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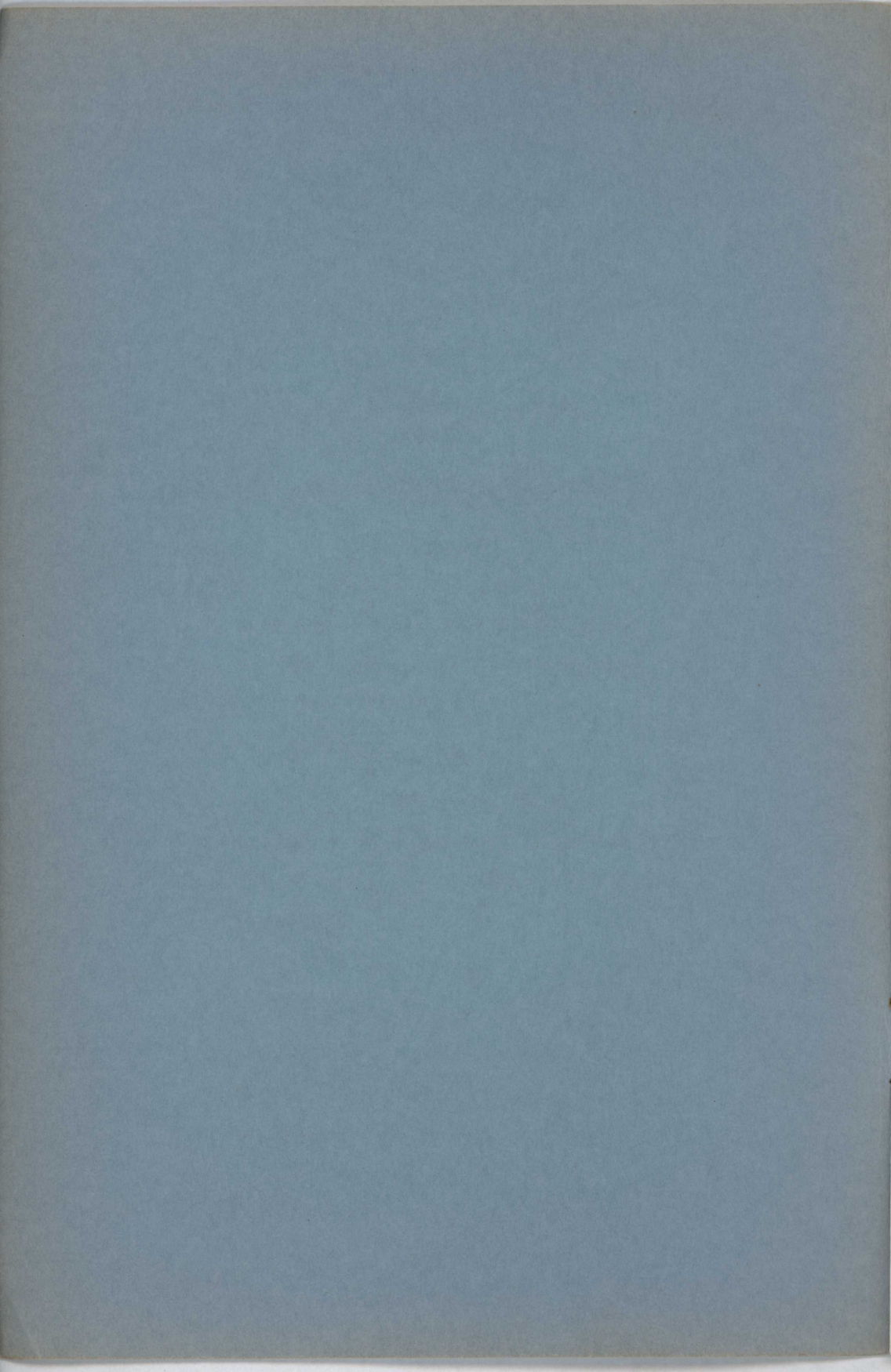
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## Proceedings

Of The Senter District Primitive Baptist Association  
Held At Riverview Church

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1963**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn, from the Mates Creek Association, Ky.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Wiley Hester. Text: Songs of Solomon, 8th chapter, 5th verse.

