

DUPLICATE

MINUTES

OF THE

10th Annual Session

OF THE

Upper Country Line

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

DAN RIVER

Rockingham County, North Carolina

August 19, 20, and 21st, 1916.



OFFICERS

- E. R. Harris, Moderator Reidsville, N. C.
- Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk Altamahaw, N. C.
- R. L. Snead, Ass't Clerk Reidsville, N. C.

Proceedings of the
UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Saturday Morning, August 19th, at 10 o'clock.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam from The General Epistle of Jude, 3rd verse, and was followed by Elder J. A. Shaw, of Kehukee Association, who preached from Philippians, 2d Chapter, 9th and 10th verses.

2nd. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of the Black Creek Association, proceeded to business. On motion brother E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk, and brother R. L. Snead, Ass't Clerk.

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

4th. The Moderator appointed Elders E. C. Stone and Samuel McMillon to go to the stand and preach to the people.

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

From Little River, Elder W. M. Monsess.

From Black Creek, Elder P. D. Gold and Elder J. W. Wyatt, and C. B. Hall.

From Fisher's River, Minutes.

From Wite Oak, Elder Isaac Jones, and Minutes.

From Mayo, Elders J. R. Wilson, J. F. Spangler, and G. M. Trent, and Bro. J. W. Moorefield, and Minutes.

From Lower Country Line, Brother H. E. Satterfield, and Minutes.

From Abbott's Creek, Elder Samuel McMillon, and Minutes.

From Contentnea, Elder J. P. Tingle, and brethren E. A. Stanfield and J. T. Lewis and Minutes.

From Pig River, Elder A. B. Philpot and Elder F. L. Egleton, and brethren Thomas Eanes, J. W. Ramsey, and Allen Egleton.

From Smith's River. Not represented.

From Stanton River, Elders W. R. Dodd and T. N. Oakes.

From New River, Elder P. G. Lester.

From Mill Branch, Brother L. O. Hinson.

From Baltimore, Elder J. T. Rowe.

From Bear Creek, Minutes.

From Salem, Elder W. A. Gourley, and Minutes.

From Mountain, Minutes.

From Durham Association (Col) Minutes.

6th. The Messengers of Dan River Church, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen the Committee on Arrangements, and brethren R. S. Somers and W. F. Pruitt were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7th. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to notify Sister J. W. Neal of Moon's Creek Church, to take charge of certain funds belonging to Moon's Creek Church which were left in her hands by the death of her husband, and to keep proper record of same.

8th. Letters from the several churches composing the Association were read, and their standing was recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

9th. The circular letter written by Bro. W. F. Pruitt was called for, read, received and ordered printed in our minutes.

10th. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 21st, 1916, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS,
Moderator.

Elder J. W. GILLIAM, Clerk.

R. L. SNEAD, Ass't Clerk.

Monday Morning, August 21st, 1916.

11th. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of the Black Creek Association, proceeded to business.

12th. 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.

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

Little River, Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Kehukee, Brother J. R. Smith.

Mayo, Elder W. F. Pruitt and brother R. S. Somers.

White Oak, Minutes.

Contentnea, Brethren T. A. Stanfield and E. R. Harris.

Black Creek, Minutes.

Stanton River, Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Lower Country Line, Elder B. F. McKinney, and brethren
W. F. Pruitt and W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek, Brother J. R. Smith.

Fisher's River, Minutes.

Smith's River, Minutes.

New River, Minutes.

Salem, Brethren J. A. Walker, W. F. Pruitt, R. P. Somers
and P. A. Paschal.

Mountain, Minutes.

Durham Association (Col) Minutes.

14th. Brother R. S. Somers was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next Association.

15th. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at New Hope, Rockingham County, to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1917, and continue three days, and Elder O. J. Denny be chosen to preach the introductory sermon, B. F. McKinney as his alternate.

16th. It was agreed that a Section Meeting be held with the Church at Gilliam's, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1917, and continue two days. Elders C. J. Denny and B. F. McKinney were chosen to attend.

17th. It was agreed that a Section Meeting be held with the Church at Lynches' Creek, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1917, and continue three days. Elders J. A. Herndon and W. C. Jones were chosen to attend.

18th. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, which report was as follows:

Received from the Churches.....	\$52.90
Received from Friends in the Congregation.....	10.80

Total\$63.70

Expenditures

For Printing and Postage.....	\$17.00
Allowed Clerk for Services.....	10.00
Amount given visiting brethren.....	36.70

Total.....\$63.70

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and

the Committee was discharged.

19th. 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.

20th. Feeling that we have been wonderfully favored and blessed with able preaching:

Therefore be it resolved,

Mailing List to Churches	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., Route No. 1	62
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	20
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge N. C., Route 1 . . .	10
Dan River—W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., Route 3	40
Gilliam's—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route 1	40
Marmony—J. I. Clayton, Effland, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., Route 6	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R 2 . .	25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., Route 3 . .	20
Moons Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., Route 5 . .	20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., Route 1 . .	42
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—R. L. Snead, Reidsville, N. C.,	50
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R 1 . . .	15
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., Route 6	40
Monticello—A. 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, Appointed for	1917
Prospect Hill	
Wolf Island	
Big Meadows	
Monticello	;.....
Moons Creek	
Country Line	

Mailing List to Sister Associations

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentnea, Stanton 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.

1st. That we return thanks to God for this and for many other blessings enjoyed.

2nd. That we extend our thanks to the friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind and untiring efforts to welcome us during the time of our stay with them.

3rd. That we extend our thanks to the warehousemen for their kindness in furnishing us with water during the Association, and for their untiring efforts in keeping same well supplied.

