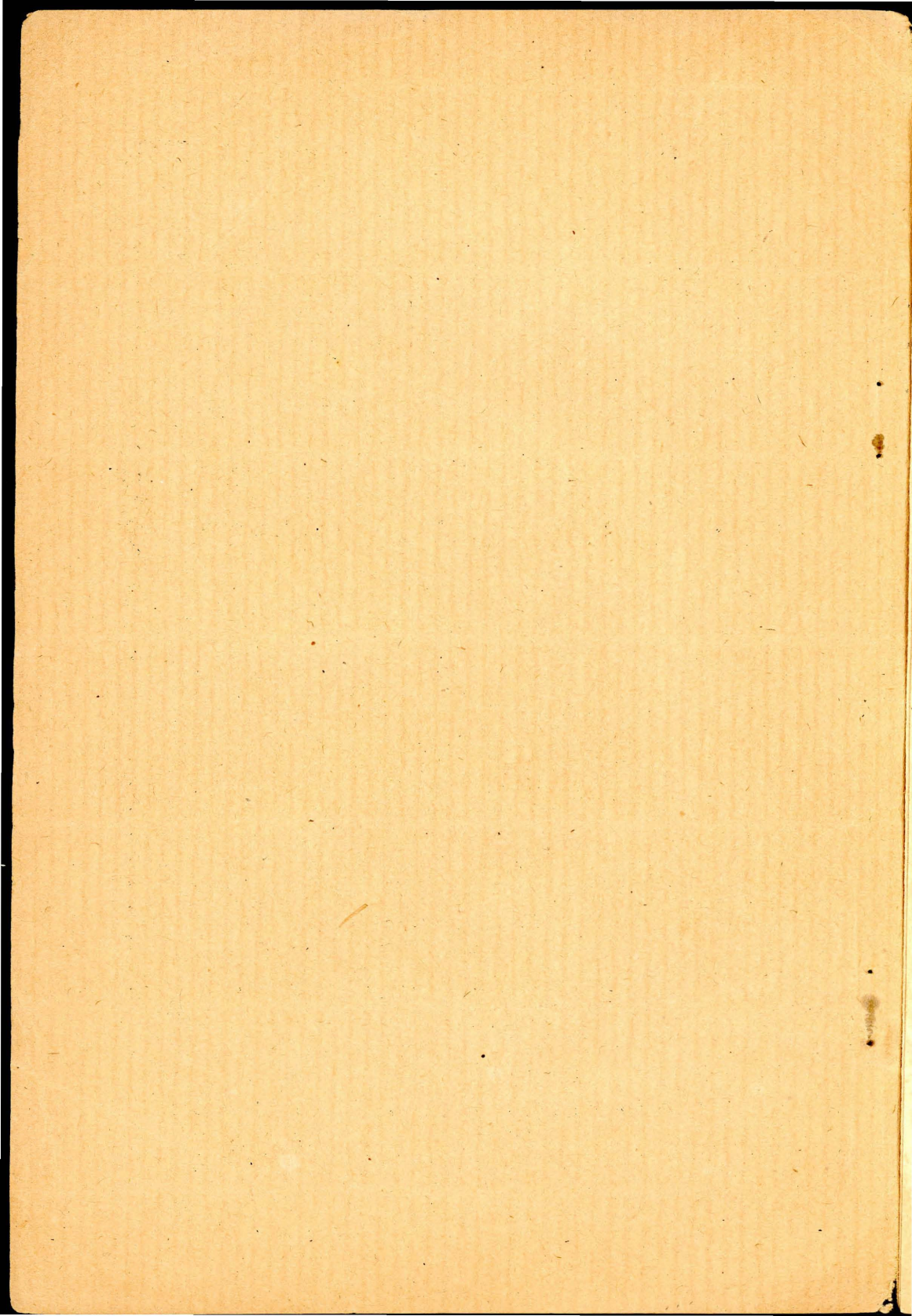
