

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
Roans Creek Church
Ashe County, North Carolina
September 9, 10, 11, 1987**

The next session will convene with Riverview Church located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on State Road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1988

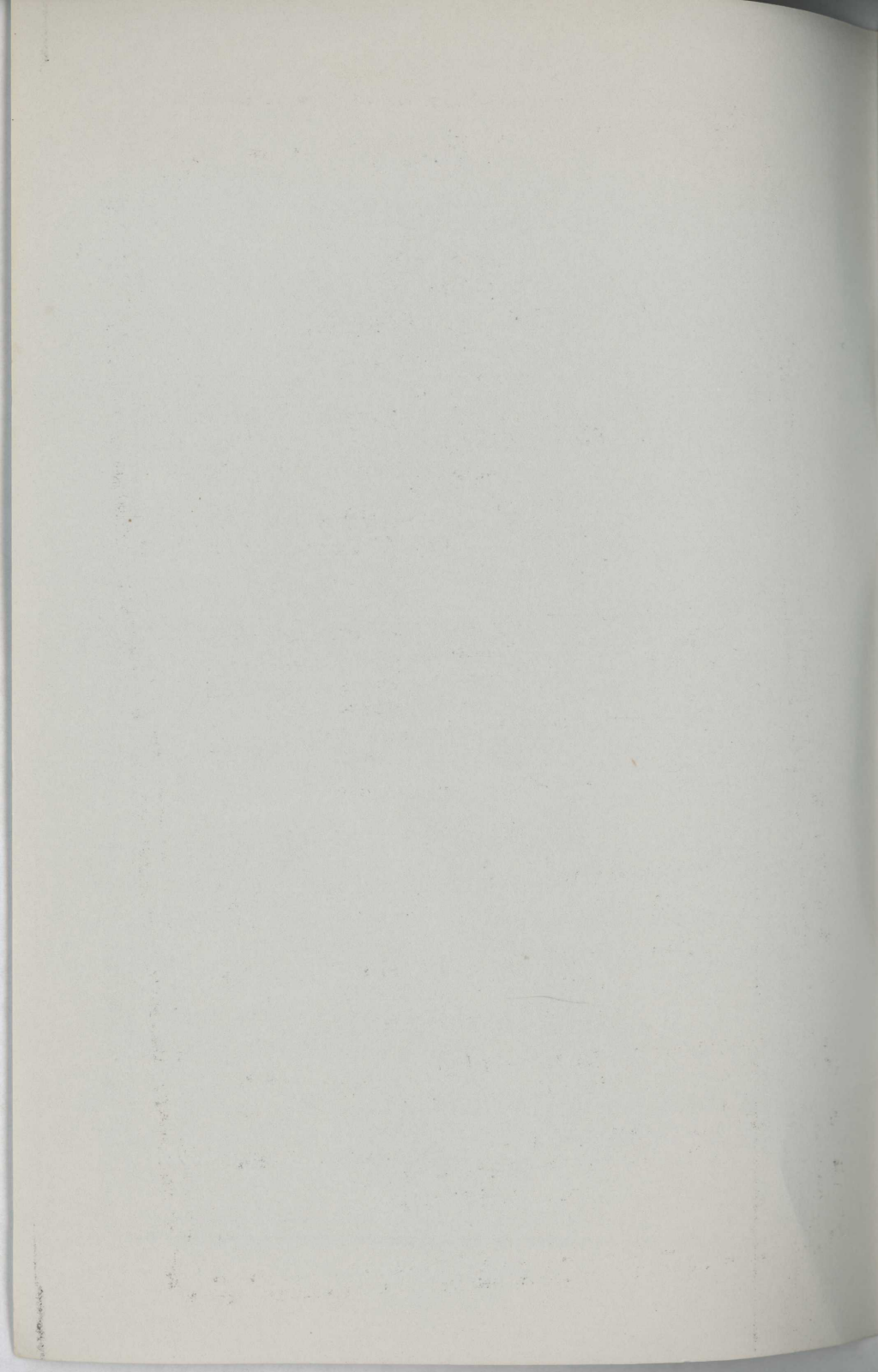
OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES McNEILL.....MODERATOR
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Senter District Primitive Baptist Association
Held at Roans Creek Church
Friday, September 11, 1987