After twenty minute interval the messengers assembled in the church, called to order with song and prayer by Elder L. V. Bagley from the Union Association, Ga.

On Motion:

First: Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.

Second: The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk.

Third: Call for petition letters, received none.

Fourth: Called for Transient and Visitors from Sister Associations and Churches, the following were seated, given the right hand of welcome:

Mountain Association: N. C.

Elder C. B. Kilby

Elder R. E. Douglas

Elder Walter Evans

Brother and Sister Willie Joines

Brother and Sister John Watson

Brother and Sister J. M. Osborne

Brother Lester Erwin

Brother A. J. Reeves

Brother G. R. Douglas

Brother Raymond Nichols

Brother and Sister Lon M. Reeves

Sister Lella Crouse

Sister Carrie Edwards

Brother and Sister M. A. Jenkins



Sister Pearle Shaver  
Sister Madge Rheedy

Mt. Zion Association: W. Va.  
Brother and Sister Lester Davis

Mates Creek Association: Ky.  
Elder Teddy Ball  
Elder J. H. Blackburn and Wife  
Elder Frank Wheeler and Wife  
Brother Ira Smith, Wife and Son  
Brother Harrison Street  
Sister Bessie Wilson  
Sister Fannie Ball

New Liberty Association: W. Va.  
Elder J. M. Whaling and Wife

Prince William Association: S. C.  
Elder C. J. Deloach  
Elder W. H. Anderson  
Brother Charlie Crapse  
Brother John Crapse

Union Association: Ga.  
Elder L. V. Bagley and Wife

United Primitive Baptist Association: Va.  
Elder Ray Rotenizer  
Elder S. S. Walker  
Brother L. H. Shockley  
Brother Hermon Felts  
Brother Leonard Myers

Old Collins Association: Tenn.  
Elder Avery Land and Wife

West Texas Association: Texas  
Brother Lynn H. Russell

Suwannee Association: Fla.  
Elder Percy Ming and Wife

Mt. Enon Association: Fla.  
Elder Paul R. Mann and Wife

Original Towaliga Association: Ga.  
Sister Ruth Huffman

Independent Churches:

Mont-View Church: N. C.  
Brother D. Burroughs

St. Clairs Bottom Church:  
Brother R. C. Price and Wife  
Sister Ada Walton

Piney Ridge Church: N. C.  
Brother W. C. Johnson

Worrell Memorial Church: Va.  
Elder Wilbur F. Worrell and Wife

Pilgrims Rest Church:  
Elder Tom Ward  
Elder George Presnell  
Brother Archie Matherson  
Brother and Sister Carrol Tester

Sixth: The Moderator make all temporary appointments in this session.

1. Committee on Ministry:  
Brother Carl Ball  
Brother Gaither Blevins  
Elder W. E. Hester
2. Committee on Finance:  
Brother G. E. Kilby  
Brother Bob Speaks  
Brother Gaither Johnson
3. Committee on Arrangements:  
Elder W. E. Hester  
Brother Tom Severt



Brother B. O. Dolinger  
Brother Wiley Severt

Seventh: That the committee on arrangements meet in church after association work closes.

Eighth: To adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow with song and prayer by Elder Frank Wheeler, from the Mates Creek Association.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1963

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder J. M. Whaling from the New Liberty Association.

On Motion:

First: Roll called, absentees excused.

Second: Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted.

Third: The committee on arrangements recommends that we adopt the rule of seating all orderly peace loving Primitive Baptist as visitors.

Fourth: Continue Correspondence with Powell's Valley Association through minutes approved.

Fifth: Rules of Decorum and Constitution to appear in minutes.

Sixth: That minutes be mailed to all visitors.

Seventh: To appoint the clerk as treasurer for overseeing printing of six hundred minutes, also the distribution of same.

Eighth: The finance committee handle the balance of the funds and distribute same, to visiting Elders.