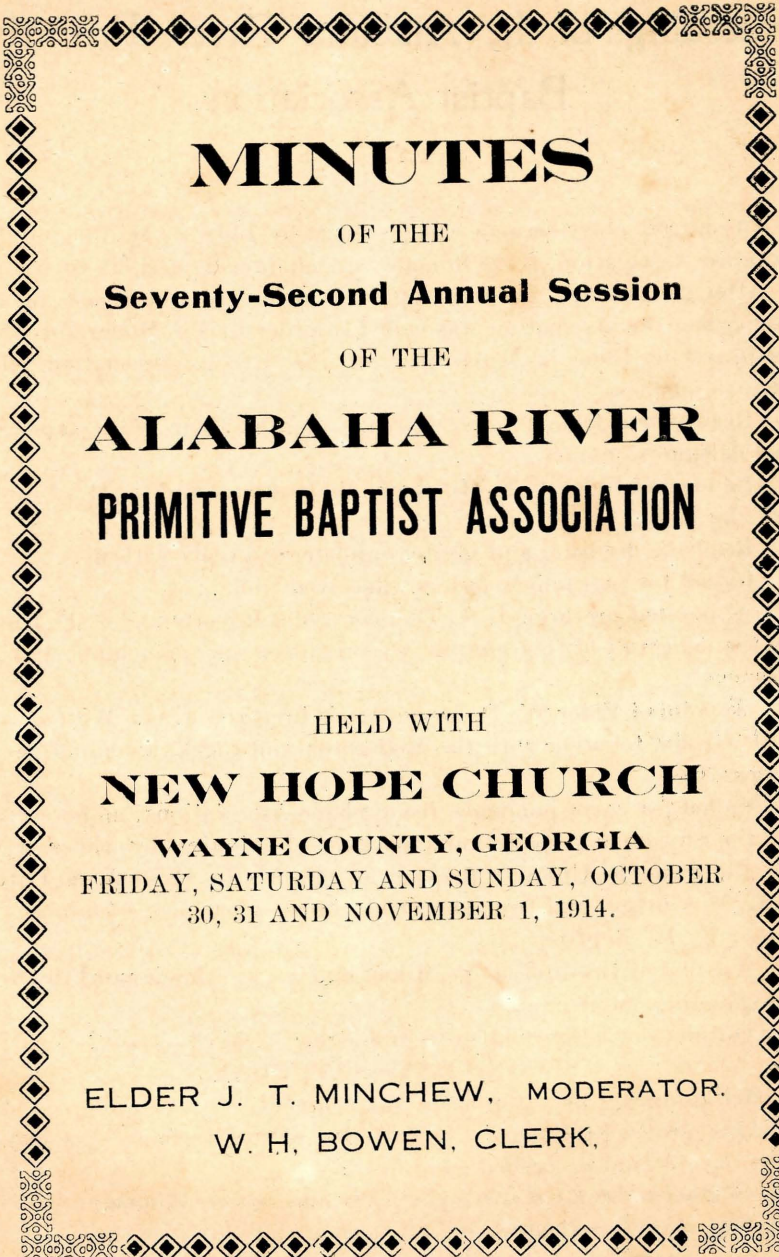


