always tried to make everyone feel at home when we visited, cooking and cleaning. I feel sure Mommaw is at her long awaited home with the Lord where she is suffering no more and where she and Poppaw are together again. Poppaw was so faithful to visit Mommaw in the nursing home during her illness. He went practically every day while his health was good. Even though we were unable to tell her, we sensed that Mommaw knew he had gone on before her. It was heartbreaking to lose both grandparents so close together but comforting to know they would be united again in the Lord. Mommaw and Poppaw are sadly missed by all their family and friends who loved them so very much. We will cherish the sweet memory they left behind.

Written affectionately by her granddaughter,
Billie Kay Stanley

JOE WARRIX

Tears flow freely as I try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Joe Warrix, son of the late Harrison and Synthia Coleman Warrix. Born February 12, 1918 and departed this life at the age of 60 on November 10, 1978 from a

heart attack while transacting some business at the Coal Run Branch Bank in Pikeville. Being ill for some time he was still trying to work for his family. He believed in working for what he got.

He joined the Church on July 24, 1966 and took his membership to the Pilgrim's Home Church, Varney, Ky. where he later was ordained a Deacon. He filled his seat at Church and went many times when he wasn't able to go. Only God knows how I miss him but I've got a hope of meeting him again.

I beg our family, those that have not made peace with God, to repent and live for Jesus if they ever want to see Joe again and be together in spirit like we've been in the flesh but with no more trouble or sorrow. Joe loved everyone and never held a grudge and freely forgave.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Imogene Miller Warrick, and one son, Timothy Wayne Warrick, at home. One son preceded him in death, Douglas Arthur Warrick, at the age of four and one-half years. Also surviving are two sisters, Jeanett Mullins and Zetta Warrick, both of Pikeville, Ky., and a host of friends and relatives and the many Brethren and Sister in the Lord.

I believe he has gone to a land where death will hold no victory.

Written by his wife,

Imogene Warrick

CLAYTON SCOTT

It is with a great feeling of sorrow at our loss and a great feeling of joy in believing that it's Heavens gain, that I try with God's help to write the obituary of my beloved daddy, Clayton Scott. Daddy was born January 19, 1915 at Hardy, Ky. to the late Rush and Georgia Scott. He deceased this life with all its trials and tribulations on September 11, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Thornsbury Scott; two sons, David L. Scott and Frankie Scott, both of Canada, Ky.; two sisters, Myrtle Smith and Maggie Hall, both and Hardy, Ky.; and one brother, James Scott of Hardy, Ky. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren and a great host of those who loved him.



Daddy was a retired miner and a retired General Motors worker. He worked hard throughout his life, never failing to provide for his family. But above all else, I can say with a thankful heart, Daddy worked for the Lord. He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on November 11, 1969. He was a member and a Deacon of the Mt. Pleasant Church at the time of his death.

I will never forget how contented he seemed to be the last few weeks of his life knowing, according to the Doctors, that his stay here in this troublesome world was soon to end.

Daddy was preceded in death by two sons, a brother and a sister. The family is all parted now. One by one they have parted from our midst. But what a great comfort it is to know that some day, by the Grace of God, we can meet on Heavens's shore. I believe with all my heart that some day I'll meet Daddy again and see his sweet smile of contentment once more when he hears the Lord say, "Well done my good and faithful servant, welcome home." I hope that we can all remember during our lonely hours that Daddy is only resting and our loss is Heavens's gain.

Written by his son,

Frankie Scott

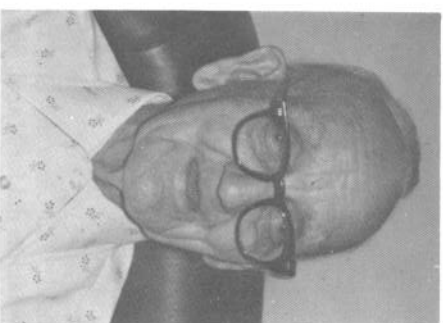
MACK SMITH

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of our dear daddy, Mack Smith. Daddy was born April 24, 1888 and left us to join Mommy on March 9, 1979, making his stay here on earth 90 years, 11 months and 9 days.

Daddy and Mommy were married on May 30, 1910 making their lives together for 63 years, 5 months and 21 days. To them were born 8 children, two sons went on before them and one son after Mommy, and Daddy left behind on earth 2 daughters and 3 sons: Mrs. Fern Farley, Mrs. Verna Sanders, Mr. Joe Smith, Mr. Raymond Smith and Mr. Lloyd Smith. Also, our dear sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith, whom we all love very much.