Ninth: Next Association to convene at North Fork Church. Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1964. Located about three miles West of Warrensville, N. C.

Elder G. D. Roten to deliver introductory sermon.

Elder Wiley Hester, alternate.

Tenth: Obituaries to appear in minutes.

Eleventh: Minutes be read and approved.

Twelfth: Finance committee reported, as follows.

Returned from last year .....	\$ 10.00
Received from Churches .....	\$135.50
Total Revenue .....	\$145.50

Expenditures:

Moderator .....	\$ 10.00
Clerk .....	\$ 15.00
Printing and postage of minutes .....	\$ 60.00
Total expenditures .....	\$ 85.00

Thirteenth: Adjourned through prayer led by Elder G. D. Roten and with the Lord's blessings shall gather at the church named above, next session.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator  
 Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk

### ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, August 16, 1963. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder Wiley Hester. Text: Songs of Solomon, 8th chapter, 5th verse.

Friday at stand:

Elder S. S. Walker  
 Elder Ray Rotenizer  
 Elder Edd Douglas  
 Elder Charlie Kilby

Friday Night at Riverview Church:

Elder Teddy Ball  
 Elder W. H. Blackburn

Saturday Morning at stand:

Elder Wilbur Worrell  
 Elder Frank Wheeler  
 Elder W. H. Anderson  
 Elder Teddy Ball



## Saturday Afternoon at stand:

Elder Avery Land  
Elder Walter Evans

## Saturday Night at Riverview Church:

Elder L. V. Bagley  
Elder Wilbur Worrell  
Elder Paul R. Mann

## Sunday Morning at stand:

Elder Percy Ming  
Elder C. J. Deloach  
Elder J. H. Blackburn

## Sunday Afternoon at stand:

Elder Wilbur Worrell  
Elder G. D. Roten

## Sunday Night at Riverview Church:

Elder Paul R. Mann

Elder G. D. Roten moderator closed the three day session through song and prayer.

### ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder W. E. Hester ..... Wilbar, N. C.  
Elder G. D. Roten ..... Fleetwood, N. C.  
Elder Edd Severt ..... Laurel Springs, N. C.

### CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Church Messengers
Bear Creek	— Earl W. Severt 4798 North Cherry St. Winston-Salem, N. C.	Elder W. E. Hester Elder Edd Severt Bro. Earl W. Severt Alt. Sister Ada Severt
Beaver Creek	— G. A. Miller West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Bob Speaks Bro. Gaither Johnson Bro. Ralph Miller Alt. Bro. G. A. Miller

Big Helton — B. O. Dolinger Lansing, N. C.	Bro. G. E. Kilby Bro. B. O. Dolinger Bro. R. J. Blevins Alt. Bro. G. O. Blevins
Horse Creek — Carl Ball West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Millard Davis Bro. Carl Ball Sister Martha Davis Alt. Sister Daisy Ham
North Fork — L. V. Johnson West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. L. V. Johnson Bro. J. F. Miller Bro. J. B. Roten Alt. Bro. D. M. Johnson
Riverview — C. O. Yates Fleetwood, N. C.	Lic. C. O. Yates Bro. Clifford McNeil Eld. G. D. Roten Alt. Bro. T. E. Hartzog
Roans Creek — Mrs. Oscar Burgess West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Frank Thompson Bro. Tom Severt Bro. G. L. Mash
Senter — Rex Jones Crumpler, N. C.	Bro. Norman Brown Bro. Bertie Bare Bro. Rex Jones Alt. Bro. Jess Dixon

### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

#### Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and Their Addresses

Bear Creek — 25	Earl W. Severt, 4798 North Cherry St. Winston-Salem, N. C.
Beaver Creek — 25	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton — 60	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.
Horse Creek — 25	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
North Fork — 30	L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.
Riverview — 30	C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.
Roans Creek — 45	Mrs. G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson, N. C.
Senter — 55	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.



## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

### Association and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Ebenezer — 20	Carroll R. Shuler, Stanley, Va.
Mates Creek — 20	Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.
Mountain — 25	Lon Mac Reeves, Sparta, N. C.
Mt. Zion — 20	J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Piney Grove — 20	S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.
Powells Valley — 20	Clarence Hensley, Pineville, Ky.
United P. B. In Va. — 20	Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va.

