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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE
160TH. ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
KEHUKEE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



Organized 1765

Held With the Church at

SPRING GREEN

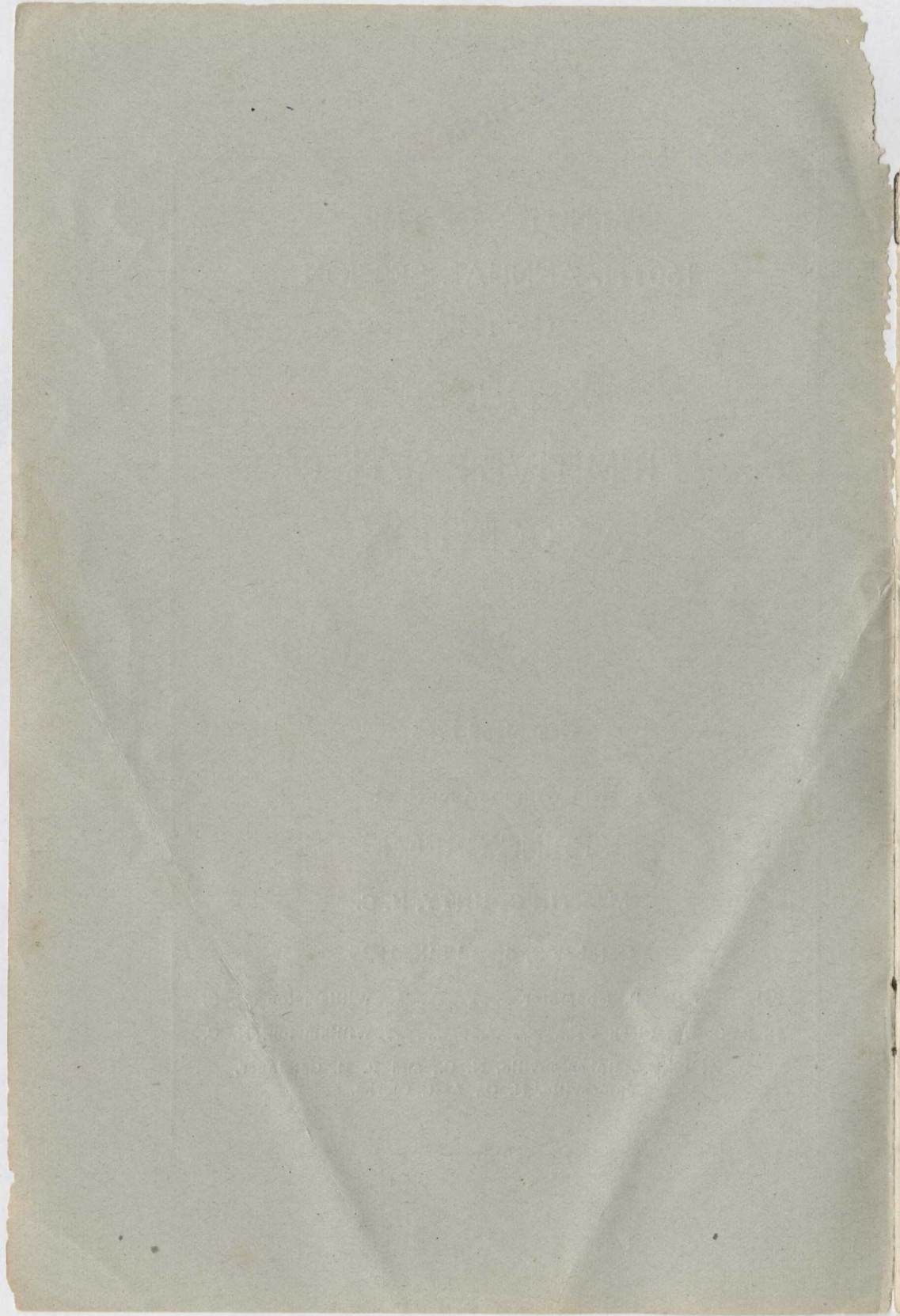
MARTIN COUNTY, N. C.

October 3, 4 and 5th, 1925

Sylvester Hassell, Moderator ----- Williamston, N. C.

