

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Seventy-first Annual Session  
OF THE  
**Towaliga Association**  
OF  
Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH  
Union Church, Monroe County, Ga.

September 7, 8, 9, 1909.

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ELDER A. C. ELLIOTT, Moderator,  
McDonough, Ga., Rfd. 1.

W. M. HARTLEY, Clerk,  
Zebulon, Ga.

Introductory by Elder J. A. Wright: "Take Heed to Thyself and to The Doctrines, Continue in Them; in So Doing Thou Shalt Both Save Thyself and Those That Hear Thee."

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### **Order of Business.**

1. Read letters and record Messengers' names.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint a committee to arrange Divine Service.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint some brother to write corresponding letters.
8. Call roll and read decorum.
9. Appoint correspondents.
10. Appoint union meetings.
11. Appoint time and place for next Association.
12. Appoint brethren to preach next introductory sermon.
13. Appoint brethren to write circular letters.
14. Call for circular letters.
15. Call for corresponding letters.
16. Call for contributions.
17. Say how many minutes.
18. Fix Clerk's compensation.
19. Call for miscellany.
20. Read minutes.
21. Adjourn.

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After one hour's recess for dinner, messengers and visi-  
tors met in the house, when the Moderator called them to  
order. After singing prayer was led by Elder W. H. Harden.

1. Read letters from churches and enrolled messengers'  
names.

2. Went into choice of Moderator and Clerk by ballot,  
when Elder A. C. Elliott was declared Moderator and W. M.  
Hartley Clerk.

3. Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats in  
the body.

4. Called for petitionary letters.

5. Appointed committee on Divine Service, to-wit: R.  
W. Davis and S. L. Thompson of the body and E. B. Taylor,  
H. F. Willis and W. N. Newton of Union church.

6. Called for correspondents when Elder S. J. Black-  
well, Bro. H. M. Berry and wife and Sister Stroop of the Lit-  
tle River came forward and Elders G. W. Philipps, W. H.  
Harden, L. M. Ball, Bro. Dan Paulk, and Sister Harden of  
the Brushey Creek came forward and all were cordially re-  
ceived by the Moderator.

7. Appointed Bro. J. B. Bell to write corresponding let-  
ter.

8. On motion adjourned until 8:30 Wednesday morning.

3. P. M.—Preaching at stand by Elder W. H. Harden.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing prayer was led by Elder S. J. Blackwell.

1. Appointed committee on distribution, to-wit: Brethren T. G. Preston, B. F. Culpepper, Steve Blount.

2. Suspended regular order of business and appointed Union Meetings as follows: First District with Sandy Creek, Butts county, beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in May 1910, and for Second district at New Hope, Upson County, beginning Tuesday after Third Sunday in July 1910.

3. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Mt. Nebo, Glascock county, at Mitchell, on the Augusta Southern Railroad, First Sunday in September, 1910, beginning Friday before.

4. Appointed Elder T. M. Whatley to preach next Introductory with Elder Dan Henderson as alternate.

5. Appointed Bro. Robert L. Barron to write next circular letter.

6. Called for circular letter by Elder T. M. Whatley, which was read, received and adopted.

7. Ordered 1000 minutes printed and distributed. Took up collection to compensate Clerk which was liberal.

8. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Brushev Creek, Elders T. M. Whatley, J. F. Taylor and Bro. Clem Towles; To Little River, Elders J. A. Wright, Dan Henderson, J. M. F. Barron, S. G. Ratliff, Bros. R. W. Davis, R. L. Barron, J. F. Willingham, W. M. Hartley.

9. Called for corresponding letter which was received and adopted.

10. Called for miscellaneous business when Bro. Thompson offered resolutions of thanks, to-wit: "That the Association tender thanks to the Brethren and community at large for the royal way in which they have entertained us during this session and we especially thank our friend and Brother E. Rumble and his good wife who opened their doors so tenderly and graciously and cared for so many of us. May the Lord bless all of them a hundred fold for it all is our prayer."

11. Read minutes and adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned. After singing and extending hands to each other amid rejoicing and prayer.

W. M. HARTLEY,  
Clerk.

A. C. ELLIOTT,  
Moderator.

Wednesday morning 9 a. m. Prayer service led by Bro. T. M. Whatley.

3 p. m. Preaching by Brethren Robt L. Barron and G. W. Philipps.