Daddy made peace with God on the second Sunday of June in 1936 and was baptized by the hands of Brother W. C. Hays and Elder Lewis Smith. He took fellowship at the Narrows Branch Old Regular Church where he was a faithful Brother so long as his health permitted.

He worked hard for us kids and retired as a miner and was also a World War I veteran. We feel the loss of our Daddy hard to get used to but we all know



if we want to see him and Mommy we'll have to be worthy of going to Heaven. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and we're glad that Daddy's there with Mommy where they are in God's hands and by His side. Daddy's sadly missed and never forgotten.

Written by his daughters who miss him very much,
Fern Farley and Verna Sanders

LOUISIA ROBINETTE

By the help of our blessed Lord and Maker, I will attempt to write the obituary of my blessed sweet Mama, as we called her, and my Sister in hope. Bless her soul, I miss her so much. Even though she has been gone with Jesus for 1 year and 8 months, its as if it was only just a few days ago. I still want to see her so bad sometimes. Mama was born January 13, 1887 and died January 8, 1978. She was the daughter of Harvey Williamson and Perlina (Howard) Williamson. She was married to Emzy B. Robinette on June 27, 1921 and to this union was born 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls; Charley, Frank, Estill, Gracie and Maudie. All are still living which is a blessing from God.



Moma lived 90 years, 11 months and 26 days before departing this life. She had good health for many years until she fell and broke her hip about 3 years before she died. She recovered from that and went to Church and visited her children and got around good until she had a stroke and went down from that but God blessed her not to get down bedfast. Mama had so much pride or spunk as we called it. She wanted to do for herself, she couldn't stand to be waited on by others and she didn't want to be a burden to her children. She made her home with her oldest daughter for years after Daddy died and her children married. She loved Gracie so well and when she got worse sick she wanted Sis to do little things for her, like combing her hair and fixing her food. God bless my Sis, she is crippled herself but never complained about what she did for Mama. She only had her to take care of about 2 or 3 months. I thank God for my Sis, she is so sweet, God will repay her. He has a wonderful home awaiting for us all if we will just obey Him and turn to Him.

I know Mama would be so pleased if her boys would take up the cross and follow Jesus and meet her and Daddy someday. Like the song, "She is just awaiting for her children to come along." I believe Mama and Daddy are together now and happy with God around the great white throne. Oh, how I want to go see them! If our brothers would just fall out with sin and the worldly things and make their way toward Heaven we could be with our loved

ones some day, where there's peace and happiness and no more tears and no more caskets to look upon.

Mama was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. Her membership was at Narrows Branch Church with Daddy. Her body lays at rest in the Tom Ray Cemetery on Brushy Fork of Johns Creek with Daddy. She always wanted to be there. God rest her soul, although we walk through the valley of death, He leadeth me beside the still water, I fear no evil, He restoreth my soul, thou art with me, He is my rod and my staff, thou anointist my head with oil, my cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and we will live in the house of the Lord forever, I will fear no evil for thou will be with me, that's a great God!

Mama only has one brother still living, Emzy B. Williamson, of Piso, Ky., and many, many friends who miss her and loved her so much. To her friends she was Aunt Louisa Robinette and to us children, Mama. I hope and pray to see her and Daddy around the throne of God someday. I have a hope in the Lord.

Written by her lonely and broker-hearted daughter and
Sister in hope,
Maudie (Williamson) Smith

NANNIE MOUNTS FRANCIS

It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of our beloved mother. Mother was born September 20, 1910 and deceased this life January 20, 1979, making her stay here on earth 69 years and 3 months. She was the daughter of the late K. F. and Betty Mounts. She was married to J. M. Francis, who survives, April 23, 1928 and to this union was born seven children: Elon Elmo Sanders and J. M. Francis, Jr., of Lynn, W. Va.; Douglas Francis and Betty Gayle Ray, of Matewan, W. Va.; Cecil Francis, Meta, Ky.; Pauline Bostic, Pinsonfork, Ky.; and Alice Kaye Smith, Feds Creek, Ky.; three step-children, Claudia Lowe, deceased; Ferrell Francis, Mayer, W. Va.; and Mary Faye Maynard, Piso, Ky.



Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1952. She never got to attend Church very much but I believe she went home to be with Jesus. Mother was sick for a long time and she would talk to us about Heaven. Everytime we would go to visit her she would tell us about her faith in Jesus. It seemed she wanted to go and be with Him. There is much joy in the thought that she has entered into that rest where there will be no more dying.

We miss her so much since she went away but I hope someday we will meet again where there will be no more good-bys.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law,
Cecil and Carolyn Francis

CHLOA HINKLE

With much grief and sadness I will try to write the obituary of my dear, sweet mother, Chloa Fields Hinkle. She was the daughter of Jahanna Fields and W. M. Fields. She was married to George W. Hinkle on May 17, 1922 and to this union was born four girls: Gladys Ray, Varney, Ky.; Alice Ray, deceased; Bessie Foster, Naugatuck, W. Va.; and Edith McCoy, Varney, Ky. She had one adopted son, Benny Larue Hinkle, Varney, Ky., and there were 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.



She joined the Church in the year of 1938 and was baptized by Rudolph SESCO and Basil Robinette. She did not get to go to Church much because of her illness. She was sick for over 25 years being confined to a wheelchair for 6 years and bedfast for 8 months. She had patience with her sickness and tried to do everything she could to help herself. She didn't want anyone to have to do anything for her that she could do for herself. My mother went to the hospital January 6, 1979 and she couldn't hardly talk to us girls but she kept telling us to meet her in Heaven. She was the sweetest mother anyone could ever ask for.

She departed this life January 13, 1979, making her stay on earth 73 years, 9 months and 19 days. She was very sweet and understanding about everything. I loved my Father and Mother and I tried to do everything I could for them and I believe they are in Heaven waiting for us girls to get there with them. She always believed in the truth about everything and while she lived here on earth she prayed for her children to meet her in Heaven, and she prayed for all her friends and neighbors.

There is so much I could write about but space wouldn't let me. We all miss Mother and Dad so much that you will never know. If we ever meet Mother we have to fall out with sin and get right with God in this life. Our Mother is gone to rest in that beautiful city of Heaven where she will never have to suffer anymore. So sleep on Mother and we will try to meet you in Heaven someday.

Written by your baby girl, Edith McCoy and
Gladys Ray, her oldest daughter

GROVER RAY

This is a very sad time for us that we attempt to write the obituary of our Uncle, Grover Ray. He was the son of Perry Ray and Sindy (Sesco) Ray. His mother preceded him in death. Grover leaves to mourn his passing his father,

four brothers and five sisters, namely: Wayne Ray, Willie Ray and Vernon Ray, all of Varney; John Ray of Harolds Branch; Alice Maynard, Dessie Thompson and Stella Chaffins, all of Varney; Gredis Caines of South Williamson; and Fonnice Porter of Oakwood, Va. One brother, Ben Ray, preceded him in death.

Grover was born March 19, 1921 and deceased this life November 3, 1978, making his stay here on earth 57 years, 7 months and 15 days. Grover died while in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He suffered so much the days he was there he prayed for Jesus to be with him through his sufferings. When he died it wasn't painful, it was as if he had went to sleep.

Grover was united in marriage on January 8, 1944 to Alice Hinkle and to this union was born four children, a daughter, Annette Christeen Canada of Varney, and three sons, Grover Edward Ray, George Preston Ray and Richard Gariet Ray, all of Ocala, Florida. Grover didn't get to be with his children and grandchildren very much because of his illness. He wasn't able to work and help them out but he loved them and talked about them a lot. It always brightened his day to get a card or a call from one of his children.

Grover confessed a hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized by the Elder Emmitt Case and was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Church for 29 years. We want to say that Grover loved the Church and loved to be there anytime there was a meeting. A lot of times we didn't go but Grover never failed to be there. He cared so much for the people in the neighborhood. He taught all of us children something the short time he was with us. He taught us how to look over people's faults, to be closer to each other and to love each other. He taught us these things by being himself because this is how Grover was. His pain is over now, I truly believe he's at rest with Jesus where he won't have any trouble or pain. We will miss him everyday but his life was like a shining light to us.

Written by his niece and nephew,
Beatrice and Johnny

BETTY YOUNG

It is with a sad heart that we will try and write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Betty Young, who left us on February 9, 1979. She was born on this earth November 30, 1909, making her stay on this earth 69 years, 2 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of John and Victoria Thompson, who preceded her in death.