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Proceedings of the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Bell of the Suwannee Association, from Romans 8th chapter 29 and 30 verses

After 20 minutes intermission, the delegates assembled in the house, when the association was called to order by the Moderator, then after prayer by Elder L. M. Guthrie of the Union Association, proceeded to business.

1 Read letters from 19 churches and minuted their state, and enrolled delegates' names.

2 Re-elected Elder J. T. Minchew, Moderator, and W. H. Bowen, Clerk, by ballot.

3 Read the decorum and invited ministers to seats with us.

4 Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

5 Appointed brethren J. S. Thomas, John Roberts and J. F. Knox, with the delegates of this church a committee on preaching and finance.

6 Appointed Elder W. D. Bryant and brethren J. O. Waters and W. D. Griffis, together with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on business.

7 Called for correspondence from Sister Associations, and received from the Suwannee Association a package of minutes by Elder J. D. Bell, and from the Union, a package of minutes by Elder J. A. Osteen and L. M. Guthrie, and from the Ochlocknee, a package of minutes by Brother F. M. Renfroe.

8 Appointed Brethren J. P. Mikell and J. J. Henderson] th write corresponding letter.

9 On motion, adjourned until tomorrow A. M. 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

Met according to yesterday's adjournment.

After prayer by Elder J. N. Mathews, of the Harmony Association called the roll and proceeded as follows:

10 Called for further correspondence and received none.

11 On motion, called for marked letters and took up one, and on motion, agreed to hold the next session of our body with New Prospect

church, Pierce County Georgia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1915.

12 On motion called for corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

13 Called for report of committee on business, which was read, and on motion, adopted.

We the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association protest against all musical instruments in the worship of God, federal government, ministerial support, protracted meetings alien baptism. We therefore take this method of informing our Brethren everywhere at this action of the churches and will say we cannot consistently use any ministers in our churches or stand, or stand with these unscriptural measures. We believe in aiding the ministers as the scriptures teach.

14 Called for reports of committee on preaching and finance, which was read, and on motion received.

15 Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations as follows:
To the Union, to be held with Valley Grove Church, Irwin County Georgia, two miles west of Mixon Siding, five miles south west of Ocilla, and five miles north east of Gladys, on the Ocilla Southern Railroad, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1915. Elder B. A. Thornton and Brother J. S. Thomas. To the Ochlocknee to be held with Bethel Church, Brooks County Georgia, six miles south of Berlin, on Railroad from Valdosta to Moultrie, and six miles east of Pavo, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1915. Brethren J. O. Waters, S. L. Youmans and S. P. Wainright. To the Suwannee, to be held with Hebron Church, Hamilton County Florida, one fourth mile from Baker's Mill on Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and four miles north of Jasper on Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1915. Brethren, Lucius Guthrie, W. D. Griffis, J. P. Mikell and Elder J. T. Minchew.

On motion, the minutes were read, and the Association adjourned until our next time and place of meeting. Prayer by Elder H. J. Griffis of our body.

W. H. Bowen,
Clerk.

ELDER J. T. MINCHEW,
Moderator.

Report of committee on preaching and finance. We your committee beg leave to make the following report: We have received \$49.60, and recommend the printing of 800 copies of our minutes; 500 for the use

of the churches and 300 for correspondence; and that the clerk be paid \$25.00 for printing and distributing minutes, and the balance to be paid on traveling expenses of visiting ministers.

Report of committee on business. We your committee, have examined correspondence and find nothing objectionable, and recommend the same course of business as appears in our last years minutes.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association, in session with New Hope Church, Wayne County Georgia, sendeth greetings:

Dear and highly esteemed Brethren in the Lord: Through the goodness and mercies of God, who knows best in all things, we have been blessed to meet again in another Associational capacity, and all has been peace and love. Our churches are all represented and report peace. Our correspondence is not as full as we could desire, yet we rejoice in that sweet communion with the saints of God, who met with us, and have brought us a sweet message of love, peace, and unity.

We desire a continuation of your Brotherly love and correspondence, and petition an interest in your prayers when at a throne of Grace. We will hold the next session of our body with New Prospect Church, Pierce County Georgia, four miles west of Trudie on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and six miles south of Patterson, Ga., on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, when and where we again hope to meet you. Until then, Dear Brethren, farewell.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—Introductory sermon by Elder J. D. Bell, of the Suwannee Association.

Friday Afternoon—Elder J. N. Matthews, of the Harmony Association, followed by Elder W. P. Nunez, of our body.

Saturday Morning—Elder J. D. Bell, followed by Elder J. A. Osteen,

Saturday Afternoon—Elder L. M. Guthrie, of the Union, followed by Elder J. T. Minchew of our body.

Sunday Morning—Elder L. M. Guthrie, followed by Elder W. D. Bryant, of our body.

Conclusion by the Moderator.

TOTAL RECEIVED.....	\$49.60
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Paid for printing and distributing minutes	\$25.00
Paid corresponding and visiting Ministers.....	\$24.60
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENT.....	\$49.60

—DECORUM—

- 1 This Association shall open and close with prayer.
- 2 Those members chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association.
- 3 The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled and total number in fellowship since our last session.
- 4 This association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.
- 5 The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.
- 6 It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order to explain and put questions, and shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless the body be equally divided.
- 7 It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the association; the minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.
- 8 Any church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission into this association shall be if found orthodox and orderly received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.
- 9 Each church shall have the right to send two delegates to the association, and no more.
- 10 Every query presented shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by a majority before being taken up.
- 11 Every motion made and seconded shall come under observation of the association, unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it, by consent of the association.
- 12 Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator in an orderly manner, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject.

