

Minutes

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
ORIGINAL MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

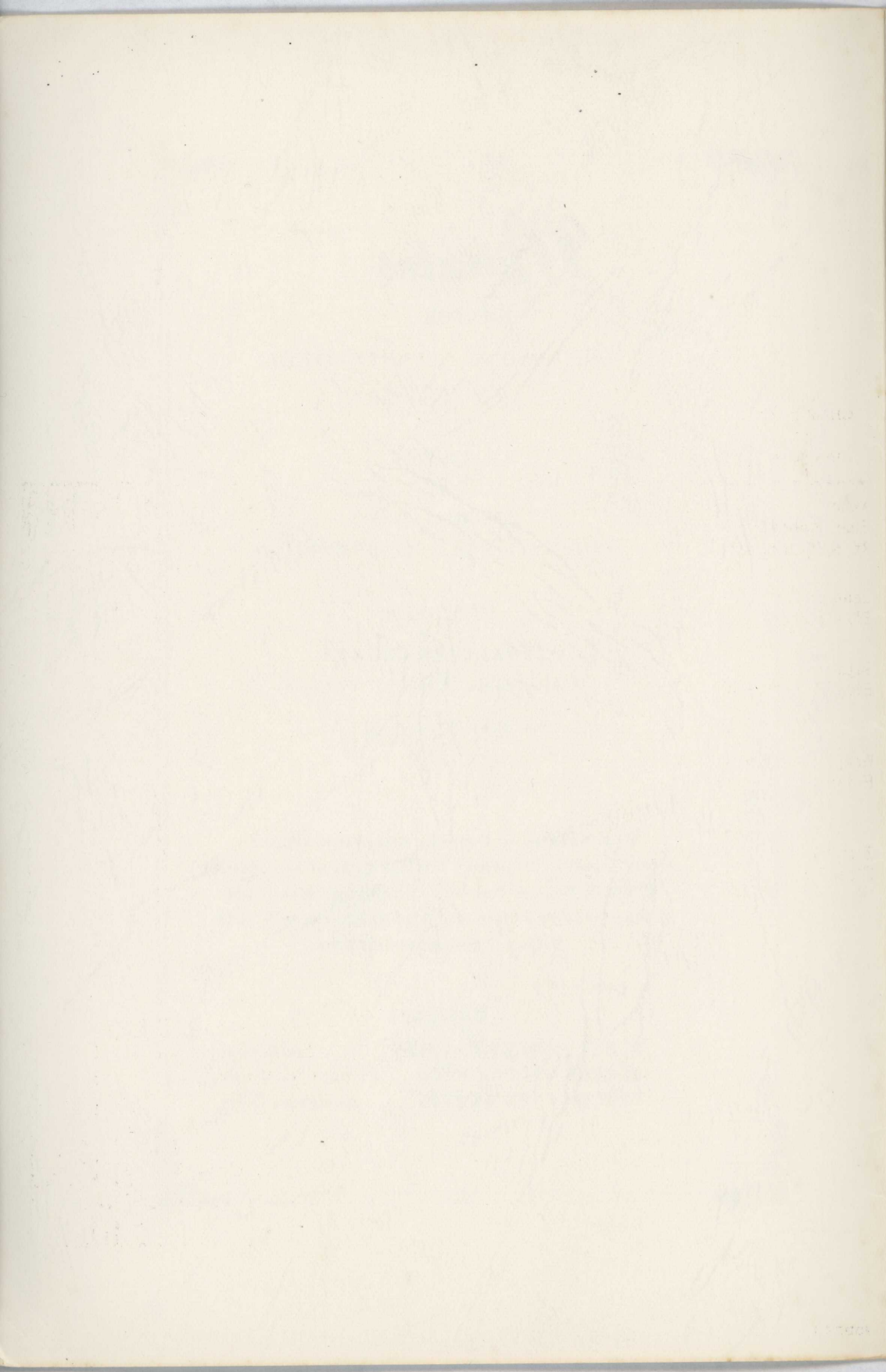
HELD WITH
SUGARTREE CHURCH
Pittsylvania County, Virginia

MAY 18-19-20
1973

Next Session to Convene with Axton Church
Henry County, Virginia - 9 Miles East of Martinsville
20 Miles West of Danville, Virginia on Route # 58
Friday Evening before the third Sunday in May 1974
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

OFFICERS

ELDER ROBERT C. ASHBY Moderator
DEACON WELDON WOOD Clerk
DEACON FRED KEATTS Assistant Clerk



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Beginning Friday Evening May 18th at 7:00 P.M. for business of participating named churches.