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Curtis Hash from Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church, Galax, Virginia.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Dan Parker from Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Shady Rest, Tennessee.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Jack McGinnis as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:

Elder and Sister Curtis Hash
Brother and Sister Carl Williams

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:

Elder Gene Watson and Wife
Sister Doshie Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Barbara W. Reeves

CANOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia:

Elder Denver Hollingsworth

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church

Elder and Sister Wayne Gibbons

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church

Sister Jessie Tuggle Adams
Brother Howard Davis
Sister Sibyl Davis

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia:

Sister Virginia C. Hylton and Husband

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church of Tennessee:

Elder Dan Parker
Elder Jeff Patterson

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia:

Elder and Sister Norman Bowman

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Deacon Paul Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Brother Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Elder Jack McGinnis
Elder Floyd South
Brother Norman Brown
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Brother Paul Bare
Delegates from Roans Creek Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet at lunch for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1987

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jeff Patterson.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll was called.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.
3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we put in the Constitution that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.
4. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elders to preach the introductory sermon.
5. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.
6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1988, at Riverview Church.
7. Night Meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 9 and 10, 1988, with Riverview Church.
8. The Clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.
9. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
10. The Clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
11. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

12. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

13. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1987

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

Beaver Creek.....	\$85.00
Big Helton.....	50.00
Horse Creek.....	35.00
North Fork.....	115.00
Riverview.....	110.00
Roans Creek.....	97.00
Senter	185.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.....	\$677.00

TREASURY REPORT:

Balance from last year.....	\$491.32
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes last year	323.40
Treasurer returned from last year.....	26.60
Received from donations Sat. and Sun.	520.00
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	\$1,720.55

EXPENDITURES:

To the Moderator.....	\$10.00
To the Assistant Moderator.....	10.00
To the Clerk.....	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk.....	10.00
Put in treasury for Printing and Postage of Minutes.....	350.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Paid to Roans Creek Church.....	50.00
To visiting Elders.....	733.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$1,223.00

BALANCE.....\$497.55

14. Minutes read and approved.
15. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C.O. Yates of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Jack McGinnis, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (introductory sermon)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth (opened business with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Norman Bowman (introduced)
Elder Jeff Patterson
Elder Curtis Hash
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Elder Denver Hollingsworth (introduced)
Elder Tim Brooks
Elder Jack McGinnis (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Floyd South (introduced)
Elder Jeff Patterson
Elder Dan Parker

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Wayne Gibbons (introduced)
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Norman Bowman (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder Jack McGinnis (introduced)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Steve Douglas (introduced)
Elder Norman Bowman
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES



FAY MCGINNIS **Wife of Elder Jack McGinnis**

Fay Dillard McGinnis was born in Ashe County, N.C. on Marh 18, 1924 to Ned and Nancy Dillard and died Wednesday morning, June 17, 1987 at Wilkes General Hospital in Wilkes County, N.C.

Although a member of Pine Swamp Baptist Church, her heart was at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church where she attended regularly as her health would permit.

She was faithful to the highest calling of womanhood, that of being a good wife and mother, a keeper of the home, a faithful helpmate to her husband, Jack McGinnis, to whom she married on January 16, 1941, and a real mother who was always there for her children in time of need, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and teaching to be honest, upright citizens of our country.

Surviving are her husband, Jack McGinnis; two sons, John and James McGinnis; four daughters, Linda Sheets, Martha Harless, Mary Bauguess and Sandra Castle; eleven grandchildren; one great grandchild; four brothers and nine sisters.

Funeral services were held at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on June 19, 1987, with the songs, "A Poor Wayfaring Stranger", "God's Promise" and "Amazing Grace" sung by friends and led by her husband. The funeral discourse by Elder Gene Watson; Pallbearers were her sons and sons-in-law.

Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of our Blessed Lord.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G.D. Roten - Lake Ashe Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626

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Elder C.O. Yates - Route 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626

Elder Jack McGinnis - Route 1, Box 604, North Wilkesboro,
NC 28659, phone: (919) 670-3774

Elder Floyd South - Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694

phone: (919) 246-7456

Elder Steve Douglas - Route 1, Box 466, Crumpler, NC 28617

phone: (919) 982-2958

Elder James D. McNeill - Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617

phone: (919) 982-3802

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elder Floyd South

BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas

HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas

NORTH FORK - Elder James McNeill

RIVERVIEW - Elders Jack McGinnis

C.O. Yates

James McNeill

ROANS CREEK - Elder Floyd South

SENER - Elder James McNeill

Elder Dewey Roten, Associate Pastor

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes Clerk and Their Addresses

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters	
Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626.....	20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693.....	20
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693.....	10
NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette	
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693.....	20
RIVERVIEW: C.O. Yates	
Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626.....	30
ROANS CREEK: G.L. Mash	
Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640.....	35
SENER: Bobby Absher	
Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617.....	45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

EBENEZER: Aubrey E. Utz Madison, Va. 22727.....	20
MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt 102 Gentry Street, Galax, Va. 24333.....	20
BEAR CREEK: William J. Sparks 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040	
SILVER CREEK: Elder Gene Watson 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645.....	20
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.....	2
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY: Elon College Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244.....	2
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester NY 14620.....	2
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem NC 27109.....	2
THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST LIBRARY: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, Tennessee.....	2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in May

Senter - 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June

Riverview - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June

Horse Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in June

North Fork - 1st Saturday and Sunday in July

Big Helton - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in July

Roans Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

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

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of **Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.**

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated **and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.**

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

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

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAVER CREEK - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., and fourth Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK - Sunday (only), 11:00 a.m., on first and fourth Sunday following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

NORTH FORK - First Saturday night, 7:00 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC, and Trade, Tn. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The first and third Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., following the respective Saturday, and the third Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK - Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SENER - Second Saturday, 11:00 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH ORGANIZED		CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	COMMUNION MONTH	SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS	ORDAINED ELDERS	LIBERATED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED TO FEL.	DISMISSED BY LETTER EXCLUDED DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTION
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Brother Don Walters, Brother Larry Davis Elder Floyd South, Brother Letcher McMillen, Alt.	May	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13 85
1840	BIG HELTON	Elder Steve Douglas	July	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14 50
1840	HORSE CREEK	Brother Calvin Barker	June	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 35
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 15 115
1898	RIVERVIEW	Elder James McNeill, Brother Willard Hartzog Elder Jack McGinnis, Brother Clyde Johnson, Alt.	June	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 27 110
1869	ROANS CREEK	Brother Guy Reeves, Brother Willard Bare Brother Richard Bare, G. L. Mash, Alt.	July	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 39 97
1829	SEENTER	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Norman Brown Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Tony Miller, Alt.	June	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2 0 58 185
TOTAL													677

