

# MINUTES

OF THE

## KETOCTON

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HOLDEN AT

## GOOSE CREEK MEETING HOUSE,

LOUDON COUNTY, VA.

AUGUST, 1816.

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## THE ASSOCIATION

*Thursday, 15th.* The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder *John Monroe*, from Acts 24, 14—15. "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."

The Association then convened, and being introduced by singing and prayer, letters from 37 churches were read and enrolled as follows.

*Note.* Ministers' names are in SMALL CAPITALS; an \* denotes not present; a — no intelligence—their number stands as at their last correspondence.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGRS.	Ministers or Pastors of each Church.	Stated days of preaching	Baptized.	Restored.	Rec. by Let.	Dismissed.	Excommu- n.	Deceased.	Total in fel- lowship.	Contri- bution for print- ing minutes.	D. C.
Ketocton	Benj. Hiskett Th. Humphrey	HENRY TOLER	4							16	50	
Mill Creek	JNO. HUTCHESON Robert Lemon Jona. Vanmeter	JNO. HUTCHESON	3	4		3	2			43	1 00	
Broad Run	Owen Thomas Wm. Hunton William Green	WM. FRISTOE	1&2	2		4	3	3		87	1 25	
Chapawam- sic	WM. FRISTOE George Copin Wm. Sedwick	GEO. C. SEDWICK	1	7		2	7	4	2	142	1 00	
Waterlick	Isaac Chrisman W. M. C. BUCK	SAM. O. HENDRON	4	15		1	3	1		58	50	
New Brent Town	Wm. Grant *John Edrington	GEO. C. SEDWICK	3	8		1	1	3		102	50	
Tumb Run	Peter Laurence R. Hickerson	BENJ. DAWSON	4		1	13	1			138	1 50	
Back Lick	JAMES REID James Burke Henry S. Holly	JAMES REID	2	16	1	4	5	3	5	160	2 00	
Buck Marsh	John Castleman John Ship	HENRY TOLER THORNTON	1	14		1	1	3		198	1 00	
Hedgeman River	T. STRINGFEL- LOW, Jas. Dodd	STRINGFELLOW	4	18		1	1			150	1 00	
Occoquan	PHILIP SPILLER John Sullivan Wm. Pearson	PHILIP SPILLER	3	1			6	1		85	75	
North River	JOHN MONROE	JOHN MONROE	1				1			11	50	
New Valley	Henry Stephens Agust. Sanford	WM. GILMORE	3	2		1	2	1		24	75	
Happy Creek	WM. NORTHERN Thomas Buck Wm. Headley	BENJ. DAWSON	2	12	1	1	5	1	3	86	50	
Frying Pan	Nat. Barker T. Kitchen	<i>James Reid</i>	3		1		1			62	75	
Union	Tunis Peters Richard Blue	JOHN MONROE	4				3	1		37	50	
GooseCreek	Thomas Priest James Wornell	WM. GILMORE	1			3	2	2	2	127	1 50	
Little River	ROBERT LATHAM James Hixon	ROBERT LATHAM	1	1		2	3	1		82	1 00	
Longbranch	George Love John C. Herndon	ROBERT LATHAM	4	2		3	1	1		72	1 00	
				108	4	22	61	21	21	1680	17 50	

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		<i>Brought forward</i>	Sun.	108	4	22	60	21	21	1680	17	50
Hartwood	*Geo. Eastham		3					3		61		75
North Fork	WM. GILMORE											
	Joseph Garrot	WM. GILMORE	2	4		1	4			71	1	12½
Coar	FRANCIS MOORE	FRANCIS MOORE	2						2	53		
Benezer	A. Humphrey											
	Jesse Carter	WM. FRISTOE	3			2			1	50		91
Leesburg	Charles Gulate											
	Samuel Buck	WM. GILMORE	4	4	1	2	1			44		50
Pat's. Creek	JOHN ARNOLD	JOHN ARNOLD	2				6			36		50
Bethel	SAM.O.HENDRON											
	James Sowers	SAM.O.HENDRON	3	7	3	2	2	2	3	102		50
South River	George Oakley											
	John Holmes	WM. NORTHERN	1	1		2			2	17		50
Nanjemoy	William Perry			16		1	1		1	66	1	00
Tim. Ridge		JNO. HUTCHESON	4							10		
Up. Goose	Philip Cooksey											
Creek	Valentine Leach	BENJ. DAWSON	3			2		3		30		53
Big Capeon.	Charles Simmons	JOHN ARNOLD	4			1				23		50
Salem	Humph. Brook											
	Michael Pierce	WM. FRISTOE	4	1			5			33	1	00
Rockhill	GEO.C. SEDWICK											
	Robert Beaty											
	Harbersn. Broad- shaw	GEO.C. SEDWICK	4			2				48	1	00
Grove	Geo. Eastham											
	Wm. George	GEO.C. SEDWICK	2	11		1	1	2	1	80		75
Bethlehem	Francis M. Lewis											
	Moses Cockrell	ROBT. LATHAM	2	5		2	1			53		50
Zion	Jacob McKay											
	Greg. Glasscock	JNO. HUTCHESON	1			4				30		75
Little Caca- peon	JOHN ARNOLD							1		10		25
Winchester	Joseph Stump	JOHN ARNOLD	1									
	Charles Potter											
	A. R. Thornton	SAM.O.HENDRON	2							21	1	00
				157	8	42	82	30	34	2520	29	56½