4th. That we extend our thanks to the Sheriff and other officers for keeping good order for us during the Association.

5th. That we express our regrets that our brother and former Clerk, brother S. J. Hall, is too feeble to attend our Association. We miss his presence, his wise counsel, and his efficient services as Clerk, which position he has held for many years, and we pray the blessings of the Lord to rest upon him in his afflictions.

PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon:

- Elder E. C. Stone, Psalms 89:15.
- Elder Samuel McMillon. Heb. 8:6.
- Elder W. M. Monsess. John 6:37.
- Elder J. R. Wilson. 2 Peter 1:3.

Sunday Morning:

Elder P. D. Gold. 2 Cor. 3:14.

Elder J. A. Rowe. Isaih 55: 10th and 11th.

Elder P. G. Lester. Rom. 7:24.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder A. B. Philpot. Hosea 13:14.

Elder Isaac Jones. Gen. 28:16.

Elder R. L. Mabe. Rev. 22:16.

Elder W. A. Gourley. Deu. 33:29.

Monday Morning:

Elder J. W. Wyatt. John 14:6.

Note: The Clerk did not get a record of the preaching on Saturday night and Sunday night.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Very Dear Brethren: As it has been the custom of our Association to appoint some-one to write a circular letter to be read, the Moderator at our last Session appointed me to this task, and I will try to discharge same, but I feel very sensibly my weakness, and I trust you will throw the mantle of charity over my imperfections.

I will try to write from a passage of Scripture which seems to be upon my mind, and may be found by reference to John 13:17. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The ye that is found in this scripture three times goes to show conclusively that it is addressed to a special people. Like all scriptures, it is written for the comfort and benefit of God's dear people, and for their guidance while here in this world. We enjoy the saving efficacy that is produced by obedience while we stay in this world of sorrow and tribulation if we follow the admonition given, and that which was written afore time was written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope as one of the writers has put it. The apostle was, no doubt, calling special attention to the ordinance of foot-washing, which shows the great love and humility that always characterized his travel while in this world. We see that great spirit of love in all that he did. There are many things that come in connection with this subject. I believe it is right for the saints to wash one another's feet, but my mind seems to lead to speak of other things. The subject presents itself with special reference

to our walk in life. I have thought a great deal on this subject, since I have had a desire to walk in a way that I would have the answer of a good conscience towards God. James says, if we be a doer of the work we shall be blessed. that takes us off the stool of do-nothing. We are taught that we should abstain from meats fit for idols. I understand that means we are to let things alone that the Lord says let alone, or leave off, or in other words we should not go into things that are condemned in the scriptures, but obey the commands given—the things we shall be happy in doing. The Bible is a thorough furnisher to every good work. We are to leave off the things that we do not have a thus saith the Lord for. We should not try to introduce new things, but rather be content with the old paths. Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. The old paths are good enough for all the house-hold of faith, and ye will be happy if ye do these things. Duty is important, and I don't like to hear it lightly spoken of, because we find it taught in God's blessed book. In doing our duty, we should admonish those who go astray, but remember that we are poor dependant creatures. Leaving off all malice, envy, and hatred, because this not well pleasing in the sight of Our Saviour. Luke saith, "Whosoever cometh to me and heareth my saying and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like; he is like a man which built an house, and digged, and laid the foundation on a rock," etc. This doesn't mean to dive into things you know nothing about, but follow the plain paths of duty, such things as you feel our Savior has required at your hands, and ye will be happy. Obedience from a heart of love. Greater love hath no man than that a man lay down his life for his friends, and it becomes us to lay down our lives for our brethren. If God impresses one to go and preach, he will be happy if he goes in discharge of his duty. When he impresses his little ones to go to the church, they will be happy when they go. If it is to administer to the poor, or visit the sick, they will be happy in obedience. We are commanded to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. So it would seem that God has assigned us enough to keep us busy.

Brethren, please look over my imperfections and pray for

me, and may the God of all grace keep you by his mighty
power through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in
the last time.

Your little brother I hope,
W. F. PRUITT.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Names of Messengers.

Churches

Churches	Names of Messengers.	Rec'd E. & B	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Total Memb.	Contributions	
Arbor	Elder B. F. McKinney, P. T. Walker, Simmons,	2	1			3	626.85	
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones, Bro. Buckner and Johnson					1	141.65	
Country Line	Brother T. H. Rudd						9.25	
Dan River	W. G. Dix, R. A. Cox and R. H. Pruitt	1			1	1	341.00	
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, McKinney and Gilliam	1					211.00	
Harmony	J. I. Clayton, G. W. Brooks, W. A. Ward			1		1	110.75	
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple						211.50	
Lynch's Creek	W. R. Hawkins, Wm. Warren						101.50	
McCray's	Brother A. G. Porterfield						162.00	
Moon's Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson, Elder C. T. Evans					1	61.00	
Oak Grove	J. W. Watlington, R. A. Poteat, R. H. Jones	3	1				91.70	
Pleasant Grove	Elder B. B. McKinney, Walker and Standfield						544.00	
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. P. Warren, and W. D. Burch	1					235.65	
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. T. Thompson, and E. R. Harris	1	6				2265.00	
Wolf Island	G. W. Carter, P. N. Stone and R. S. Somers			1	7	1	1495.00	
New Hope	A. B. McKinney, P. A. Paschal and J. I. Robinson	6					255.05	
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth	1					135.00	
Greensboro	J. H. Combs and J. R. Jones	2		2			304.00	
	Total	22	7	2	10	2	12444	\$52.90