B. S. Cowin, Clerk ----- Williamston, N. C.

R. A. Bailey, Robersonville, N. C., and P. E. Getsinger,
Jamesville, N. C., Asst. Clerks.



PROCEEDINGS

The 160th Annual Session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association was held with the church at Spring Green, Martin County, N. C., October 3, 4 and 5, 1925.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Harrington from 1st Timothy 4:16.

After an intermission of one hour the Association came together and was organized, after prayer by Elder J. C. Moore, with Elder Sylvester Hassell, Moderator, and B. S. Cowin clerk, who called to his assistance Brethren R. A. Bailey and P. E. Getsinger.

It was agreed that brethren from Sister Associations be invited to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

On finance, Elder J. C. Moore and Bro. J. J. Manning, on preaching. Moderator, Clerk, Elder W. E. Grimes and Brother R. L. Taylor.

The following visiting elders were present:

F. W. Keene, L. H. Hardy, C. B. Hall, C. F. Demy, A. L. Harrison, R. E. Adams, W. M. Monsees, J. T. Spencer, E. C. Oakes, W. R. Craft, J. S. Corbitt, R. H. Pittman, D. A. Mewborn, H. F. Hutchins, Luther Joyner and L. H. Mewborn.

The following elders were present from Kehukee Association:

W. B. Strickland, W. E. Staton,, W. B. Harrington, J. C. Moore, Sylvester Hassell, J. N. Rogerson, A. B. Denson, J. L. Ross, N. H. Harrison, J. B. Harrell, D. W. Topping, J. B. Roberts, W. M. Stubbs, W. E. Grimes, J. C. Smith, J. T. Shaw and B. S. Cowin.

The following elders preached at the stand this afternoon.

Elder R. E. Adams from Isaiah 28:5, 6.

J. T. Spencer, Jonah 2:9.

E. C. Oakes, Acts 10:33.

Sunday Morning

C. F. Denny, 2nd Timothy 4:12.
N. H. Harrison, Romans 8:35-39.
F. W. Keene, Romans 11:24.

Sunday Afternoon

C. B. Hall, 1st Cor. 13:13.
A. L. Harrison, Romans 8:35.
R. H. Pittman, 2nd Cor. 4:6-10.

Monday

W. M. Monsees, St. John 10:6.
D. A. Mewborn, Eph. 2:19-22.
The preaching was comforting.

Letters from 36 churches were received and read, and the names of messengers and standing of churches were enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence, when the following were received:

Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Eld. J. S. Corbitt and Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Elder C. B. Hall and Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, Elder R. E.

Adams and Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Senter District—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Ocmulgee—No intelligence.

Mountain District—No Intelligence.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Utopia—Minutes.

New River—No Intelligence.

Notaway—No intelligence.

Corresponding, Va.—Minutes.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Roaring River—W. R. Craft and Minutes.

Salisbury—Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Walter Blackman and Minutes.
Salem—Minutes.
Echeconne—Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Primitive Ebenezer—No intelligence.
White Water—No intelligence.
Ebenezer—Eld. R. H. Pittman.
Ketocton—Eld. A. L. Harrison and Maurice Schwab.
Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.
Cuivre Siloam—Minutes.
Zion—Minutes.

The following brethren agreed to visit the following Associations:

Contentnea—Elder J. L. Ross.
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Grimes.
Elder J. L. Ross was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.
Petitionary letters called for, none received.

It was agreed our next Association be held with the church at Sparta, Edgecombe County, N. C., first Sunday and Monday after. Elder N. H. Harrison was appointed to preach introductory sermon and Elder J. L. Ross his alternate: worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned to meet again Monday at 9 o'clock.

Worship to begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY

The Association pursuant to adjournment met at 9 o'clock and was opened with prayer and praise by Elder J. N. Rogerson, and proceeded to business.

The names of messengers were called over, those absent marked in table of churches.

The corresponding letter was called for, read and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The finance committee reported as follows:
In hands of clerk at close of last Association—\$95.00

Paid for printing -----	\$43.90
Clerks Fees -----	25.00
Postage -----	4.30
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	\$73.20
Leaving in hand of clerk -----	\$21.80
Received from churches -----	208.25
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Total -----	\$230.05

After defraying expenses of traveling ministers, \$90.00 was left with clerk to pay expense of printing and distributing minutes.

