

# MINUTES

Of The

11th Annual Session

Of The

Upper Country Line  
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

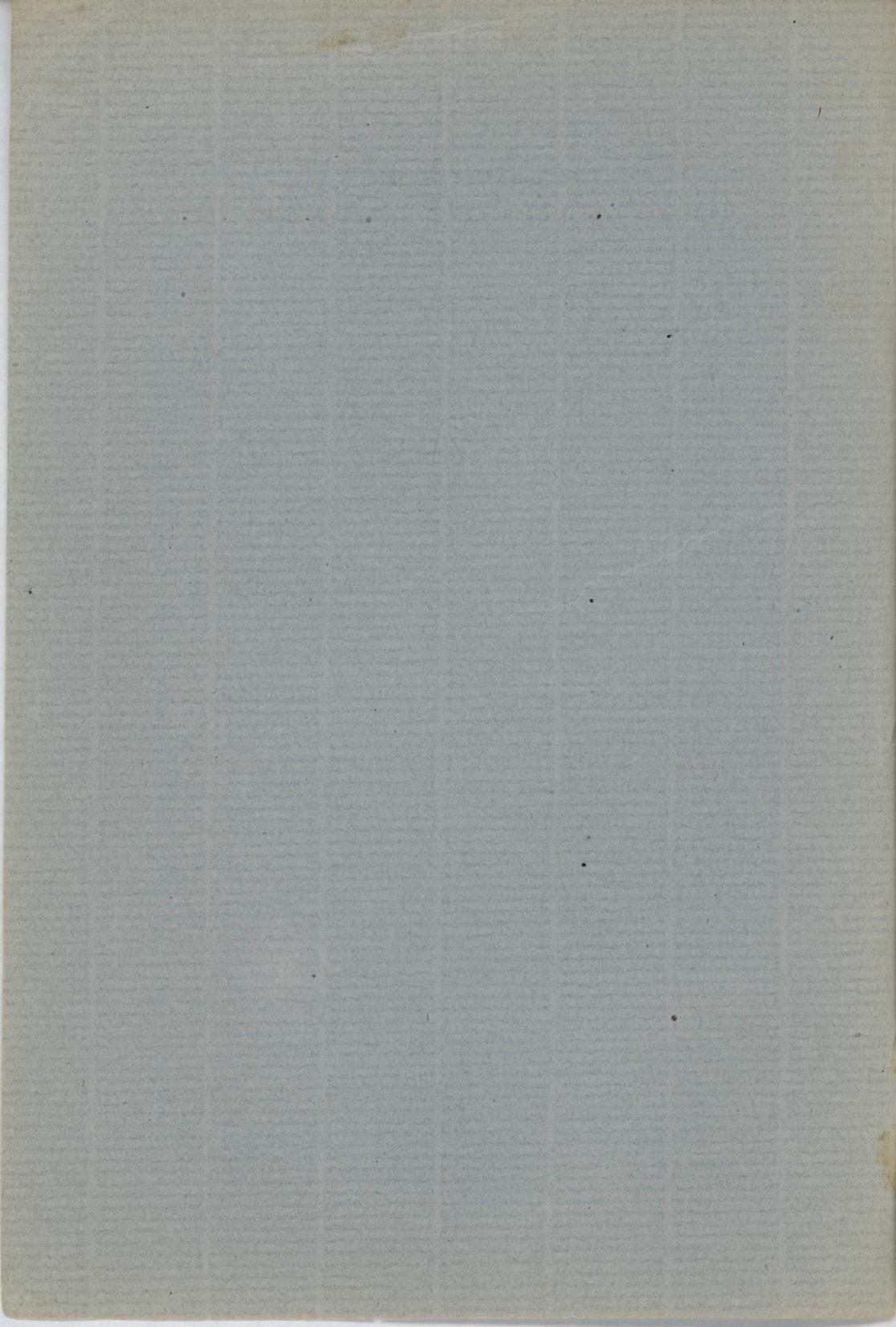
NEW HOPE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 15, 16 and 17, 1917

OFFICERS:

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.  
J. W. GILLIAM, Jr., Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.  
R. L. SNEAD, Assistant Clerk, Reidsville, N. C.