- (1) Met pursuant to adjournment of last year. After songs of praise and prayer, by Elder James Pruitt and Introductory Sermon, by Elder Melvin McGrady. His text was Jeremiah 8, verses 19-22 and Songs of Solomon Chapter 2, verses 10-11.
- (2) Proceeded to transact Business of Association. Received and read letters from churches composing the said original Mayo Association. After the reading voted unanimously to receive letters as read and seat them.
- (3) Called for petitionary letter, none came.
- (4) Invited visitors from sister churches of like faith and order to seat with us and to feel welcome.
- (5) On motion that we retain present slate of officers -- Elder Robert Ashby -- Moderator, Deacon Eldon Wood -- Clerk, Deacon Fred Keatts -- Assistant Clerk.
- (6) Moderator appointed committee on arrangements to serve with both Moderator and Clerk. Deacon Frank Keatts, Deacon Eugene Newman Deacon Cecil Plaster, Brother Jake Divers.
- (7) Axton Church/ asked to entertain the next association to convene Beginning Friday Evening, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 3rd Sunday in May 1974.
- (8) On motion we ask the clerk to have 300 Minutes printed and allowed \$60.00 for same and postage.
- (9) Churches of the Association and Sister Churches have been holding 5th Sunday Meetings and the next meeting to be held with Axton Church the 5th Sunday in July.

(10) Finance Committee Report :	
Received From Churches	\$111.00
Balance from last year	4.00
Donations by Friends	<u>\$260.00</u>
	<u>\$375.00</u>
Expenditures :	
Gave Moderator	\$ 20.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
Gave Visiting Ministers	210.00
Gave Home Ministers	65.00
Minutes and Postage	<u>60.00</u>
Total	<u>\$375.00</u>

- (11) Agreed to send Minutes to Sister Churches and Association and Elders attending.

Martinsville Church – Elder Leonard Corns

Spoon Creek Church – Elder Leonard Corns, Licentate Lee Jefferson

Puckett Memorial Church – Elder Melvin McGrady

Little River of Ga. Assoc. – Elder James Pruitt

Elder Talmadge Pruitt

Ebenezer Assoc. – Elder C.W. Alderton

Old Mill Church – Elder Walter Lewis

Greesy Creek Church – Elder Mike McGrady

Blue Ridge Church – Elder A.J. Hylton

High Point Church – Elder D.B. Willard

- (12) Read letters and approved concerning Mayo Association and it's Origin and Stand. Letter pertaining to Union and 5th Sunday Meeting. Also Letter to Little River Association of Ga. who has helped usso much in so many ways in visitation and etc.

We the Mayo Association do feel it necessary to attempt to inform others of our organization and our standings. In doing so we refer back to the minutes of the Upper Mayo Association of 1933 when the Association was formed into two Associations the Upper and Lower from the original Mayo Association. This was done for the reason of false doctrine which crept in after they had lived in peace and love at home and with their sister association for approximately one hundred years after their organization of 1809. This doctrine began in about 1909 which led up to the actions which were taken in 1933 against absolute predestination of all things. This began the false doctrine which was being preached.

This situation being as it was, the Upper Mayo adopted the original Mayo Constitution and Articles of Faith with exception of the 14th Article of Faith which was added and still is in our Minutes of today.

Therefore holding to this name until 1954. Referring back to the Minutes of 1954 a resolution was made which reads as following: We agreed to call our association by the old original name Mayo Association.

Where by we the Mayo Association which always has and still do and also trusting in God that we always will continue to hold to the Constitution and the Articles of Faith of our Fore Fathers. We the Mayo Association do add the word (original) to the cover of our Minutes. Making it the Original Mayo Association. In order to let each and everyone know when we were organized and that we still stand on the organization of our Fore Fathers.

- (13) List of attending Associations and we wish to extend a hearty welcome of fellowship to you.

Elder C.W. Alderton of Ebenezer Association, Brightwood, Virginia

Elder D.B. Willard of Bear Creek Association, Kernersville, N.C.

Elder Talmadge Pruitt & James Pruitt, Little River Assoc. of Ga.

Brother J.C. Cagle of Boiling Springs Church

Brother Ray Wagner, wife and children of Boiling Springs Church

Brother Jerry Kelley, wife and son of Big Creek Church

Brother Jimmie Gross of Oak Grove Church

Sister Bessie Cox of Union Church

We also wish to welcome Brethren from all the other churches represented.

Elder Walter Lewis and wife of Old Mill Church, Danville, Virginia
Sister Leona Reese, Sister Mary Lawrence, Sister Rouda Lawrence,
Sister Carrol Crisman, Sister Janet Kidd and daughter Cindy, Brother
Herbert Dodd all from the Danville Church.

Brethren from Stuart Church, Brother J.W. Roberson and wife, Brother
Fred J. Barnard and wife.

Brother and Sister Elijah Corns, Danville, Va. from North View
Church in Danbury, North Carolina.