She was united in marriage on March 26, 1926 to Alfred Young of Varney, Ky. and to this union was born 9 children, all of whom are living: John (Junior) of Nolan, W.Va.; Grace Robinette of Varney, Ky.; Harmon of Piso, Ky.; James Malcolm of Varney, Ky.; Lucy Robinette of Varney, Ky.; Bronis Persons of Long Bottom, Ohio; Christene McGuire of Hatfield, Ky.; Buddy Lee of Hardy, Ky.; and Curtis Ferrell of Meta, Ky. Also surviving are her husband, 33 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two brothers, John B. Thompson of Bandytown, W.Va. and Harrison Thompson of McCombs, Ky.; and one sister, Mary Sellards of Turkey Creek, Ky. Preceding her in death was her mother and father, three brothers and one sister.



She was a true member of the Pilgrim's Home Church of Varney, Ky. for 33 years. We thank God that we had her with us for these many years. She was always kind and loving and thoughtful of others, always a kind and loving wife and mother. We will miss her very much and hope and pray that we will meet her in Heaven one great day. Thank you Mommie for being you. We love you very much.

Written in loving memory by,
her husband and children

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 to 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 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 to 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 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 of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye 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 the 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 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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 APPLE ORCHARD: E. P. Maynard, Freddy Maynard, Elwood Maynard
 ENON: Willis Staton, James Spencer, Chester Fields
 REBECCA: Mike Sheppard, Edwin Hay, James Gilman
 BENT BRANCH: Lloyd SESCO, Homer Collins, Clifford Maynard
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, Greenway Estep, Jessie Farley
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Oscar McCoy, Landon Taylor
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 BETHANY: Ellis Davis, Charles Hall, Marion Ledson, Jr.
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 SALEM: John P. Church, Q. R. Bevins, W. H. Hale
 SIDNEY: Bill Maynard, Tan Howell, John Jude, Jr.
 DIX FORK: Ross Cline, Burlin Thornsberry, Bobby Scott
 NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Charley Scott, Virgil Stanley
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Stuart Preece, Milford Lowe
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Tom Dials, Marion Duncan
 TIBITHA: John Fouch, Lindsey Vance, Charley Evans
 LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Frankie White, Emerson Jarrell
 TURKEY CREEK: Conder Lockard, Stanford Maynard, Willis L. Lowe
 SAMARIA: Sherman May, Ersel Prince, Paul Vance
 ROSA: Johnny Cline, Ted Glanden, Mark Cline
 MUNCY VALLEY: R. F. Runyon, Jr., Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornsberry, Lloyd Lowe, Willie Skiltner
 SOUTHERN HOME: William Adair, Gene Ratliff, Tommy Adair, Sr.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Fenny Maynard, Van Pinson, Wayne Ray
 OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Mosco Gilman, Charley Stewart
 ELIZABETH: Charley Maynard, Marshall Williamson, Kelly Castle
 LITTLE TAVIE: Sam Franks, William H. Cochran, Julius Cochran

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd SESCO	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	\$50	2 July	
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	43	75	1 June	
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	50	1 June	
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	100	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	65	100	2 Aug.	
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	66	100	3 Aug.	
SARDIS	Steve Robinson, Jr.	150	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	74	85	4 Aug.	
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	3 July	
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	52	100	3 July	
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	75	4 Aug.	
ELK FORK	David L. Baisden	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	75	3 Aug.	
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	250	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	99	100	4 Aug.	
SALEM	John P. Church	100	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	71	100	1 May	
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	75	5	1	0	0	0	2	1	28	40	4 June	
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	75	1 July	
NARROWS BRANCH	John P. Church	100	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	85	4 July	
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	1	0	2	0	5	2	1	49	75	2 July	
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	47	85	3 June	
TIBITHA	Charley Evans	75	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	33	60	1 April	
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	25	2 April	
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	83	100	2 May	
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	75	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	45	75	1 July	
ROSA	Johnny Cline	175	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	76	95	3 Aug.	
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	19	10	2 June	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	50	4 June	
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	125	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	31	100	1 April	
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford Maynard	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	50	2 June	
OKEECHOBEE	Montroe Ounsley	75	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	16	50	2 April	
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	75	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	50	1 June	
LITTLE TAVIE	Claude Brown	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	50	2 July	
TOTALS		2925	43	14	2	0	14	34	12	1282	2035		