Thursday, 9 a. m. Prayer service conducted by Bro. W. J. Hartley.

11 a. m. Preaching by Elders S. J. Blackwell and A. C. Elliott.

3 p. m. Preaching by Elder Dan Henderson.

The Brethren and friends were made to rejoice for the outpouring of God's Holy spirit during their stay.

### Corresponding Letter

The Towaliga Association to the Sister Associations and Brethren with whom she correspondends and to all of like Precious Faith, Greeting:

Dearly Beloved:— Through the tender mercies of an All-wise God we have been permitted to meet and hold the seventy-first annual session of our body in peace, love and harmony, for which we feel to praise and thank his Holy Name. We have been much blessed and instructed by your Ministers and in the preaching of the Gospel and the visiting brethren together with our ministers during the present session for which we should be very thankful to our God who is too good to err or be unkind. We have appointed the Brethren whose names appear to meet with you all of whom, we recommend to you. We have appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Mt. Nebo, Glascock county, on the A. S. railroad at Mitchell. Dear Brethren, continue to visit us at our associations, our churches and our homes as families, preaching and praying with and for us so that we with yourselves may be built up in the most pure and Holy Faith. Yours in Gospel bonds by

J. B. BELL.

### Circular Letter

Dear Brethren:—As it is our custom to present you with a Circular address, we will now proceed to do so and for a text we will call your attention to the Second chapter of Ephesians first to fifth verses. "And hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins, wherein times past ye walk-

ed according to the course of the world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of Disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. And were by nature the children of wrath even as others. But God who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ. By Grace are ye saved. Verily, Verily, I say unto you the hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live for as the Father has life in Himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. St. John—Fifth Chapter, twentyfifth and twenty-sixth verses. And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumsion hath He quickened together him and hath forgiven you all trespasses. For we also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of Holy Ghost which he shed on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Titus 3 Chapter and 3 to 6 verses. For when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his life. Romans Fifth Chapter, 6-8-10.—“Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism unto death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we should be also in the likeness of his resurrection.—Romans 6th—4-5.

So brethren I have tried to set up the Doctrine whereby a sinner is saved, and if it would not make my letter too long I would try and show wherein these sinners ought to bring in their good works.

Brethren let me admonish you to have more charity and brotherly love. For the religion of Jesus Christ is based on God's everlasting love and without love it is impossible to please God.

Beloved let us love one another for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God, He that loveth not knoweth not God. For God is love. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil. Cleave to that which is good.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love in honor preferring one another. Brethren let us live to the honor and glory of God.

T. M. Whatley.

### Decorum

1st. The churches composing the Towaliga Association shall not be confined to any set rules as to the specified number of Messengers they shall have in the body, but shall have the right to name in their letters as many as they may choose, and in addition all orderly male members of any of the churches being present shall be entitled to seats in the body as Messengers of their churches, with all the rights and privileges of the same.

2nd. The Messengers thus assembled shall be denominated the Towaliga Primitive Baptist Association.

3rd. For the purpose of historical information and statistical edification, the churches are requested to state in letters, the total number of members in fellowship, the number received by baptism, by letter, by confession of faith. The number dismissed, excluded and dead since last session, also the time of their meeting, their pastoral supply, and the amount of money contributed for ministers and other purposes, together with any other information they deem appropriate for the edification of saints and the glory of God.

4th. This Association shall have no power to answer queries, give advice, or dictate to the churches in any case, or to lord it over God's heritage, nor any power by which she can directly or indirectly infringe on the internal rights of the churches, or censure and try any church or member in reference to faith and practice, or determine upon the validity of gospel ordinances. These things shall rest entirely with the churches; but henceforward our annual meeting shall be only for the purpose of hearing from each other, and for worship of God and the mutual comfort and edification of the saints. To this we reserve the privilege annually the first week in September, or at such other time as may be agreed upon with any church that may invite us, having due regard for priority of claims and the good of the cause.

To protect our own stand while in session from heresy and dishonor; to recognize and invite any visiting Primitive Baptist minister or lay brother to worship with us, that we may deem proper; to request the brethren of our own body to visit other churches or bodies in our behalf, with whom we may desire to cultivate Christian fellowship; to publish a minute of our proceedings.

5th. Each session of the body shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be duly chosen according to the rules hereinafter prescribed, and who shall hold office until a re-election.