See Directory For Time of Meetings

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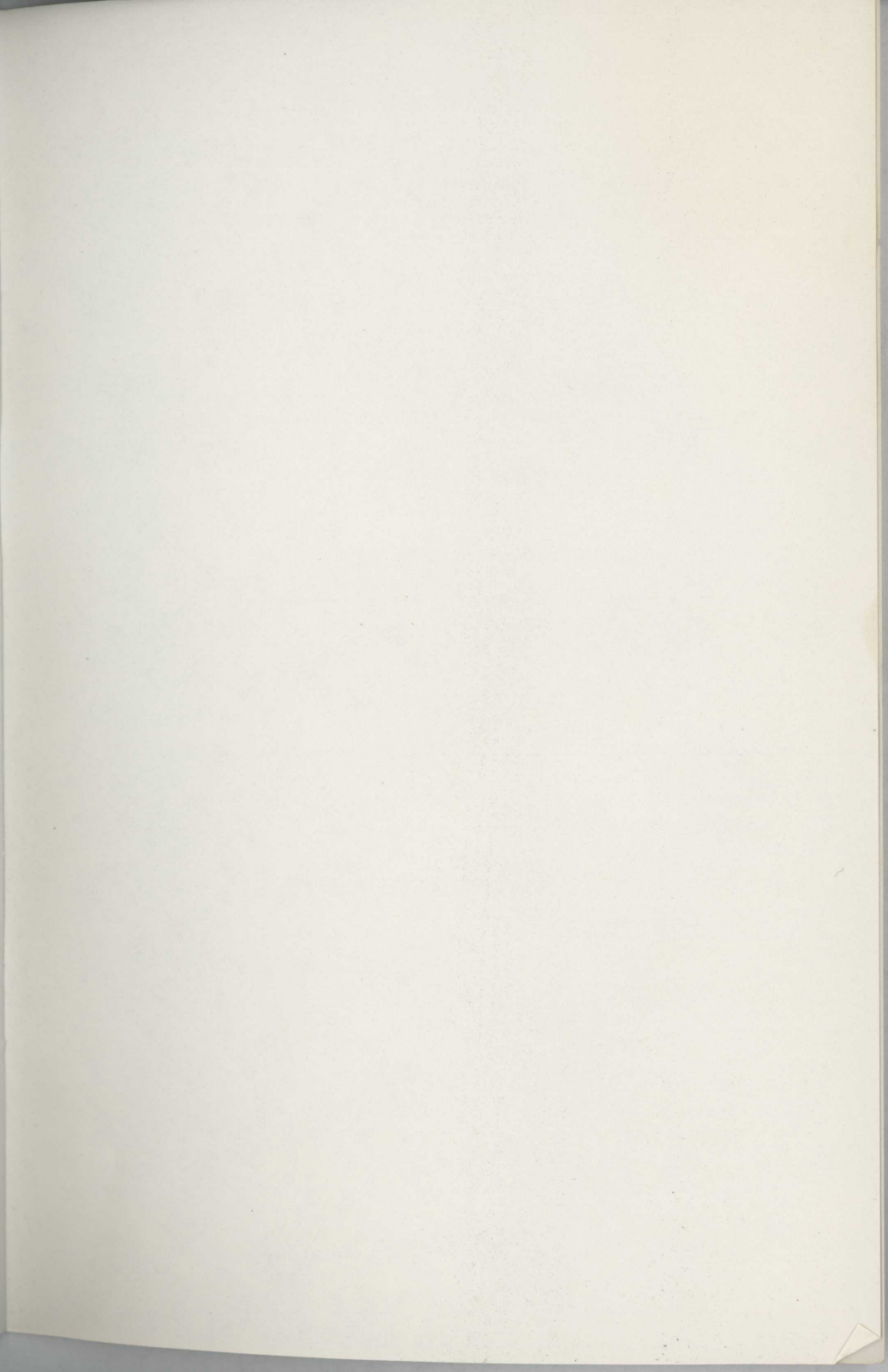
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1888	250.00	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	July
1889	300.00	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	July
1890	350.00	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	June
1891	400.00	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	July
1892	450.00	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1893	500.00	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1894	550.00	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1895	600.00	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	July
1896	650.00	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1897	700.00	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1898	750.00	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1899	800.00	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1900	850.00	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1901	900.00	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1902	950.00	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1903	1000.00	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1904	1050.00	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1905	1100.00	950	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1906	1150.00	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1907	1200.00	1050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1908	1250.00	1100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1909	1300.00	1150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1910	1350.00	1200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1911	1400.00	1250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1912	1450.00	1300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1913	1500.00	1350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1914	1550.00	1400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1915	1600.00	1450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1916	1650.00	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1917	1700.00	1550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1918	1750.00	1600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1919	1800.00	1650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June
1920	1850.00	1700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	June