The following elders agreed to preach for the church at South Quay, Va.

Elder Sylvester Hassell in July.

It was agreed that articles of faith and decorum be published in these minutes.

It was agreed that if any member of this Association be present with any Association with which we correspond, that he is authorized to represent this Association:

Resolved: First, this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehaviour on or around the Association grounds while in session, and will endeavor to punish the same to the full extent of the law, and that it recommends to the churches of this Association that they have their places of worship incorporated to protect them from lawlessness.

It is agreed this Association return thanks to God for the excellent weather and all other blessings, and to the brethren and friends of the entire community for their liberal hospitality in the entertainment of this Association.

It is agreed our clerk have 2,000 copies of these minutes printed and sent to him for distribution among the churches of this Association and the Associations with which we correspond; that he record a copy on our records, and that he be paid \$25.00 for his services.

There being no other business before the Association, it was adjourned to the time and place appointed, with singing and benedictions by the moderator.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWIN, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter

The Kehukee Association now in session with the church at Spring Green, Martin County, N. C.

To the members, messengers and ministers composing it, and the Associations with which we correspond, greetings:

Dear Brethren: The dear Lord has wonderfully blessed us as to enable us to meet together to praise God and adore His holy name and have no confidence in the flesh. We desire to thank the God of heaven and earth for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us. We desire to thank Him for the gift of His dear Son, who died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

May our dear Lord bless us to come together in the bonds of love and peace which He alone can give.

The Association is not a court to bring our troubles into. It was set apart by our fathers who were moved by the spirit of God to sing His songs of love and to speak of His name and mercy.

The next session of our Association is appointed to be held with the church at Sparta, Edgecombe County, N. C., first Saturday, Sunday and Monday in October 1926 if the Lord will, where we hope to meet again.

J. L. ROSS.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWIN, Clerk.

List of Ministers and Their Addresses

N. H. Harrison, Pinetown, N. C.
Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.
W. B. Strickland, Hobgood, N. C.
J. N. Rogerson, Williamston, N. C.
A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
J. A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.
D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C.
B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
W. B. Harrington, Jamesville, N. C.
A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. B. Harrell, Oak City, N. C.
W. E. Staton, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Tilghman Sawyer, Grimesland, N. C.
W. M. Stubbs, Pinetown, N. C.
W. E. Grimes, Williamston, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Sharpsburg, N. C.
J. L. Ross, Stokes, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.

Licentiates

J. W. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C.
T. F. Holladia, Columbia, N. C.
W. B. Atkins, Heathville, N. C.
M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C.
W. B. Clifton, Plymouth, N. C.
C. L. Robins, Rocky Mount, N. C.

List of Clerks and Their Addresses

Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peel, Williamston, N. C.
Bethlehem—J. B. Holladia, Columbia, N. C.
Beulah—Caddie McKinney, Scranton, N. C.
Briery Swamp—C. L. James, Stokes, N. C.
Conetoe—C. C. Dawson, Tarboro, N. C.
Concord—A. W. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Conoho—B. L. Johnson, Oak City, N. C.
Cross Roads—Bennie Snell, Hobgood, N. C.
Deep Creek—Bennett Moore, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Falls Tar River—W. H. Worsley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Flat Swamp—E. C. House, Robersonville, N. C.
Flatty Creek—W. W. Eves, Weeksville, N. C.
Great Swamp—Nana Brown, Greenville, N. C.
Hopeland—Jarrett White, Whitakers, N. C.
Hamilton—Jesse Johnson, Robersonville, N. C.
Jamesville—J. B. Allen, Jamesville, N. C.
Kehukee—J. W. Butts, Enfield, N. C.
Lawrence—A. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Lebanon—Wilson B. Harrell, East Lake, N. C.
Morattock—W. B. Clifton, Plymouth, N. C.
Mount Zion—A. M. Hyman, Hobgood, N. C.
North Creek—J. C. Smith, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Pungo—J. H. Carter, Pungo, N. C.
Providence—Fred Perry, Kitty Hawk, N. C.
Rocky Swamp—T. J. Lewis, Rosemary, N. C.
Singleton—Sarah T. Alligood, Washington, N. C.
Skewarkey—J. H. Mizell, Williamston, N. C.
South Matamuskeet—D. M. Carrawan, R. 2, Box 37,
Swan Quarter, N. C.
South Quay—Lucy Savage, Franklin, Va.
Sparta—E. P. Williamson, Tarboro, N. C.
Smithwick's Creek—P. E. Getsinger, Jamesville, N. C.
Spring Green—S. L. Grimes, Robersonville, N. C.
Tarboro—B. J. Thigpen, Tarboro, N. C.
Williams—C. H. Spivey, Tarboro, N. C.
White Plains—W. W. Bowen, Pinetown, N. C.
Robersonville—R. A. Bailey, Robersonville, N. C.
Norfolk—W. E. Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe in the being of a God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and that this God has revealed Himself, in His word, under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

II. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be of Divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

III. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life; and that this election is particular eternal and unconditioned on the creature's part.

IV. We believe that, when God made man at first, he was perfect, holy and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head, or representative, of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience, or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

V. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude, and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death; and, for that original transgression, we are both guilty and filthy in the sight of our holy God.

VII. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which he has ordained) the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing, by Divine grace, to receive the offers of mercy.

VIII. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

IX. We believe, in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

X. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His Grace, shall persevere in holiness, and never fall finally away.

XI. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works; not in the Old Covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

XII. We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized according to God's word, and that such ought to be baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

XIII. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences, of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

XIV. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

XV. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

XVI. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

XVII. Lastly, we do believe that, for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association way, wherein each church ought to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches in conference; and that the decision of matters in such Associations are not to be imposed, or in anywise binding, on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

Preamble. From a long series of experiences we the Church of Christ, are convinced of the necessity of coming together as often as may be in order to hold conference, and to discharge our duty in watching over each other as Christ has commanded.

Ordered therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in her future conferences. We will not forsake the house of God or the assembling of ourselves together. Neh. X 39. Heb. X. 25.

Article 1. The conference shall be composed of the members of this church, together with any member of sister churches that are present in fellowship, of the same faith and order, who have liberty to seats with us. Acts IV. 23: XV. 6.

Article II. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer to Almighty God. 1st Timothy 11:1 1 st. Thes. V. 17, 18.

Article III. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of Bro. Moderation, and to whom every speech shall be particularly addressed. 1st Cor. XIV, 26-40.

Article IV. The members' names, being regularly enrolled, shall by the clerk be regularly called over, and a significant mark put to the names of all absent members. Acts. 1,15. Neh. 11, 18: IV, 20.

Article V. A door shall be opened (when thought necessary) for the admission of new members into the church; but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and who shall first verbally relate their experience, or give an account of the work of God on their souls; and secondly, of their faith and principles (if the church shall require it) and thirdly the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct, and when full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Pastor, Deacon or Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving them in form, 1st Peter 3:15 Gal. 2:19.

Article VI. No complaint shall be brought into conference against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matthew XVII, 15-17.

Article VII. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. 1st Cor. XIV, 40.

Article VIII. Every query presented shall be thrice read, and before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it

shall be answered or not, but the querist may withdraw it at any time, provided also that no intricate query shall be imposed or asked.

Article IX. If the minority be grieved, at any time, at the determination of the majority, they are directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

Article X. All the business of conference shall be recorded by the clerk, and, before conference rises, the same shall be distinctly read if need be.

Section 1. Any member refusing to attend conference, the same is disorder.

Section 2. Any member absenting himself or herself from conference, without leave, the same is disorder.

Section 3. Any member whispering or laughing in time of public speech, the same is disorder.

Section 4. If two or more shall speak at one time, or any member speak without rising up and addressing the Moderator, the same is disorder.

Section 5. Any member speaking moroe than three times on one subject without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

Section 6. Any member being grieved at anything done in conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until conference rises, and shall afterwards speak of it, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 7. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in a threatening, degrading manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 8. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or in behaving in any manner irreverently in time of conference, the same is disorder in him, and himself is for the same liable to be reprovved.

