

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Upper Canoochee Association

OF

Regular Primitive Baptists

Convened With

HEBRON CHURCH

Emanuel County, Georgia

October 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1918

Officers:

Elder Lee Hanks, Moderator

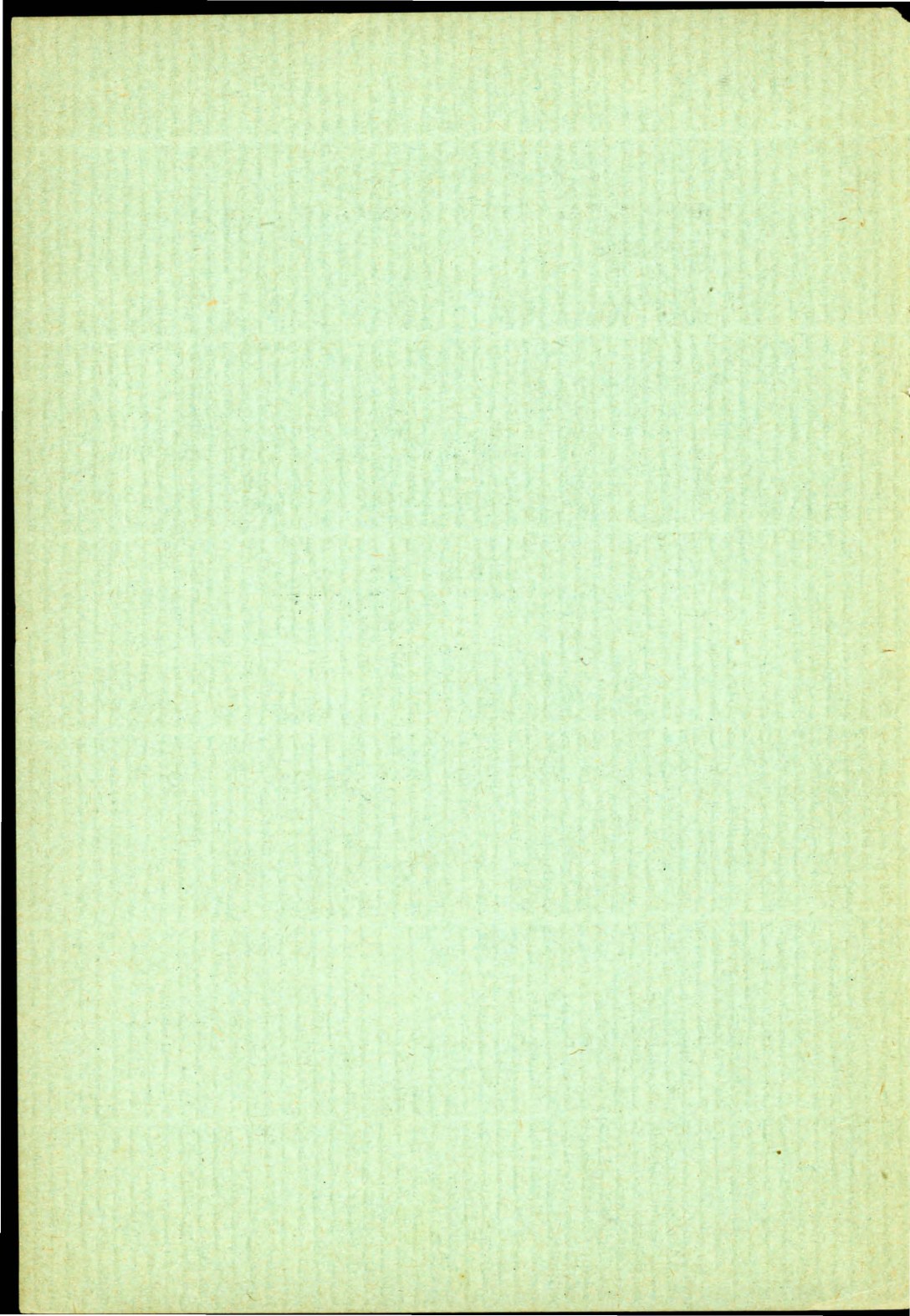
Elder J. B. Wilson, Clerk

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Vidalia, Ga.

