

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**Lower Country Line  
Association**

HELD WITH THE

**Church at Surl**

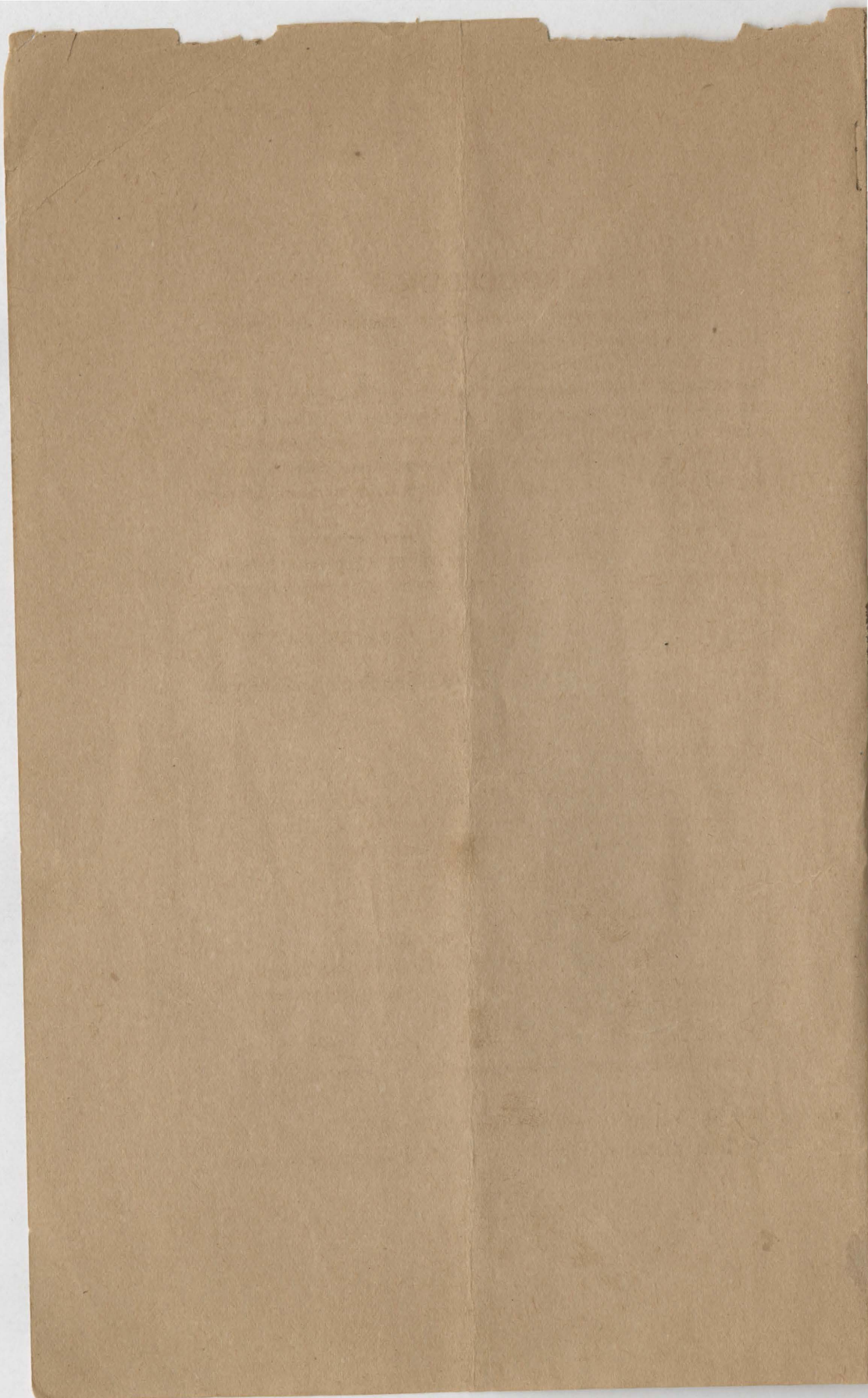
**Person County, N. C.**

**August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1908**

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## PROCEEDINGS

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. P. Terry, from Ephesians 1:3 to 5.