6th. Any orderly member of any church belonging to this body when convened, being present shall be eligible to election as Moderator and Clerk, or to sit on any committee appointed by the same.

7th. In all elections or questions that may be necessary to determine by vote, the vote shall be taken by churches, each church being entitled to three votes for any number of members less than one hundred, and one additional vote for every fifty or fraction thereof above the first hundred; but the Messengers of each church as a body may divide her vote as they see proper.

8th. All elections or questions coming to a vote shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast, and it shall be the duty of the minority to acquiesce in the decision thus reached.

9th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and Messengers, and if vouched for or recommended by one or more sister churches, or the Presbytery constituting them, as orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the voice of the body and manifested by the Moderator giving the Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

10th. Any motion or resolution introduced, clearly inconsistent with the above rules, shall be promptly ruled out of order unless withdrawn by the mover.

11th. Any Messenger being ruled out of order by the Moderator shall have the right of appeal to the body on the question of order, and if sustained shall be allowed to proceed, but if not, shall take his seat.

12th. Our meetings being held in the name of Christ, and the worship of God, each Messenger is expected to observe due and proper order therein.

13th. It will not be considered good order for any Messenger whose name has been enrolled as such, to abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave.

14th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

15th. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and approved by the body, and signed by the Moderator before adjourning.

16th. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

17th. Amendments of these rules may be made at any time by a majority of the union voting by churches when they deem it necessary, provided such amendments do not compromise the sovereignty of the churches, nor have a tendency to give this body undue power or jurisdiction over them.

## Articles of Faith and Scriptural Proof

Article 1. We believe in one only and true living God and Trinity of persons in the Godhead; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Proof: Deut. 4:39, Isia 45:16, Mark 12:32, John 11:14, Col. 1:15-17, Phil. 2:6-8, 1 John 5:7, John 17, John 10:30

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. Proof: 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 1 Pet. 1:19-21, Rev. 22:18-19.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Personal Election of a definite number of human race, chosen by Christ before the foundation of the world that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Proof: Eph. 1:4-6, 2 Thess. 2:13, John 15:16, 1 Pet. 1:2, Ibid. 2:9.

Art. 4. We believe in a Covenant of Redemption, ordered in all things and infallibly sure, ever existing between God the Father and God the Son. Proof: Isa. 89:2-4, Sam. 23:5, Zach. 9:11, Luke 1:72, Heb 13:20, 1 Pet. 18:20, Rev. 5:9.

Art. 5. We believe in the fall of man and the communication of Adam's corrupt nature to his posterity by ordinary generation and their impotency to recover themselves from the fallen state they are in by sin and wicked works by their own free will and ability. Proof: Gen. 3:6-24, Rom. 5:12, Ibid. 3:19, Ps. 51:5, Ibid, 58:3, Cor. 15:22.

Art. 6. We believe that all chosen in Christ shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and be effectually called, regenerated and born again, and that all thus born again are justified in the Spirit of God alone by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them and received by faith. Proof: John 1:27-29, 1 John 3:9, Eph. 1:4, 2 Tim. 1:9, John 6:27.

Art. 7. We believe that all the saints of God thus called by the Holy Spirit and justified by the righteousness of Christ shall be preserved in Grace and none of them finally fall away so as to be lost. Proof: Jas. 2:22, Rom. 5:1, Ibid. 8:37-39, Col. 3:3, John 10:28-29.

Art. 8. We believe in the doctrine of the resurrection both of the just and unjust and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal, and the punishment of the wicked everlasting. Proof: John 5:18-29, Acts. 17:31, 1 Cor. 15:21-23, Rev. 30:12-15, Matt. 25:46-56.

Art. 9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a local body of professing and baptized believers who have gained Christian fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have covenanted together to keep house for God agreeable to the rules of the gospel, and should therefore be kept organically separate and distinct from and independent of the world and institutions, and is the highest and only ecclesiastical authority known to the Word of God. Proof: Matt. 16:18-19, Eph. 1:22, Ibid 3:10, Ibid 5:24-27, Col. 1:8, Matt. 18:17, Eph. 2:9-22, 1 Cor. 6:4, Acts 15:4, John 15:18-19.