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Summit, Ga.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association convened in its eighty-ninth annual session with the church at Hebron, Emanuel County, Georgia, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1918.

1. Prayer by Elder J. M. Murray of the Upotai Association.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. M. Murray of the Upotai Association. Text St. Luke 16th chapter and 16th verse "The law and the prophets were until John, since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man, presseth into it.

2. After one hour intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder W. A. Simmons of Prince Williams Association.

3. Called for and read letters from twelve churches.

4. Organized the body by re-electing Elder Lee Hanks moderator and Elder J. B. Wilson clerk.

5. Invited ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

6. On motion read the decorum.

7. Called for petitionary letters, received one from Stapleton church and seated the delegates.

8. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—J. R. Hill, A. J. Youngblood, H. J. Kight together with the messengers of this church.

To Arrange General Meetings—G. W. Cowart, J. B. Wilson, T. L. Burroughs.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—J. R. Hill, J. S. L. Rabun and T. N. Youmans.

To Write Corresponding Letter—W. L. Barrett, M. A. Ricco and A. I. Warren.

On Finance—A. J. Youngblood, T. N. Youmans, H. J. Kight.

9. Called for correspondence and received the following: from Lott's Creek Association, Elders H. B. Wilkerson brethren Mallie Denmark; A. N. Akins, D. C. Banks and C. M. Anderson, Elder Henry Swain, J. J. Brannen, J. W. Smith, A. V. Blackburn, J. M. Alderman, J. S. Allen, M. C. Jones, L. B. Akins, Jasper Mallard.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder W. W. Howell, A. W. Davidson.

Primitive Echeconnee—Not represented.
Prince Williams—Elder W. A. Simmons.
Upatoi—Elder J. M. Murray.
New Beulah—Not represented.

10. On motion adjourned until Saturday 8:30.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY 8:30 A. M.

11. The association met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by Elder H. B. Wilkerson, of Lott's Creek Association

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence and received Elder A. P. Tucker from the Mt. Olive Association, Elder H. Temples and brethren G. W. Young and Lewis Young.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows:

To the Lott's Creek Association which convenes with Lott's Creek church 1½ miles of Register and 7 miles of Statesboro, I. C. Stubbs, W. L. Barrett, M. A. Ricco, J. P. Cannady, J. J. Coleman.

To the Ebenezer Association which convenes with the church at Trail Branch, in Bleckley County, Georgia, 10 miles of Cochran and 8 miles of Chester on the W. & T. railroad, Elder Lee Hanks, J. M. Tharp, Elder H. V. Hill, I. C. Stubbs, Elder J. B. Wilson, J. D. Morris.

To the New Beulah Association which convenes with Pleasant Hill church 5 miles of Eastman, Friday before the Second Sunday in October 1918. Elders H. V. Hill, Lee Hanks, P. H. Byrd, W. E. Cribbs, E. Brantley and J. J. Coleman.

To the Upatoi which convenes on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in September, 1919 at Proper church in Taylor County, Georgia, on the A. B. & A. railroad at Rupert, 5 miles away, Elders Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, H. V. Hill.

To the Prince Williams Association which convenes with Prince Williams church, Hampton County, S. C., 4 miles east of Brunson on the C. & W. C. railroad, to begin on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1918, Elder J. B. Wilson, Isaac B. Wilson.

To the Echeconnee Association which convenes with Shilo church Tuesday after the Third Sunday in September 1919, 7 miles west of Macon. Elders Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, M. A. Ricco, I. C. Stubbs, J. S. L. Rabun.