Elder A.J. Hylton and wife, Blue Ridge Church, Willis, Virginia

Elder Melvin McGrady, Puckett Memorial, Hillsville, Virginia

Elder Mike McGrady, Greesy Creek, Floyd Co. Hillsville, Virginia

And a host of Brethren from Martinsville and Spoon Creek Churches

Brother Walter Ingram and wife, Sister Vera Ashby, Sister Daisy

Slaughter, Sister Alma Cruise, Brother and Sister Jake Divers,

Brother and Sister Noel Wilson, Brother and Sister Cecil Plaster,
Elder and Sister Leonard Corns.

Sister Vera Mae McGrady, Puckett Memorial, Sister Esta Faye
Bowman from Greesy Creek Church, Brother Vass Harmony, Grove

Church, Brother C.E. Jefferson, Licenate Lee Jefferson and wife,

Spoon Creek Church.

The Clerk as well as the Association body wishes to apologize if
anyone has been missed.

(14) Order of Preaching Saturday and Sunday :

Saturday morning singing began and after songs of praise a prayer
was offered by Elder A.J. Hylton of Blue Ridge Church. Preaching
by Elder C.W. Alderton of Robinson River Church, the text used
was the 9th Chapter of Isaiah, the 40th verse, which was followed
by Elder Mike McGrady, Greesy Creek Church whos text was Abra-
ham's Offering unto God, which was followed Elder Walter Lewis,
Old Mill Church, whos text was, If any Brother Hate not his wife,
mother, father, children and even him own self. Deny our own selfs
and look unto God and serve him only. He love not God.

Dismissed for an hour for lunch.

Saturday afternoon we assembled back into the church and after a
song service the Elder James Pruitt of Big Creek of Ga. preached
from 1st Cor., 2nd chapter, 1st verse, which was followed by Elder
D.B. Willard, High Point Church, who used no special text. Then
Elder A.J. Hylton of Blue Ridge Church spoke using Ezekiel, ch.34

Dismissed by Elder Walter Lewis.

(15) Saturday night Services opened with songs and prayer by Elder
Walter Lewis. Preaching was by Elder Talmadge Pruitt from the
Book of Isaiah followed by Elder Leonard Corns who used the text
Isaiah the 62nd chapter.

(16) Moved and seconded that we print Rules of Decorun and Articles of
Faith in our Minutes.

(17) Agreed to have deceased members obituaries printed in Minutes.

Obituary of Sister Mamie M. Ashby, whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst. Sister Mamie Ashby departed this life January 21, 1973, making her stay on earth 52 years 9 months, 17 days. We miss her so much but, realizing God does all things well, we bow in humble submission to his will. She leaves her husband, John Ashby, to mourn her passing and two daughters, Peggy A. Barnes and Linda A. Secrest. She also leaves one brother, James Minter; one sister, Virgie Dillion; and four grand children. The poor writer misses her so much at times it is almost unbearable. She joined Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church in October of 1941. She remained a faithful member until death. The church has lost a faithful member. She was also faithful to her family. She will be missed by all who knew her, for she was always ready to lend a helping hand. She was laid to rest at Roselawn Burial Park to wait the coming of our Lord. Her funeral was preached by Elder Leonard Corns and Elder D.B. Willard. She has won the victory and may she rest in peace until the resurrection day. Submitted by Order Leatherwood Church in Conference – Elder John Ashby – Church Clerk.

In loving memory of our sister in Christ, Sister Lvey Griggs. We mourn our loss, but realize that she had lived a good life to a ripe old age. We will miss her in our midst in this time world. She was married to Samuel W. Griggs and to this union were given two daughters, Mrs. Alma Hairfield, Miss Lucille Griggs, two sons Lonnie and Baxter Griggs all of Axton, Virginia. Sister Griggs united with Axton Primitive Baptist Church the 2nd Sunday, Sept. 1918 and was faithful to the church, but her poor health and her passing prevented her attending as she would have liked. Her children will as will us miss her, but our hope is that we will live in such a way as to meet her some sweet day in that sweet beyond where all is bliss and heavenly.

Submitted by order of Axton Primitive Baptist Church while in conference – Weldon Wood – Church Clerk.

- (18) The Association wishes to thank everyone who had a part in making this glorious meeting so enjoyable and we wish to give thanks unto God for his blessings which make it possible for this sweet fellowship with one another.
- (19) Sunday Morning :
Preaching followed after Song Service and Prayer. 1st Elder Talma dge Pruitt of Little River Association, 2nd Elder Leonard Corns of Martinsville Church and 3rd Elder Robert Ashby our Moderator of the Mayo Association.
- (20) On Motion and seconded that we adjourn.
Dismissed in Order.

ELDER ROBERT ASHBY, Moderator
WELDON WOOD, Clerk.

