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May 24, 1980

Elder W. J. Berry, Sr.
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Dear Elder Berry,

The book WELSH TRACT CHURCH AND ELDER JOHN GREEN EUBANKS sells for \$8.95 with a 12 page Addendum, or \$6.95 without it.

I wrote to J. M. Mewborn and asked him if he would like to have a copy of my book for review in his ZION'S LANDMARK and he never replied. I'll write to him again to request that he publish a brief inquiry about the Eubanks family in Martin County.

Thank you for the items you sent me, especially the names and addresses of the clerks of the Meetings in the Kehukee Association. I wrote to Aubrey Dickens, Mary Ward, Mary Hendra, Beatrice Lupton, Esther Beacham, Reeves Smith, Theresa Ayers, Asa Hardison, Ruby Coward, Hassel Allen, Nina Pearson and John Coker to ask them if any of their members would be interested in buying the Welsh Tract book.

The PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY in Streamwood, Illinois, through Mrs. Diane Griffith, inquired about the Welsh Tract book. I sent them a copy and told them that the book sold for \$8.95 retail and a 40% discount for them.

It is too bad that you had to discontinue the P. B. L. Quarterly. Do you still publish OLD FAITH CONTENDER?

The December, 1978, issue of ZION'S LANDMARK contained a beautiful article by J.M.Mewborn about Southampton Old School Baptist Church near Philadelphia. It was interesting to note that Elder Eubanks preached there but I think he was in error when he wrote that Elder Eubanks preached there in the nineteenth century. Elder Eubanks didn't come to Newark until 1902, the twentieth century, but he may have come up from Campbellsburg, Ky. before that, to preach at Southampton.

If I can, I'll type a letter I ran across in a book titled THE ANCESTORS OF ELEANOR BEDFORD WILKINS COOCH AND EDWARD WEBB COOCH that was written by Margaret Cooch Randolph, dated November 16, 1900, when she was 92 years of age. This may be page 13 of the Addendum.

Yours in hope of life eternal,

Percy Roberts

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Dear Elmer Berry,

The book WELSH TRACT CHURCH AND ELDER JOHN EMMETT BURNING sells for \$8.95 with a 12 page addendum, or \$6.95 without it.

I wrote to J. M. Newborn and asked him if he would like to have a copy of my book for review in his ELTON'S LAMARCK and he never replied. I'll write to him again to request that he publish a brief inquiry about the Burnings family in Martin County.

Thank you for the items you sent me, especially the names and addresses of the clerks of the Meeting in the Burnings Association. I wrote to Harry Adams, Mary Ward, Mary Hanna, Beatrice Lippold, Esther Beaman, Rhea Smith, Theresa Ayers, Ann Harrison, Ruby Goodrich, Hester Allen, Nina Pearson and John Goker to ask them if any of their members would be interested in buying the Welsh Tract book.

The PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY in Birmingham, Illinois, through Mrs. Marie Griffin, inquired about the Welsh Tract book. I sent them a copy and told them that the book sold for \$8.95 retail and a 40% discount for them.

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Yours in hope of life eternal,

Elmer Berry

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In the book by Eleanor Bedford Wilkins Cooch titled "The Ancestors of Eleanor Bedford Wilkins Cooch and Edward Webb Cooch" there is an interesting reference to Welsh Tract Church on page 65 in an old letter written by Margaret Cooch Randolph on November 16, 1900, at age 92, which describes life at Cooch's Bridge while she visited William and his wife Margaret Hollingsworth Cooch. Her visits began at the age of 2. At the age of 9 she says:

"I was a merry girl and went to the Baptismals at the Welsh Tract Church near by and was not fascinated with the muddy waters of the Christiana Creek. I rode on a pillion with my dear Aunt to Pencader on the intermediate Sundays. I went my Uncles's way every other Sunday but I well remember the graves of our buried dead at Welsh Tract. My dear Aunt heard her class of slaves every Saturday night - Old Hatfield among them to whom my Uncle gave his freedom, but when two weeks had passed, he was in the chimney corner and said that there was no freedom like Massa's kitchen and Missus Chimney corner."

The founding editor of ZION'S LANDMARK was Elder L. I. Bodenheimer, M.D. in 1867 at Salem, (now Winston-Salem) N.C. The present editor is Elder J. M. Mewborn, of Willow Springs, N.C. 27592.

In the December, 1978, issue there is an article and picture of Southampton Old School Baptist Church, written by Elder Mewborn. In it, he stated that among the Elders who had preached there during the nineteenth century were J. G. Eubanks, A. B. Francis and Ephraim Rittenhouse of Delaware.

Mrs. Jacklyn Davis Johnson of Garner, N.C. wrote to tell me that her friend, Dorothy Clark Williford used to take her Aunt and Grandmother to Kehukee Association Meetings. Dorothy Williford said that the Eubanks family in Martin County, N.C. were there before the Revolutionary War. She said that the Kehukee Association was formed out of the Philadelphia Association. The members of Skewarkey Church have all died but the Martin County Historical Society keeps up the church now.

Jacklyn Johnson and Dorothy Williford went to Spring Green Church and Skewarkey Church. The doors were locked but they looked in the windows. Both churches still have the slave balconies. At Skewarkey they saw the grave of Elder Cushing B. Hassell, 1809-1880 and next to it his son, Sylvester Hassell, 1842-1928, for whom Elder Eubanks named his son, Sylvester Hassell Eubanks.

If you drive east on U.S. 64 and pass through Darden, just before you reach the Washington County line, you turn north on a dirt road near the creek and from there on up to the Roanoke River is known as Welsh Neck.

There is a town in Martin County named Hassell, after Elder Cushing B. Hassell.

Dorothy Williford's Mother, who was a Wynn, said that she remembered an Elder Eubanks in the area and when he died he left a large amount of money to one of the Primitive Baptist Churches in the area. These Eubanks people must be distantly related to Elder John Green Eubanks; it would be interesting to find out just how close they are to Elder J. G. Eubanks and his progeny.

Shiloh Baptist Church was organized in 1727 and this was the oldest Primitive Baptist Church in North Carolina. Beargrass Church, Spring Green Church and Skewarkey Church, with others, must have been organized at later dates. Kehukee and North Creek churches were constituted in 1742, Falls Tar River Church was constituted in 1757, Rocky Swamp Church in 1774, Flat Swamp Church in 1776 and Skewarkey Church in 1787. Spring Green Church was not constituted until 1811 and Bear Grass Church was not constituted until 1829.

In 1975, there were 75 members of Falls Tar River Church, Tarboro Church had 38 Members, Norfolk Church (constituted in 1910) had 29 members. The total membership of the Association was 337. It will be interesting to find out what the membership is today, five years later.

Letters were sent to some of the clerks of the larger membership churches about this book, in the hope that others might learn of the history of Welsh Tract Church and one of its most beloved ministers, Elder John Green Eubanks.



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