15. Called for report of committee to arrange General Meetings who report as follows: We recommend three General Meetings, first Vidalia in March, second Oak Chapel in June, third Stapleton in August, each to begin on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion appointed our next Association to convene with Pilgrim's Rest church Johnson County, Georgia, 3 miles south of Kite and 3 miles of Meeks on Friday before the First Sunday in October 1919.

17. We recommend the printing and distributing of 1000 copies of these minutes, the clerk to superintend the same and have \$10 for his services.

18. Called for and adopted the circular letter.

19. Called for contributions and received for minutes \$32.75 and for visiting ministers \$59.05.

20. Called for the report of the committee to examine the corresponding minutes who reported nothing to claim our attention.

21. Called for miscellaneous business.

22. On motion adjourned for preaching and closed until our regular time and course. Prayer by Elder M. A. Ricco of the body.

23. Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their generous hospitality during this meeting and praying God's richest blessings to rest upon them all.

ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator,

ELDER J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday a. m.—Introductory by Elder J. M. Murray.

Friday p. m.—Elders W. L. Barrett and H. Sanders.

Saturday a. m.—Elder W. A. Simmons, followed by Elder W. W. Howell.

Saturday p. m.—Elder H. Temples, followed by Elder A. P. Tucker.

Sunday a. m.—Elder H. B. Wilkinson, followed and closed by the moderator. Prayer by Elder H. V. Hill.

(It was a most glorious meeting. The preaching was able and comforting to the Lord's people. It was a great feast indeed.)

A RESOLUTION.

Wherefore the committee on preaching having appointed Elder Homer Sanders to preach on Friday p. m. Having since been informed that charges were against him and his church withdrawn from by a sister church of the Lott's Creek Association. We the association regret and beg forgiveness

for having preached brother Sanders, as we propose and must recognize the action of our sister churches who are in fellowship with us. We trust this will be satisfactory with our sister association with whom we correspond.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the sister associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:—

Through the goodness and mercies of God we have been permitted to meet again in peace and love, for which we give thanks to Him who doeth all things well.

We gladly receive your correspondence and greatly appreciate your love and fellowship. We highly esteem your zeal and faithfulness to the cause of our blessed Redeemer and God.

We bid you all God speed in earnestly contending for the faith and order of God's house. Pray for and visit us.

Our next session will convene with Pilgrim's Rest church, Johnson County, Georgia, 3 miles of Kite.

ELDER M. A. RICCO,

ELDER A. I. WARREN

ELDER W. L. BARRETT, Com.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder L. M. Anderson, Summit, Ga.; Elder H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.; Elder J. B. Wilson, Summit, Ga.; Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.; Elder C. B. Spivey, Metter, Ga.; Elder J. J. Kersey, Adrian, Ga.; Elder W. A. Beasley, Collins, Ga.; Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.; Elder E. W. Powell, Statesboro, Ga.; Elder W. E. Cribbs, Helena, Ga.; Elder M. A. Ricco, Vidalia, Ga.; Elder W. L. Barrett, Vidalia, Ga.; Elder P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Lewis Meeks, Adrian, Ga.; Isaac Wilson, Garfield, Ga.; G. N. Johnson, Kite, Ga.; I. W. Proctor, Garfield, Ga.; M. H. Lamb, McLeod, Ga.; Loyd Bishop, Garfield, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. M. Murray, Ellaville, Ga., Upatoi Association.
Elder H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga., Lott's Creek Association.
Elder W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga., Ebenezer Association.
Elder H. Temples, Statesboro, Ebenezer Association.
Elder A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga., Mt. Olive Association.
Elder W. A. Simmons, Hampton, S. C., Prince Williams Association.
Elder Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saint's feet an example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

DECORUM.

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.

3. This Union shall have a moderator and a clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their office until the next election.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended if necessary, and signed by the clerk and moderator

6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegation.

7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this association, and no more.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the association.

9. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

11. There shall be no whispering or talking in time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

12. Whenever a case decided by vote, there shall be no debating on the subject.

13. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.