Section 9. The woman hath not right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in the church, only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

Section 10. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when conference shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Mo. Meetings	Baptised	Recd. by Let	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Contribution	Total
Bear Grass	Martin	Eld. J. N. Rogerson, B. S. Cowin	3	2	--	--	--	--	3	\$ 8.00	72
Bethlehem	Tyrell	E. G. West, J. A. Bodwell	3	2	1	--	--	3	7.00	35	
Beulah	Hyde	C. C. Cullipher, W. B. Harrington	2	--	--	1	--	--	2.20	28	
Briery Swamp	Pitt	J. L. Ross, G. N. Warren	2	1	--	--	--	2	10.00	46	
Concord	Washington	J. E. Ambrose, J. A. Furlaw	4	1	--	--	--	2	7.00	34	
Conoho	Martin	Eld. J. B. Harrell, J. L. Johnson	3	--	--	--	1	3	5.00	29	
Conotoz	Edgecombe	C. C. Dawson	3	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	11	
Cross Roads	Edgecombe	Eld. R. E. Adams, Bennie E. Snell	2	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	6	
Deep Creek	Halifax	Bennett Moore, Sam Moore	2	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	6	
Falls Tar River	Nash	Mark Calhoun, W. D. Melton	2	3	--	--	1	5	12.00	119	
Flat Swamp	Martin	Z. D. F. White, Lester House	1	1	2	--	--	4	10.00	47	
Flatty Creek	Pasquotank	Wm. Lowry	4	1	--	--	4	--	3.00	25	
Great Swamp	Pitt	Marcellus Fleming, Eld. J. B. Roberts	4	1	2	--	--	--	10.00	31	
Hamilton	Martin	Eld W. E. Grimes, Jesse Johnson	2	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	5	
Hopeland	Nash	Eld. J. C. Moore, W. L. Armstrong	1	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	49	
Jamesville	Martin	Luther Hardison, W. A. Lee	1	1	--	--	--	--	5.00	14	
Kehukee	Halifax	T. L. House, J. W. Butts	3	1	2	--	--	--	5.00	32	
Lawrence	Edgecombe	Eld. W. E. Staton, A. Strickland	4	--	1	--	--	--	8.00	17	
Lebanon	Dare	No Intelligence	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Mount Zion	Halifax	W. B. Strickland, A. M. Hyman	1	1	--	--	--	1	3.00	20	
Moratock	Washington	Eld. N. H. Harrison, W. B. Clifton	3	6	--	--	--	1	2.00	38	
North Creek	Beaufort	G. Slade, J. C. Smith	3	--	--	--	1	--	2.50	27	
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	J. C. Cutrell	3	--	--	--	--	--	3.10	18	
Providence	Currituck	B. F. Perry, A. B. L. Tillett	4	2	--	--	--	--	8.40	49	
Pungo	Beaufort	J. W. Paul, D. C. Downs	2	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	14	
Robersonville	Martin	D. F. Roberson, R. A. Bailey	1	--	--	1	--	1	15.00	44	
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	W. S. Brown	2	1	--	--	--	2	1.50	22	
Singleton	Beaufort	Eld. T. Sawyer, J. D. Ward	2	--	--	--	--	2	3.00	16	
South Matamiskeet	Hyde	C. F. Benson, J. L. Baum	2	6	--	--	--	3	5.00	51	
South Quay	Southampton Co., Va.	Lucy Savage	1	--	--	--	--	3	1.00	1	
Stewartkey	Martin	Eld. S. Hassell, J. H. Mizell	2	--	--	--	--	1	5.00	24	
Sparta	Edgecombe	S. Dudley, M. Stancel	4	--	--	--	--	1	2.00	10	
Smithwick's Creek	Martin	Kader Lilley, Eld. W. B. Harrington	4	8	--	--	--	5	15.00	100	
Spring Green	Martin	Eld. W. E. Grimes, S. L. Grimes	4	1	--	--	2	--	10.00	60	
Tarboro	Edgecombe	W. D. Brown, W. A. Armstrong	1	1	--	1	--	1	5.00	25	
White Plains	Beaufort	H. C. Boyd, R. V. Waters	1	--	--	--	1	2	5.00	35	
Williams	Edgecombe	C. H. Spivey, Van Vick	2	1	1	--	1	--	5.00	20	