2. After an intermission of one and a half hours, the messengers from the several churches met in the house, and the association was opened by Elder A. L. Moore, from Mayo after which the association proceeded to business.

3. On motion Brother W. A. Warren was chosen moderator, Brother J. H. Gooch, clerk and Brother G. C. Farthing, assistant clerk.

4. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

5. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to take seats with us; whereupon the following were received:

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and Brother W. M. Boykin and minutes.

From Little River—Elder W. A. Simpkins and Brother S. D. Coley and minutes.

From Bear Creek—

From Baltimore Md. —

From Fisher's River —

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and minutes.

From Upper Country Line—Brethren W. R. Clayton, Albert Whitfield and J. W. Gilliam and minutes.

From Mayo—Elder A. L. Moore.

From New River —

From Kehukee—Minutes.

From Abbotts Creek—Elder W. M. Monsees and minutes.

From Contentnea—Elder D. A. Mewborn and minutes.

From Smith's River—Elder A. D. Short and minutes.

From Mill Branch—

From Yellow River, Ga.—Elder G. W. Rowe.

From Echeconnee, Ga.—Elders W. J. Heard and J. A. Monsees.

From Central Ill.—Elder Marion Bartley.

6. The deacons of Surl church with the moderator and

clerk were chosen a committee of arrangements and Brethren D. R. Clayton and Dr. H. E. Satterfield committee of finance.

7. Elders G. W. Rowe and Marion Bartley were appointed to preach at the stand this evening. Elder Rowe preached from Proverbs 8:6, and Elder Bartley from Romans 5:8.

8. Articles of faith, form of government and rules of decorum of this association is hereby ordered to be annexed to our minutes.

9. Letters from the several churches composing the association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table hereunto annexed.

10. On motion the association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

5 p. m. preaching at the stand by Elder D. A. Mewborn from first John 2:2.

#### SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 2, 1908.

10 o'clock services were opened at the stand by Elder P. D. Gold, from John 1:4, and closed by Elder W. A. Simpkins, from first Corinthians 15:21.

Sunday p. m., after an intermission of one and a half hours, services were opened by Elder W. J. Heard, from Deuteronomy 32:1-8 and closed by Elder A. L. Moore from John 6:37-38.

#### SUNDAY FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Preaching from the stand by Elder Isaac Jones from Luke 9:60.

#### MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 3, 1908.

11. The association met in the church at 9 o'clock according to adjournment. After praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, proceeded to business.

12. The committee of finance reported as follows:

Cash in hand of Clerk from 1907.....	\$ .00
Received from churches and friends.....	80.00
EXPENDITURES.	
Printing minutes and postage.....	\$15.00

Allowed Clerk for services.....	10.00
Given to visiting ministers.....	55.00
Total .....	<u>\$80.00</u>

Reports received and committee discharged.

13. The report of committee of arrangements received and approved.

14. Messengers appointed at our last session to visit sister associations called upon to make their report. The reports were satisfactory. Those failing to attend were excused.

15. Circular letter called for; received, read, and approved and ordered to be annexed to these minutes.

16. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek—Brother G. C. Farthing.

Black Creek—Brethren G. C. Farthing, W. A. Warren and Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

Baltimore—Minutes

Little River—Elders S. P. Terry and T. Y. Monk and Brethren G. C. Farthing, H. J. Rogers and Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

Upper Country Line—Elder T. Y. Monk and Brethren G. C. Farthing, Dr. H. E. Satterfield, W. A. Warren, J. C. Taylor, J. A. Carver, and H. J. Rogers.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes

Mayo—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Brother G. C. Farthing.