Art. 10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Head of the Church, and her only law giver; that government is with the church itself and is the privilege of each member. That the discipline cannot be legally extended beyond her own Scriptural jurisdiction, and is intended for the reclamation or expulsion of those members who may be disorderly either in principle or practice and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the church. Proof: Matt. 18;19, Col. 1:18, Acts 11:26, Col. 1:24, Eph. 5:23.

Art. 11. We believe that water baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be administered by the authority of the church until his second coming. Proof: Mark 1;4, John 3;2-3, Acts 8;38, Ibid. 9;18 28, Matt. 26;26-28, Mark 14:-22-24, Luke 22;19-20, Acts 2;42. John 13;1-17, 1 Tim. 5;10.

Art. 12. We believe that none but regularly ordained ministers have the right to administer these ordinances, that professed believers in Christ who in the judgement of the church are true Christians are the only proper subjects of baptism, and immersion is the only proper mode, that none but regularly baptized and orderly church members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Proof: Heb. 5;4, John 3;27, 1 Tim. 4;14, Titus 1;5, Acts 6;6, Ibid 13;2,3.

### Ministers Ordained.

J. A. WRIGHT, Zebulon, Ga.

J. L. HAYS, Mansfield, Ga.

A. C. ELLIOTT, McDonough, Ga. Rfd. 2.

DAN HENDERSON, McDonough, Ga. Rfd. 3.

S. G. RATLIFF, Flovilla, Ga.

T. M. WHATLEY, Orchard Hill, Ga.

J. M. F. BARRON, Milner, Ga. Rfd. 2.

J. F. TAYLOR, Barnesville, Ga.

### Ministers Not Ordained.

W. H. TAYLOR, Jackson, Ga.

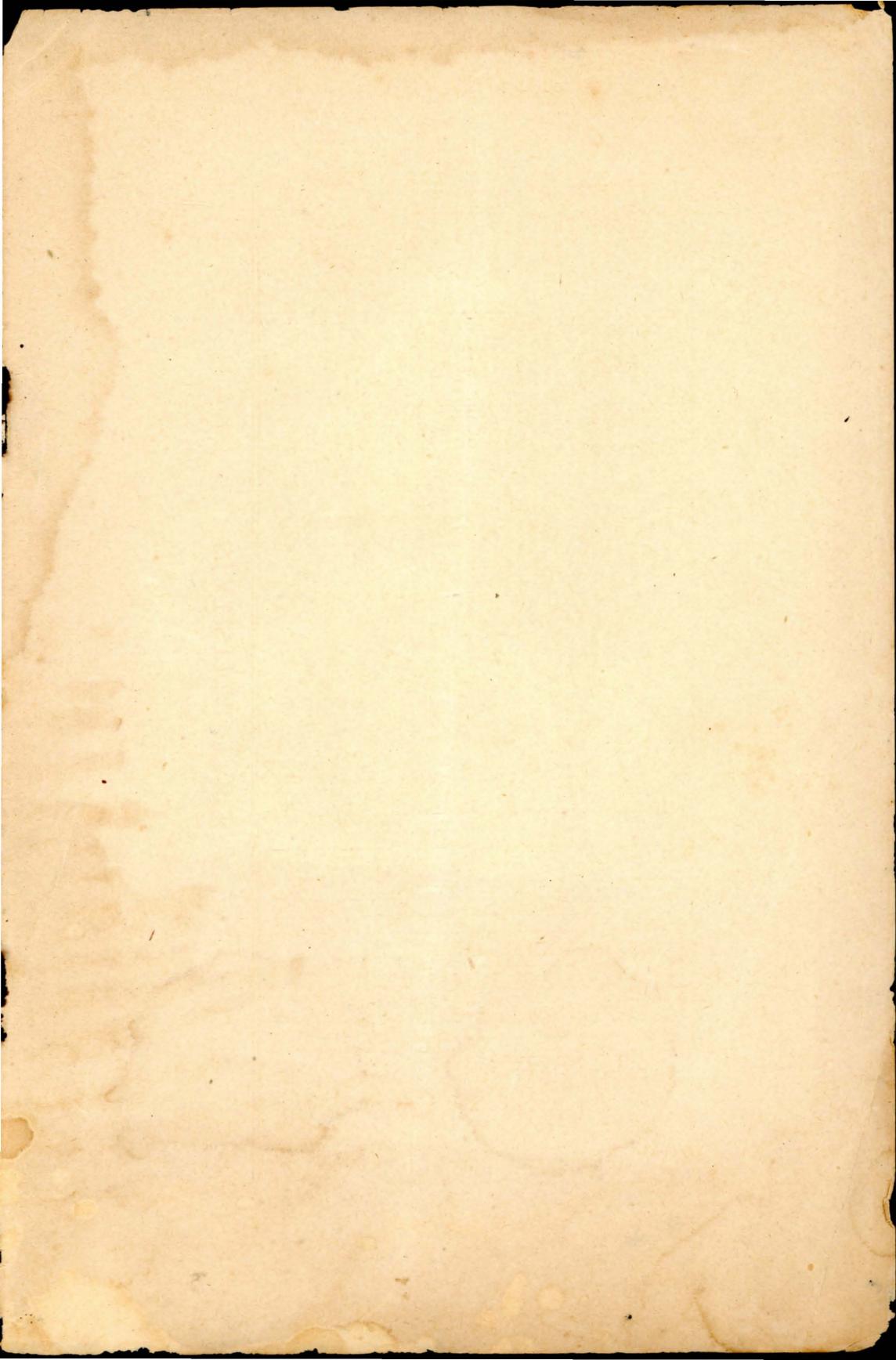
ELLIS DANIEL, Thomaston, Ga.