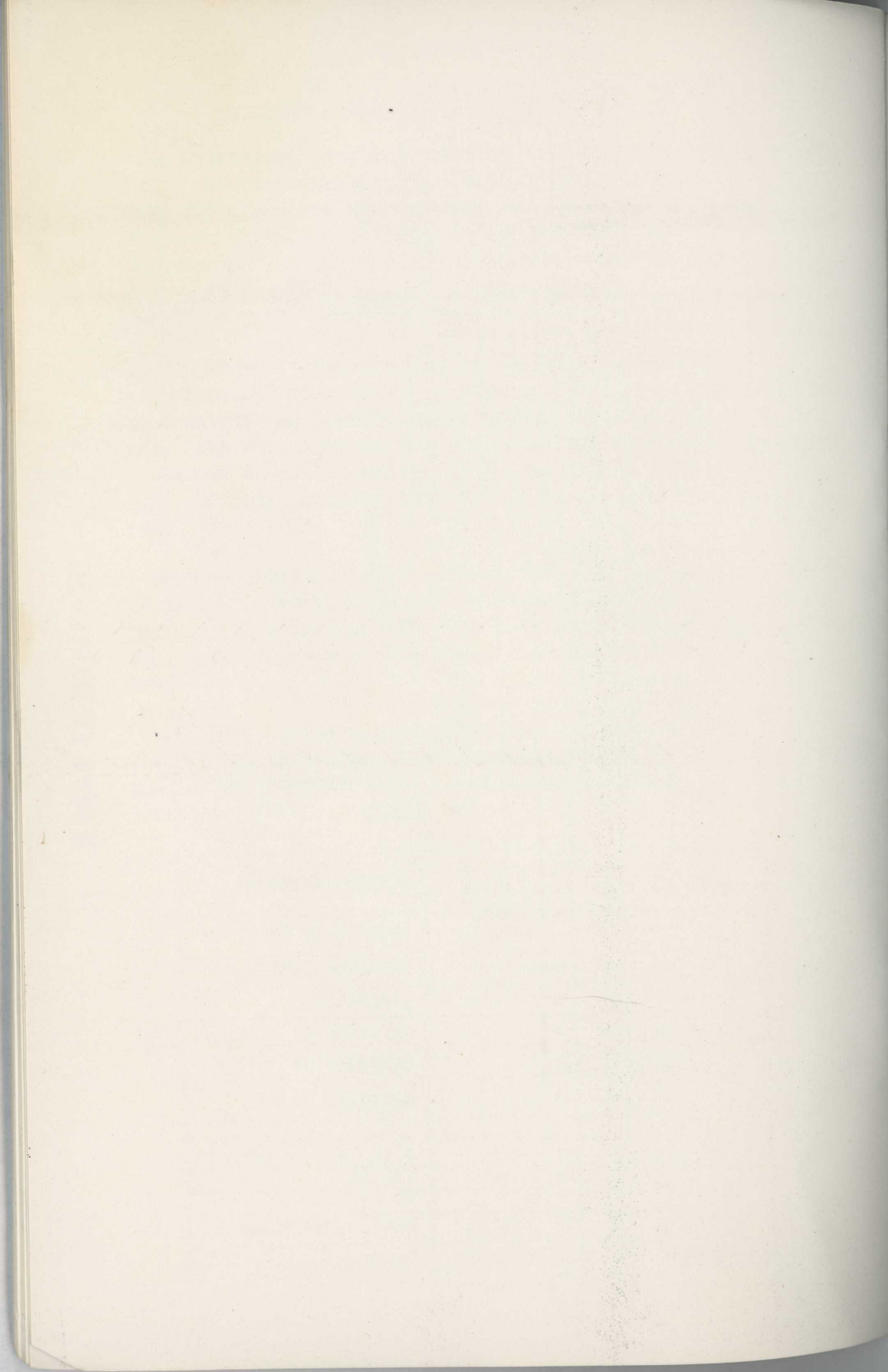
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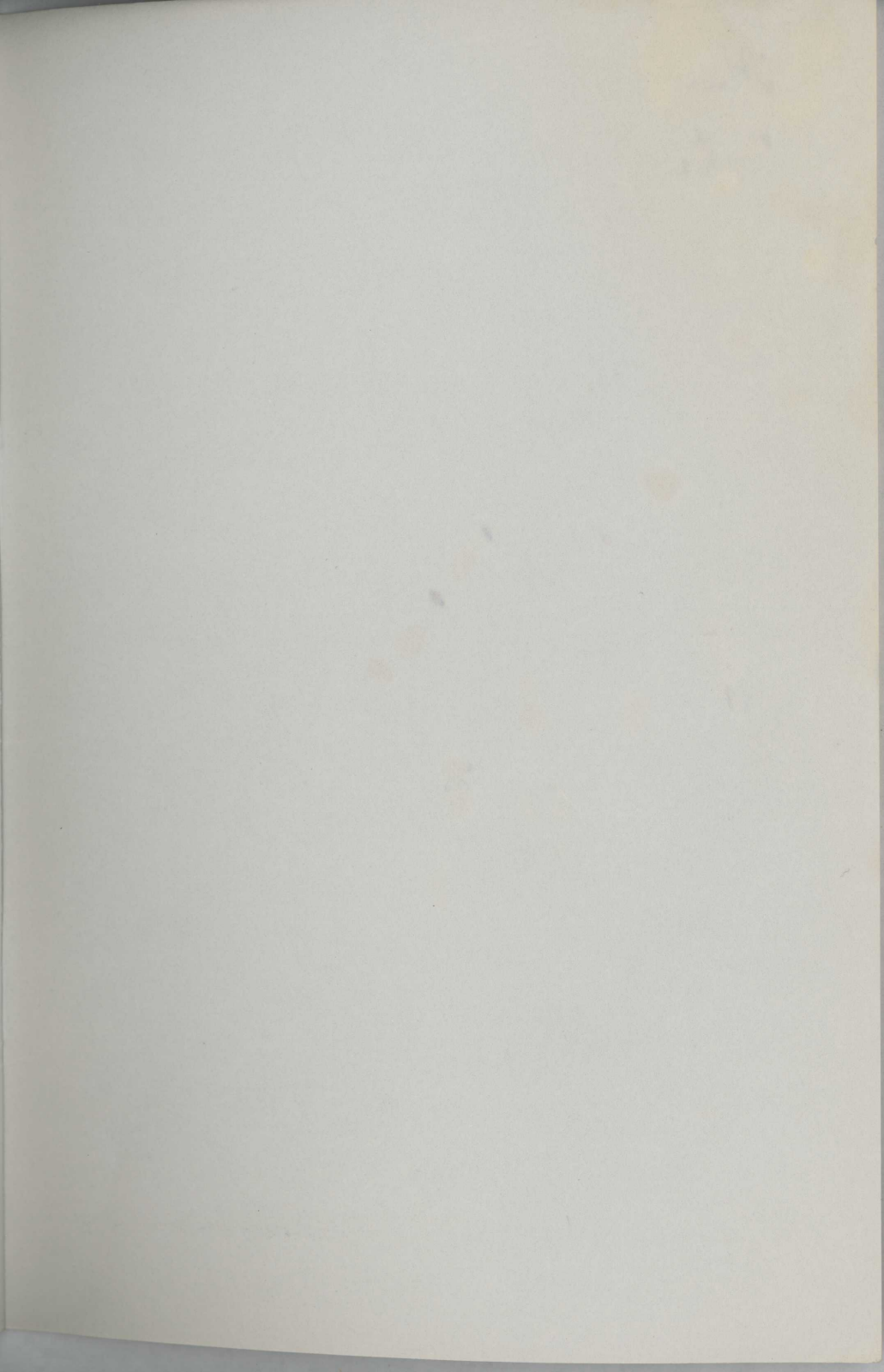
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BOARD CREEK -
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 NC and Laurel Springs, NC
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SEVENTH - Second Sunday
 A brick church building
 South, NC. Take
 mile near Walnut Creek







Man's love life bad.

Doctor - walk 10 mi, take off
20 lb.

Man 2 was later - did
what you said.

Doctor - Hows love life?

Man - Don't know, I'm
140 miles from home

Man at bar fell off stool.

Next man took home,

Wife asked. Where's his
wheel chair