1st. Elder JOHN MONROE chosen Moderator, Br, Thomas Buck Clerk and George Love Assistant Clerk.

2nd. Elder ROBERT JONES and Brother ——— Neal were invited to take seats amongst us.

3rd. The church at Winchester recently constituted, having sued for admission into this Association, and having given satisfactory evidence of her faith and practice, was received by giving the right hand of fellowship to her Messengers Brothers Charles Potter and Anthony R. Thornton.

4th. The corresponding letter from Shiloh Association being read, their Messengers Elders WM. MASON, LEWIS CONNER and AMBROSE BOOTON, were invited to take seats amongst us.

5th. The corresponding letter from Baltimore Association being also read, the messenger Elder LEWIS RICHARDS was invited to a seat amongst us.

6th. Elder WILLIAM FRISTOE, Bro. George Love, Elder THORNTON STRINGFELLOW, Bro. William Hunton and Elder FRANCIS MOORE, with the moderator and clerk are appointed a committee to arrange the business to be taken up by the Association.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, August 6th. The Association being convened, after divine service proceeded to business as follows.

7th. Elders BENJAMIN DAWSON, and WM. Y. HITER were invited to take seats amongst us.

8th. The query and request from Hedgman River is laid over until the next Association; which query reads as follows. We have witnessed with amotions of pity the unhappy condition of our slaves and many others who cannot read, and that it is the duty of the Lords people to devise some measure for their instruction, bringing themselves strangers to religion and very frequently placed under the government of such as never take any pains to instruct them, they are illey prepared to profit by the public ministry. This circumstance together with the disregard which prevails for their situation by professing christians, is the cause perhaps of that immorality and inattention which so much abound among persons of this class.

We should be thankful for advice on this point, as we feel much at a loss to know in what manner to remedy so great an evil. Moreover, brethren, we think it would be of your regard to consider the situation of that generation in the system of whose instruction the word of God has been entirely laid aside.

9th. Query from Zion. Is it sinful or a breach of fellowship for a man who is a baptist by profession, to give consent to his wife to have their children sprinkled?

Answer. It is sinful and a breach of fellowship, in as much as infant sprinkling is an unscriptural practice, and if such a course of conduct is persisted in it should undoubtedly subject such a member to excommunication.

10th. On motion of Elder SAMUEL O. HENDRON, seconded by Elder GEORGE C. SEDWICK, it is resolved to write a letter of correspondence to Goshen Association. Elder GEORGE C. SEDWICK is appointed to write the letter.

11th. Elder WILLIAM C. BUCK, is appointed to write the letter to the Shiloh Association.

12th. Bro. Humphrey Brook is appointed to write the letter to the Baltimore Association.

13th. Elders SAMUEL O. HENDRON and GEORGE C. SEDWICK are appointed to bear the letter to the Goshen Association.

14th. Elders ROBERT LATHAM, THORNTON STRINGFELLOW and SAMUEL HENDRON are appointed messengers to the Shiloh Association.

15th. Elder JOHN MONROE (if his health will permit) with Elders FRANCIS MOORE and JAS. REID are appointed messengers to the Baltimore Association.

16th. The church at Back Lick having requested a division of the Association, the subject is laid over to the next association for the consideration of the churches to be requested to express their wish on this subject.

17th. Elders LATHAM, HENDRON, and ARNOLD are appointed to arrange the visitation meetings.

18th. Elder SAMUEL O. HENDRON is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.

19th. Elders MOORE, SEDWICK, CONNER and BOOTEN are appointed to preach tomorrow, and Elders, RICHARDS, HITER, MASON, and MONROE on Lords day. After divine service adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Saturday, August 17th. The Association being convened after divine service proceeded to business,

20th. The next association is to be holden at North Fork meeting house in Louisa County, Virginia, commencing on Thursday preceding the 3rd. Lords day in August next at 11 o'clock.

The visitation meetings are arranged as follows.

1st. At Nanjemoy the last Saturday and Lords day in September next to be attended by Elders JAMES REID and WILLIAM C. BUCK.—The same days at north to be attended by Elders GILMORE and HUTCHESON.