Contentnea—Brethren J. C. Taylor and Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

Smith's River—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

17. Elders S. P. Terry, J. J. Hall, T. Y. Monk and J. W. Peed, were chosen to attend a section meeting at Shiloh on the first Sunday and Saturday before in April 1909. And Elders S. P. Terry, T. Y. Monk and J. W. Peed were chosen to attend another section meeting at Stories

Creek on the third Sunday and Saturday before in April 1909.

18. Brother G. C. Farthing was chosen to write a circular letter to be read and annexed to our minutes at our next association.

19. Agreed that we hold our next association with the church at Ebenezer in Person county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in August 1909, and continuing three days and that Elder J. J. Hall preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Peed be his alternate.

#### MONDAY TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. M. Monsees from Ruth 1:21, followed by Elder A. D. Short from Ephesians 2:14, and closed by Elder J. A. Monsees from Matthew 1:21.

20. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and association with whom we correspond.

21. Ordered that our moderator have bill presented to next general assembly, of North Carolina, for the incorporation of this association, with sufficient authority to prohibit trading and trafficking and other misbehavior that may interfere with our worship.

22. Resolved 1. That we return thanks to God, as much as in us is, and to the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for their liberal hospitality and kindness in the entertainment of the association.

2. That this association discountenances and forbids any and all kinds of trading misbehavior on or around the church grounds, when and where it is being held, and will in the future endeavor to punish same.

23. The above proceedings of the association were read by the clerk, after which the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next annual session.

W. A. WARREN, Moderator

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk.

G. C. FARTHING, Assistant Clerk.

### CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

- Camp Creek—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.  
Flat River—W. R. Blalock, Roxboro, N. C., R. F. D.  
Mount Zion—Thomas M. Chandler, Buffalo Junction, Va., R. F. D. No. 1, Box No. 8.  
Stories Creek—W. D. Yarboro, Roxboro, N. C.  
Surl—J. K. Duncan, Surl N. C.  
Tar River—J. C. Taylor, Hargrove, N. C.  
Wheelers—W. A. Warren, Hurdle Mills, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.  
Ebenezer—Henry A. Clayton, Roxboro, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.  
Eno—J. M. Wood, Durham, N. C.  
Mount Lebanon—J. W. Garard, Durham, N. C., R. F. D. No. —  
Durham—G. C. Farthing, Durham, N. C.  
Shiloh—Mrs. Winnie Hall, Woodsdale, N. C.  
Roxboro—H. J. Rogers, Roxboro, N. C.

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### CIRCULAR LETTER.

Roxboro, N. C., May 23, 1908.

Dear Brethren—It has become my duty, by request of you all to write the circular letter for your consideration at the next session of the Lower Country Line association.

With much love and fellowship to you all, may grace be multiplied abundantly to us all, and peace on earth, good will toward all men, all glory, honor, power, and dominion be ascribed to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our eternal head, the mighty counsellor, the everlasting Prince of Peace, head over us all and in us all. If we be his by resurrection of the dead, who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light, we, who were dead in trespasses and sins, yet in due time has he quickened us into a lively hope by grace.

We are saved by grace through faith and not of works lest we should boast, for it is no more of works, but by grace and grace alone. A free and unlimited gift of the Holy Ghost and the everlasting love of our Heavenly Father, who first loved us, and called us by his loving kindness through his dear Son Jesus Christ, who is our resurrection. What a wonderful Savior? No wonder David could say holy and reverend is his name. Let all that is within me praise him. How easy it is for us to speak as did the dear children of Israel:

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truths sake.

When we have learned by experience that our deliverance and perfection are in the Lord, that it is the perfect work of our Heavenly Father through his Son Jesus Christ, that we are glorified with the same glory that he had with the Father before the world was, who has ever perfected them that are his, yes, purged them and made them as white as snow. Giving them an equal inheritance, with him in glory for-ever and ever.

Dear brethren pray for me that I may contend earnestly for this precious faith, for it is the truth. When time will be no more with me, may I go home to my Heavenly Father to praise him forever and ever.