14. It is and has been the sense of the churches composing the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church, member or minister who holds the following: boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious societies that do now exist or may hereafter exist, found upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

15. It is the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to

inquire into the cause of the break, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the break cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they are reclaimed.

16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this association previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This association shall be composed of messengers, from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers if they choose and no more, and the messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this association to give her best advice in case of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

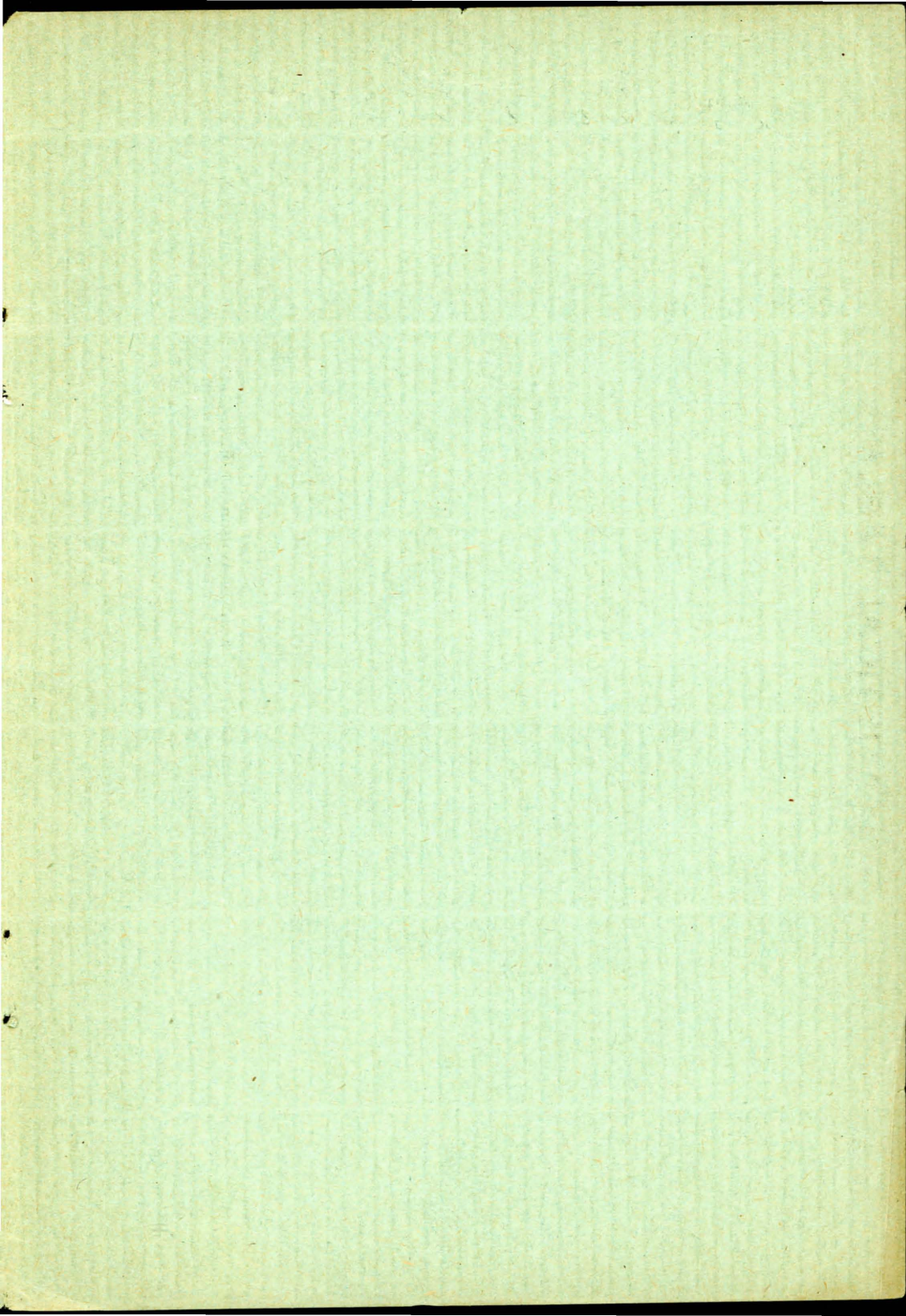
5. This association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore this association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Words of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law, but under grace.