13 No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, and shall not continue his speech more than ten minutes at a time without leave of the association.

14 There shall be no talking or whispering in time of debate or public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

15 When a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on that subject.

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

17 If any member shall break the rules of this association he shall be immediately reprov'd by the moderator.

18 These rules shall be read at every association previous to entering on business

19 It shall be the duty of the association to keep up a correspondence with other associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.

20 To give the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church which they judge unsound in faith or immoral practice until they be reclaimed.

21 To invite all ministers to assistance if necessary.

22 It shall be the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches, and not hold them in union that support any modern missionary, Bible or Sunday School union, society, theological school, either in themselves or any other person, or in any society that is now or may be hereafter constituted under pretext of circulating the gospel of Christ, or any secret order, nor will it correspond with any association that supports, or is in any of the above named societies.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE ASSOCIATION.

1 We believe in one only true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2 We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrines of eternal and partial election.

4 We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5 We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7 We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost,

8 We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

9 We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet or ordinances, and believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10 We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

11 We believe that no man has the right to the administration of the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the presbytery.

12 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

- Elder J. T. Minchew, Waycross, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1.
,, W. W. Barrough, Waycross, Ga.
,, W. P. Nunez, Blackshear, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1.
,, H. J. Griffis, Odum, Ga., R. F. D. No. 2.
,, W. M. Hyers, Coffee, Ga.
,, B. A. Thornton, Hoboken, Ga.
,, J. C. Hewett, Millwood, Ga.
,, J. J. Hayes, Screven, Ga. R. F. D.
,, W. D. Bryant, Rockingham, Ga., R. F. D. No. 3.
,, G. W. Sasser.
,, Simeon Thornton, Blackshear, Ga.