2nd. At Winchester on the fifth Lords day in December and the Saturday preceding, to be attended by Elders WM. FRISTOE and J. MONROE.—The same days at Hartwood, to be attended by Elders GEORGE C. SEDWICK and JAMES REID.

3rd. At Big Cacapeon on the 5th Lords day in March next and the Saturday preceding, to be attended by Elders ROBERT LATHAM and THORNTON STRINGFELLOW. The same days at South River to be attended by Elders BENJAMIN DAWSON

WILLIAM C. BUCK.

4th. At Upper Goose Creek on the 5th. Lords day in June, to be attended by Elders WM. GILMORE and JOHN ARNOLD. The same days at Buck Marsh, to be attended by Elders JOHN MONROE and SAMUEL O. HENDRON.

The circular letter being brought forward was read and approved of.

2nd. The letter to Goshen Association read and approved of.

3rd. The letter to the Baltimore Association being brought forward and read, approved of.

4th. The mission business being taken up, the Association are of opinion that work is laudable and resolve to use their influence to promote it by recommending it to the churches to raise funds within the several districts, and forward on to the next association by their messengers, to be appropriated to foreign or domestic missions as they themselves may think proper, or if they please, to leave the discretion of the Association to be appropriated as their better information direct.

Resolved, that the Association make choice of a Secretary for the purpose of corresponding with the board of foreign missions in Philadelphia, Elder Thornton Stringfellow is accordingly chosen as corresponding secretary.

5th. Bro. Thomas Buck is appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes of this association with the aid of Bro. C. Potter.

The business of this Association having been gone through; After divine worship adjourned until the next Association in course.

JOHN MONROE.  
THOS. BUCK.

*Texts preached from, at the Stage, during the Association.*

Thursday August 15, Introductory Sermon by Brother Monroe, from A cts 2 Chap. 14, 15, Verses.

Friday—Brother Jones, from Rev. 1st. 5, 6, Vers.

Brother Richards, from 1 Thessalonians 1st. and 5th. Ver.

Brother Booton, from Romans 10th and 15th. Ver.

Saturday—Brother Moore, from Job 9th and 2d. Ver.

Brother Conner, from Titus 2d, and 14th. Ver.

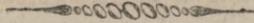
Brother Sedwick, from Leviticus 4th and 20th Ver.

Brother Booton, from Romans 3d and 31st. Ver.

Lords day—Brother Richards, from John 8th and 24th. Ver.

Brother Hiter from Numbers 32d and 23d. Ver.

Brother Monroe, from Psalms 89th and 15 and 16th Vers.



### CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Elders and Messengers composing the Fetocton Association, to the several churches they represent, sendeth Christian Salutation.*

#### BELOVED BRETHREN.

We have once more been favoured with the endearing privilege of meeting in our associated capacity, and we bless the great head of the church for that degree of peace and spiritual felicity which we have enjoyed while together. You will perceive, brethren, from the face of our minutes that objects of the first magnitude were placed before us for deliberation; some of them, such in their nature as to require more time for maturity and decision than our present short interview affords.

From all the churches we received the pleasing intelligence of peace among themselves. Very generally there has been some addition made to their numbers. And at no period, do we remember to have received intelligence of such universal attention to the word preached. The times brethren, in which we have the happiness to live are eventful. Strong indications do appear that the "latter days" long desired are drawing near, "when the mountain of the Lords house shall be established upon the tops of the mountains and all nations shall flow unto it," "when the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of one day as the light of seven." The christian world appears engaged in one powerful effort to unfurl the glorious banner of the Lord Jesus to the nations. And while we indulge the sweet reflection that it is now waving in heavenly triumph upon the ramparts of idolatry and superstition in the east, it is also pleasing, yea doubly pleasing, brethren, to find that in many parts of our own country the triumphs of the cross have been divinely glorious during the past and present year. Oh that God may give us copious showers of divine mercy. But, brethren, be assured that when "deliverance" is granted to Zion, the flood-gates of hell will be opened by the advent for her destruction. Accordingly, we find that under various specious and deceptive pretences "another gospel" is exhibited in many directions with different degrees of ardor and success, by which it is to be feared many will be allured to perdition. It therefore becomes you brethren, doubly to be on your "watch" that

not of bitterness spring up among yourselves, and that your armour be kept bright. Strive to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Diligently read the word of God which is able to make you wise unto salvation. "Contend *with meekness and earnestness* for the faith once delivered to the saints." "Let no man beguile you of your reward." In short, brethren, study in all your different relations, and in all your different stations and situations to glorify God. Now, brethren, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Signed by order of the Association

JNO. MONROE, *Modr*

THO. BUCK, *Clk*