### WISHING WELL

To our visiting brethren and friends we of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for your grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering. We feel and now know you also want to continue in furthering the word of God. There is no better way than was affected by your gracious turnout.

In unity there is strength.

Clerk.

### COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our sister churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches. The dates also listed for your convenience.

Bear Creek	1st Sat. and Sun., May 2nd and 3rd, 64
Beaver Creek	4th Sat. and Sun., May 23rd and 24th, 64
Senter	2nd Sat. and Sun., June 13th and 14th, 64
Riverview	3rd Sat. and Sun., June 20th and 21st, 64
North Fork	1st Sat. and Sun., July 4th and 5th, 64
Big Helton	3rd Sat. and Sun., July 18th and 19th, 64
Horse Creek	4th Sat. and Sun., July 25th and 26th, 64
Roans Creek	4th Sat. and Sun., July 25th and 26th, 64

### LEST WE FORGET

In our everyday life of hustle we continually find ourselves forgetting — yes occasionally forgetting even those who when on earth meant so much to us. Especially when in our trials and tribulations they and they alone seemed

the only one of all the people we knew that we could turn to.

Now since through God's Grace they are resting, can but we take time out if only just once a year to make amends for this forgetfulness by sending to us the names you so dearly loved, whereby we all will remember those who preceded us in God's merited slumber.

Do unto others as we would want them to do unto us.  
Clerk.

## Obituaries

### GEORGE ROBERT MASH

George Robert Mash, 86 of Fleetwood, N. C. died August 2, 1963, at the home of Gaither Severt. He had been in declining health for about three year, seriously ill for 2 weeks.

He was united in marriage to Ida Miller, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. J. G. Severt, of Fleetwood, N. C.; Mrs. R. C. Oliver, of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Severt, of West Jefferson, N. C.; one son, Mr. Donald Mash, of Glendale Springs, N. C.; 21 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He united with the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, July 26, 1961. Due to sickness he was never able to attend church, but was always mindful of his profession.

He is missed by all, we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

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### 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 members 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 nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, 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 break 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 reprovved 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 from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual

meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association .

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members 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 appointments, 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 letter, excluded, and dead, since the 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 classical 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 number 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 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 may 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 change 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 Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

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

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the 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 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.

### CHURCHES — PASTORS

- Bear Creek — Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Wiley Hester,  
Elder Ed Severt.
- Beaver Creek — Elder Dewey Roten.
- Big Helton — Elder Dewey Roten.
- Horse Creek — Elder Dewey Roten.
- North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten, and Elder Wiley Hester.
- Riverview — Elder Dewey Roten.
- Roans Creek — Elder Wiley Hester, Elder Ed Severt, and  
Elder A. T. Whittington.
- Senter — Elder Dewey Roten.



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**STATISTICAL TABLE**


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CHURCHES	Sat. of Church Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licenates	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek .....	1	2							1	23	\$ 10.00
Beaver Creek .....	4								1	22	10.00
Big Helton .....	3						3		1	58	22.50
Horse Creek .....	4									23	8.00
North Fork .....	1									27	30.00
Riverview .....	3	1	2							29	16.00
Roans Creek .....	4								1	49	19.00
Sender .....	2			1					4	67	20.00
Total .....		3	2	1			3		8	298	\$135.50

TABLE 1. - STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	Total
Deer Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beaver Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Big Hollow	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Horse Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
North Fork	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Highway	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Rock Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Senter	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

STATISTICS - PART I

- Deer Creek - Elder David Koon, Elder Wm. H. ...
- Beaver Creek - Elder David Koon
- Big Hollow - Elder David Koon
- Horse Creek - Elder David Koon
- North Fork - Elder David Koon, and Elder Wm. H. ...
- Highway - Elder David Koon
- Rock Creek - Elder Wm. H. ... and Elder A. T. ...
- Senter - Elder David Koon