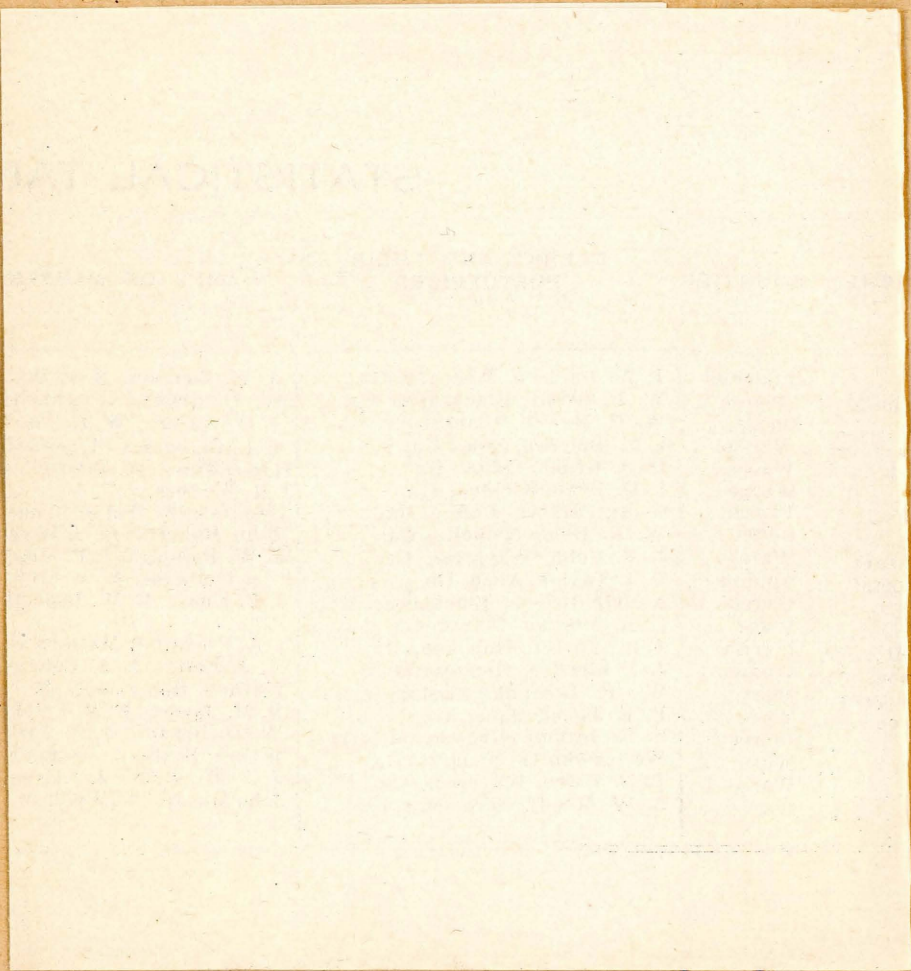
LICENTIATES

Jesse Kicklighter, Blackshear Ga
S. W. Lyens, Hickox, Ga.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Received by Exp. and Ban	Received By Letter	Restored	Received By Recommendation	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Member ship	Contribution	ANNUAL SABBATH MEETING.
Antioch	Charlton .	J. W. Davison, Winokur, Ga.	J. W. Davison; S. P. Wainwright.	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	13	1.00	1st in April
Bethlehem	Pierce .	W. D. Griffis, Blackshear, Ga.	W. D. Griffis J. S. Thomas	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	2.00	1st in May
Ben James	Pierce	W. H. Bowen, Blackshear, Ga.	J. O. Waters; W. H. Bowen	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	42	4.50	3rd in May
Bethesda	Wayne .	A. L. Brannen, Jesup, Ga.	A. L. Brannen, C. Edenfield	3	0	1	0	0	3	1	8	1.00	4th in Sept.
Big Creek	Wayne	D. A. Griffis, Odum, Ga.	Hansel Tyre, H. J. Griffis	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	52	3.00	1st in Oct.
Corinth	Wayne	I. D. Bennett, Odum, Ga.	J. R. Westberry	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.00	3rd in Oct.
Damascus	Pierce	George Hyers, Coffee, Ga.	Geo. Hyers; Walter Bennett	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	17	2.50	4th in Aug.
Elim	Coffee	W. R. Cole, Nicholls, Ga.	John Roberts; G. S. Woodcock	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	49	4.00	3rd in Sept.
Mt. Pleasant	Ware	J. R. Cobb, Waycross, Ga.	W. W. Barrough, J. P. Mikell	1	0	7	0	0	3	2	37	2.50	2nd in June
Mt. Pleasant	Appling	T. J. Taylor, Alma, Ga.	F. S. Guthrie, A. M. Stewart	8	2	4	1	0	1	1	35	3.00	2nd in Oct.
Mt. Zion	Pierce	Nathan Brown, Blackshear, Ga.	J. F. Knox, R. W. Bennett	4	0	1	0	7	2	0	27	4.15	2nd in April
Macedonia	Ware	L. A. Morgan, Manor, Ga. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3rd in Sept.
Mars Hill	Pierce	J. R. Carter, Hoboken, Ga.	J. A. Thornton; Mathew Carter	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.75	1st in March
New Hope	Wayne	J. J. Blocker, Hickox, Ga.	A. J. Petty; J. A. Courson	5	0	2	0	0	1	0	45	2.70	3rd in April
New Prospect	Pierce	W. R. Dowling, Blackshear, Ga.	Mathew Roberson, G. W. Sasser	2	3	0	0	0	2	15	1.50	4th in April	
Providence	Ware	B. M. James, Manor, Ga.	B. M. James, E. M. Cribb	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	31	2.00	4th in April
Ramah	Pierce	S. R. Jordan, Rockingham, Ga.	W. D. Bryant, J. B. Jordan	8	2	0	0	0	1	1	44	4.75	2nd in Oct.
Rehobeth	Ware	Walter Smith, Nicholls, Ga.	Walter Smith, Daniel Smith	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	47	2.50	2nd in Sept.
Rome	Ware	T. N. Tuten, Waycross, Ga.	J. T. Michew; J. J. Henderson	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	24	4.00	1st in Sept.
Satilla	Wayne	A. W. Moody, Screven, Ga.	John Moody, A. Waldron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.50	4th in Oct. 2nd in July

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