STATISTICAL TABLE

COUNTIES And CHURCHES	Year Constituted	PASTORS	CLERKS And POSTOFFICES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Con. of Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Recomm'd	Excluded	Died	Present Mem'sh.	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Sabbath Meetings	Communion Meetings
Bethel			R. L. Lamb	J. B. Wilson												
Emanuel ...	1908	I. B. Wilson	Summit, Ga.	T. L. Burroughs..					1..		118	1.50	\$2.00		3	May & Aug.
Canoochee		H. V. Hill and	E. T. Coleman	J. R. Hill												
Emanuel ...	1818	P. H. Byrd	Graymont, Ga. ...	W. R. Brown					1..		259	3.00	5.00		1	May & Aug.
Hebron			W. M. Johnson	G. W. Cowart												
Emanuel ...	1804	P. H. Byrd	Garfield, Ga.	W. M. Johnson ..	2			1..	2		262	3.00	10.00		4	May & Aug.
Long Creek			C. P. Williams													
Emanuel	1888	S. M. Anderson ...	Midville, Ga.	Not Represented ..											2	May & Aug.
Mt. Zion			D. R. Durden	John Love												
Emanuel	1873	J. A. Bowen	Norristown, Ga..	J. W. Durden ...	3..	4	1	2..			542	4.00	7.05		4	May & Aug.
Mt. Nebo																
Emanuel	1806	.....	.....	Not Represented ..												May & Aug.
New Hope			T. N. Youmans	A. J. Youngblood												
Emanuel	1818	Lee Hanks	Swainsboro, Ga..	T. N. Youmans ..				1	3..		343	2.50	5.00		3	May & Aug.
Oak Ridge			H. B. Braddy	H. J. Kight												
Emanuel	1891	M. A. Ricco.....	Vidalia, Ga.	M. A. Ricco			1	1..			237	2.00	5.00		1	May & Aug.
Oak Chapel		J. A. Bowen and	Ira Thigpen	J. M. Tharp												
Montgomery	1911	W. F. Anderson..	Soperton, Ga. ...	J. P. Cannady ..	1	1..		1	7..		23	1.50	5.00		2	May & Aug.
Lewis			D. W. Johnson													
Jenkins	1900	S. M. Anderson ...	Thrift, Ga.	Not Represented ..											3	May & Aug.
Pilgrims Rest			W. D. Riner	W D. Riner												
Johnson	1909	H. V. Hill	Kite, Ga.	J. J. Kersey	4	1	2..		3	3..	60	2.00	3.00		4	July
Rock Hill			J. H. Hutchinson	J. D. Morris												
Emanuel	1900	H. V. Hill	Soperton, Ga.	Stanley Wilson ..	3						70	1.50	2.00		3	May & Aug.
Rosemary Hill			J. H. Oliff	Richard Donaldson												
Candler	1875	E. W. Powell	Summit, Ga. ....	.....							35	3.00	5.00		2	May & Aug.
Stillmore			W. B. Cannady	A. I. Warren												
Emanuel ...	1880	C. B. Spivey	Stillmore, Ga.	W. B. Cannady ..			3..		5	1	140	2.00	5.00		1	May & Aug.
Vidalia			J. B. Johnson	Lee Hanks												
Toombs ...	1912	Lee Hanks	Vidalia, Ga.	W. L. Barrett ...	11		6..		9..		331	1.50	3.50		4	June
Stapleton		Lee Hanks and	I. R. Rabun	I. S. L. Rabun												
Jefferson ...	1918	W. L. Barrett...	A. I. Brooks							14	1.00	1.50		1	June



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