We the original Mayo Association do wish to express our love and appreciation to the sister Churches in which we have for the past year have been holding fellowship meetings with them on the 5th weekends. The meetings began with Sugartree Church and then to Zion Rest, Spoon Creek Martinsville, Leatherwood. The next to be held, if it be God's will at Axton Primitive Baptist Church in July of this year.

The Lord has been gracious unto us and has blessed us in having visitors from different parts of the country. We have had wonderful and up building meetings, blessed with the powers from on high. That we have been able to rejoice together in a saviours love one with another. Our prayer is to God that it be his will that these meetings continue. That we can walk closer together and live closer to our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ. That we might receive the blessings he has promised us while we live in this present world and enter into rest of God here in this life. Ever being mindful to give God the praise and honor for all the blessings which we receive. For all good and perfect gifts come from God. Therefore we the Original Mayo Association do desire, if it be the wishes of the sister churches, to form a union meeting. We the Original Mayo Association do ask the sister churches who have a desire to form a Union meeting do so at the Conference meeting of their church. Write a letter stating their desire and elect three delegates that they may be represented at the 5th weekend meeting in July at Axton Church, Saturday night. In order that if it be the wishes of the sister churches to form a Union meeting, a business session may be set to determine what it shall be called and how the meetings be governed and rotated from church to church in an orderly manner.

CIRCULAR LETTER

We the Original Mayo Association would love to express our Love to God's people wherever they are. In our weak way we extend a welcome to all peace loving Primitive Baptist which are sound in doctrine and live according to the scripture which is laid down in God's Holy word. We would appreciate their visit whenever they can.

For our desires are that we do live in such a way that God's people in other parts of his moral vineyard will worship with us.

It is a great need for God's people to walk peaceable, and loveable together in this present world so that we may all enjoy the fellowship and love one with another.

God being our help and strength we do believe that he would be pleased if we all would strive to live, work and walk in a way to worship together and cherish and esteem our brother above ourselves.

God being our help he has blessed us to withstand the storms of which we express our thankfulness to him and do strive on in the paths of our fore fathers always remembering we today still have the same God to trust in and look unto for strength and guidance.

God has been wonderful unto us and we thank him for having known all the God fearing and loving brethren that we have been blessed to meet and worship with. Especially the Elders from the different Associations. Trusting that God will be gracious unto all God fearing brethren and that they will have a mind to come visit us whenever they can.

This letter written in love of all true believers in Christ in hope to strengthen and establish relationship with God's people wherever they are.

We the Original Mayo Association do desire to express our love and appreciation to the Little River Association of Georgia. To express the appreciation, love and enjoyment we have received from your visiting us words cannot express.

We cannot express the thankfulness of the love and hospitality that you all have shown us when we visited you. We thank God for you all and pray that his richest blessings will rest and abide with you all the days of your life.

We ask the interest in your prayers that we may continue in the trust and love of God that we can continue to visit one another and rejoice together in our Saviour's love. We do extend a hearty welcome to each and every one of you to come an visit with us that we may share the blessings of Almighty God together while we live here in this present world, praying that we will ever be mindful to give God the praise for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon us.

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MARTIN'S FLORES AND GREENHOUSE

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly by the Moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the Committee on Arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The Minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before dismissal and recorded by the Clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

- (a) To provide for the general union of the churches.
- (b) To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.
- (c) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
- (d) To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.
- (e) To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned to them.
- (f) To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.
- (g) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.
- (h) To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.
- (i) There shall be a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the Moderator and Clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that He who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the Spirit, and the blood, and these agree in one.
2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rules of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.
3. Of the Atonement . . . We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.
4. Of Foreknowledge, Election, and Predestination . . . We believe that all whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and due time to everlasting glory.
5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.
11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.
13. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
14. We believe in predestination, as taught in the Scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Axton Elder Robert Ashby Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va.	Weldon Wood Axton, Va.	Deacon Weldon Wood Elder Claude Pullium Elder Robert Ashby Sister Mildred Pullium Alt.	8												
Leatherwood Elder Robert Ashby	John Ashby	Elds. Robert & John Ashby Brother Landon Keatts Brother Boyd Ashby Alt.		9											
Sugartree Elder Robert Ashby	Frank Keatts Rt. 2, Axton, Va.	Deacon Fred Keatts Deacon Frank Keatts Brother H.C. Brumfield Brother C.B. Keatts Alt.			7										
Weeping Willow Elder Robert Ashby	Mary Mabe Reidsville, N.C.	Brother Jack Tilley Brother Gammon Brother Eddie Tilley Deacon Fred Keatts, Alt.				6									
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Violet Newman Vesta, Virginia	Deacon E.H. Newman Elder John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby, Alt. Violet Newman		9											
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