Your little brother, I hope,

J. J. H. PERKINS.

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#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We the messengers of the several churches composing the lower Country Line Association agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

First. We believe in the being of 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 character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. 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 man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testament.

3. 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 unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgressions he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.



5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

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

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual work of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again will persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's 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 principal of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

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#### FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Lower Country Line Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats in the association pro-

vided the church is in peace at the time appointment is made.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed the number of members in full fellowship, the number received by experience and baptism, the number received by letter, the number dismissed by letter, and the number excommunicated, and those who died since the last association was held.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the United Primitive Baptist, known as the Lower Country Line Association, being composed of churches in the counties of Durham, Granville and Person, North Carolina, and Halifax county, Va., which shall have no power to lord it over the churches composing it; nor shall it have any power over any church or infringe upon the rights of any church in the union.

4. The association when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by members composing it. The moderator to be chosen annually at each association; the clerk to continue in office during his pleasure or the pleasure of the association.

6. New churches may be admitted into the union by a written petition presented by messengers with letter, and upon examination if found orthodox and orderly, it may be manifested by the moderator giving the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association, but shall have only three messengers from each church.

8. Every query presented by any messenger in the association shall be read and before it shall be debated the moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether or not it shall be debated, and if a majority votes for debating, the query shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made by any messenger which receives a second shall be considered by the association, unless it be withdrawn by the messenger offering it.

10. The association shall furnish the churches in the union with minutes of its proceedings.

11. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the association, and recommend that each church composing it voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper, and send by their messenger to the association,

which money shall be placed in the hands of the clerk who shall account for the same, and pay it out as directed by the association.

12. The clerk shall have a book wherein shall be recorded the proceedings of each association, as well as a record of the dates of each association and each section meeting. When associations and section meetings are held at the different churches in the union, for which he shall receive a yearly compensation.

13. The association shall provide for the general union of churches, and shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same. Shall give churches all necessary advice when called upon to do so; shall inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church not represented at each association; shall appropriate the money contributed by the church for association fund to any purpose it deems proper; may appoint any member or members by and with their consent transact any business connected with the association; shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the association or deviates from the orthodox principles of our faith.

14. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the association in every way except to vote.

15. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority vote.

16. The minutes of the association shall be read and approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before adjournment.

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#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator in beginning his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the association while in conference, without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

10. The moderator shall not speak on any question before the association until all the others messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after which any messenger having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any rules of the association shall be dealt with by the association as it deems proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS											Total Number In Fellowship	Contributions
		Rcd'd by Baptism	Rcd'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased						
Camp Creek	J. A. Herndon, W. H. Alken and J. H. Gooch	4										44	\$8.16
Flat River	D. A. Hicks, W. R. Bialock and E. S. Brocks	5	3		2						1	50	5.50
Mt. Zion	Geo. B. Hite and Eugene Falkner	7	1									16	7.75
Roxboro	E. J. Rogers, J. M. O'Bryant and J. A. Carver											44	7.50
Suri	Elder J. W. Feed, D. R. Clayton and John S. Clayton	3	1		2						1	39	7.00
Stories Creek	J. H. Clayton, John B. Harris and W. D. Yarboro											39	4.00
Tar River	T. H. Jones, J. C. Taylor and W. H. Dean											123	2.10
Wheeters	W. A. Warren, A. V. Moore and J. P. Long											11	7.50
Ebenezer	H. A. Clayton, and John Howes											30	5.25
Mt. Lebanon	Elder S. P. Terry, W. T. Bacon and J. W. Garrard											59	5.75
Durham	G. C. Farnling, Dr. H. E. Satterfield and Elder J. Hall											31	18.30
Eno	Elder S. P. Terry	1			2							3	8.30
Shiloh	Sisters Gabriel Bailey and Nannie Hall											4	2.00
		20	5	1	9						14	523	71.61