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday Morning, August 5th, at 10 o'clock

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Denny from Rom. 5:19-20-21 and was followed by Elder L. H. Hardy.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, proceeded to business. On motion Bro. E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator, and J. W. Gilliam, Jr., Clerk, and Bro. R. L. Snead assistant clerk.

3. Petitionary letters were called for, but none received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders T. B. Lancaster and C. A. Davis to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Little River—Not represented except by minutes.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and others, Minutes.

From Fisher's River—By Minutes only.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and Minutes.

From Mayo—Elders J. F. Sprangler, G. M. Trent and others, Minutes.

From Lower Country Line—They appointed Elders Gold and Isaac Jones and Minutes.

From Abbott's Creek—By Minutes.

From Contentnea—Bro. E. A. Stanfield and others, Minutes.

From Pig River—Elder F. L. Egleton and Minutes.

From Smith's River—Not represented—Minutes.

From Staunton River—Elders W. R. Dodd and T. M. Oakes.

From New River—By Minutes only.

From Mill Branch—Not represented.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Bear Creek—Minutes.

From Salem: Elders P. W. Willard, C. A. Davis and Minutes.

From Mountain—Minutes only.

From Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.

6. The messengers of New Hope church, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen the Committee on Arrangements, and Brethren T. A. Stanfield and Andy Paschall were appointed a committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing was recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. The circular letter written by brother R. S. Somers was called for, read, received, and ordered printed in our minutes.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning, August 17, 1917, at 9 o'clock

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator,  
J. W. GILLIAM, Jr., Clerk,  
R. L. SNEAD, Assistant Clerk.

Friday Morning, August 17, 1917

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold of Black Creek Association proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit Sister Associations at their next session, as follows:

Seven Mile—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr.

Little River—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.

Kehukee—

Mayo—

White Oak—

Contentnea—

Black Creek—

Staunton River—

Lower Country Line—

Abbott's Creek—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.

Fisher's River—

Smith's River—

New River—

Salem—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.

Mountain—

Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.

13. Brother R. L. Snead was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Moon's Creek, to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1918, and continue three days, and Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr., was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder B. F. McKinney as his alternate.

15. It was agreed that a Section meeting be held with the church at Lick Fork, beginning on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May, and continue two days. Elders B. B. McKinney and W. F. Pruitt and J. W. Gilliam, Jr., were chosen to attend.

16. It was agreed that a section Meeting be held with the church at Prospect Hill, beginning on Saturday before 4th Sunday in May, and continue two days. Elders J. A. Herndon, J. W.

Gilliam, Jr., and B. F. McKinney were chosen to attend.

17. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, whose report was as follows:

Received from churches -----	\$63.30
Received from friends in the congregation-----	23.65
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>\$86.95</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

For printing and postage -----	\$25.00
Allowed Clerk for Services -----	10.00
Amount given visiting brethren-----	51.95
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>\$86.95</b>

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and the committee was discharged.

18. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed, and distributed with the churches of this Association, and with the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

19. Feeling that we have been favored with able preaching, and blessed in many other ways to richly enjoy the Association now drawing rapidly to a close. Be it resolved, therefore:

1. That we return thanks to God for these blessings enjoyed.
2. That we extend our thanks to the brethren, friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind welcome and splendid hospitality during our stay with them.
3. That we extend our thanks to the warehousemen for their kindness in furnishing us with water during the Association, and especially for their untiring efforts in keeping same well supplied.
4. That we extend to the Sheriff and other County officers our thanks for their good efforts in maintaining order for us during the Association.

**Mailing List to Churches**

**No. Minutes.**

Arbor, J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1-----	62
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.-----	25
Country Lime—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1-----	10
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C.-----	40
Gilliam's—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1-----	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.-----	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6-----	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. No. 2-----	25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3-----	20
Moons Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5-----	20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., No. 1-----	45
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.,-----	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.-----	50
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.-----	50
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1-----	15

New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	20
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	40

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation since its organization:

Churches	When last held
Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCrays	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moons Creek	1918
Prospect Hill	
Wolf Island	
Big Meadows	
Monticello	
Moons Creek	
Country Line	

#### Mailing List to Sister Churches

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentnea, Staunton River, Lower Country Line, Abbott's Creek, Fishers River, Smith's River, New River, Salem, Pig River, Mountain, Durham Association (Col.), Baltimore, Bear Creek, and Mill Branch.