ELIJAH OGLESBY, McDonough, Ga.

ROBT. L. BARRON, Zebulon, Ga.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

Number	CHURCHES	POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Experience	By Letter	On Confession	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total	For Minutes	For Ministers	Days of Meeting	PASTORS
1	beulah	Griffin	Spalding	S. G. Ratliff, G. G. Head							4	23	50	1 50	2	Barron
2	Concord	Monticello	Jasper	W. P. Persons, A. J. Persons, Harvey Persons	8							75	2 00	10 00	1	Elliott
3	bethel	Jackson	Butts	Homer Vaughn					2	2		25	50	1 50	3	Hayes
4	Ozias	McDonough	Henry	A. C. Elliott, E. Oglesby, J. F. Willingham								92	2 05	10 00	3	Elliott
5	Libernan	Hampton	Henry	W. N. Awtrey, B. F. Culpepper								30	1 00	2 00	1	Oglesby
6	Liberty	Milner	Pike	J. A. Wright, T. M. Whatley, J. M. F. Barron	1				1			78	1 50	12 00	4	Wright
7	Friendship	McIntire	Wilkinson	G. T. Waters, M. Sheppard, J. Sheppard	11							35	1 00	2 00	2	Hayes
8	Union	Barnesville	Monroe	Whole Church						2	1	28	1 00	5 00	3	Henderson
9	New Hope	Yatesville	Upson	S. B. Blount, Joe Blount, Jack Blount	6	1				1		55	1 00	2 75	3	Whatley
10	Mt. Nebo	Mitchell	Glasecock	J. F. Walden	2				2			43	1 00	2 00	2	Henderson
11	Hebron	Jonesboro	Clayton	T. M. Brown								12	50	1 00	1	Taylor
12	Bersheba	Locust Grove	Henry	D. Henderson, C. Pritchett, J. Tingle	5						2	70	1 50	6 50	4	Henderson
13	Sandy Creek	Flovilla	Butts	T. G. Preston, S. L. Thompson, T. W. Edwards				5	2			72	2 00	10 00	2	Elliott
14	Forest	Forest Park	Clayton	R. W. Davis, G. B. Stevens, J. Light, J. T. Bevil	17	1	2					118	1 00	5 00	2	Henderson
15	Mt. Mariah	Mansfield	Newton	J. L. Hayes, P. D. Leach								30	1 00	3 25	4	Elliott
16	Ocmulgee	Gladesville	Jasper	J. B. Berton, J. T. Goodman	1				1			19	50	5 00	3	Barron
17	Flat Rock	Zebulon	Pike	R. L. Barron, W. M. Hartley, M. S. Williamson	3						2	64	1 50	5 00	1	Henderson
18	Flint River	Thomaston	Upson	R. F. Arrington								47	50	1 50	2	Whatley
19	New Fellowship	Berner	Monroe	G. W. Ivey	1						1	7	75	2 25	2	Whatley
Total					55	1	1	3	10	8	18	923	20 80	89 25		



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