#### PREACHING

Wednesday afternoon:

1st—Elder T. B. Lancaster.

2nd—C. A. Davis.

3rd—Elder F. L. Egleston at 5 o'clock p. m.

Thursday morning:

1st—Elder P. D. Gold

2nd—E. C. Stone.

3rd—Elder Isaac Jones.

Thursday Afternoon:

1st—Elder P. W. Willard.

2nd—Elder Isaac Jones.

2nd—N. T. Oakes

3rd—Elder J. W. Flinchum.

4th—Elder J. F. Spangler at 5 o'clock p. m.

Friday Morning:

1st—Elder F. L. Egleton

### CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Churches and Brethren composing the Upper Country Line Association, in session with the Church at New Hope, Rockingham County, Greeting:

Our Moderator at our last Association appointed me to write the Circular Letter. It is in much weakness that I attempt to do so at this time, and I trust that the brethren will bear with me while I try to stir up their pure minds by putting them in remembrance of our certain duties.

In the general Epistle of Jude, 21st verse, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." The phrase, "In the love of God," has two significations. First, his love to us as follows. We love Him because He first loved us, the love of God having shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. We are persuaded that nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus the Lord. We know nothing of the Lord or His dealings with men until He made it manifest unto us—the kindness and love of God appeared, manifesting the love of God. Secondly, Our love to God. Love begets love. He that is begotten loveth him that begetteth. Those who are not born of God have not the love of God in their hearts. John says, If you love God keep His commandments. Again, he that loveth God keepeth His commandments. This teaching does not imply that the person within himself is able to perform what is commanded without divine aid. The true principle is taught by the apostle Paul when he said, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His own good pleasure," etc.

Brethren, we get from this lesson that God so loved us that He gave His own Son for us, putting away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and hath forever perfected them that are sanctified by His spirit. In regeneration we are led to know him whom to know is life eternal. He manifests himself in love and mercy, which leadeth us to repentance. Then it is through the operation of His spirit that we have been thus changed, or translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His dear Son. What mercy and love! He takes from us the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh which which is susceptible of instruction. Brethren, should we not abide in good works, having been killed to the love and practice of sin by the operation of His spirit in

our souls. We are commanded to let our lights so shine that they may see our good works and gloryfy our Father (who hath done so much for us) who is in heaven. Let us all remember that scripture, "If any man love the world, the love of God is not in him." Then, love not the world nor the things of the world. May the Lord bless us with such spiritual blessings as we stand in need of from day unto day. Amen.

Your brother in hope,

R. S. SOMERS.

(The first manuscript for the Minutes was lost in the mails and this minutes has been compiled from the most accurate data available.)

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Churches	Messengers	Rec'd by L. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Resored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions	
Arbor	P. T. Walker, W. A. McKinney and J. H. Simmons	5					4	63	\$5.50	
Big Meadows	<b>Elder W. C. Jones</b>						14	1.05		
Country Line	T. H. Rudd	5					14	.40		
Dan River	W. G. Dix, R. A. Cox, and R. H. Pruett						34	1.70*		
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Geo. Rudd and J. W. Gilliam, Sr.						1	2.00		
Harmony	J. I. Clayton, G. W. Brooks and W. A. Ward						10	.70*		
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple						21	3.50		
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren and W. R. Hawkins						10	1.50		
McCrays	A. G. Porterfield						16	2.00		
Moons Creek	J. P. Johnson						6	1.00		
Oak Grove	J. W. Watlington, R. A. Poteat and R. H. Jones						9	1.00*		
Pleasant Grove	Elder B. B. McKinney, G. W. Walker and T. A. Stanfield	2			1		1	54	4.35	
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. D. Blalock and W. P. Warren						1	34	7.50	
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. A. Thompson and E. R. Harris						2	26	5.00	
Wolf Island	W. S. Smith, G. W. Carter and J. R. Smith	1					1	49	5.00	
New Hope	A. B. McKinney and P. A. Paschall						25	5.00*		
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth						13	5.00		
Greensboro	J. H. Combs, J. R. Jones and J. M. Dennis						34	5.00		
* Note--	*Not verified. Statistics taken from last report.	13					1	10	452	63.30



