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Minutes of the Greenville, Regular Baptist, Association.

Agreeable to a previous appointment, the following churches sent messengers who met in convention with the Greenville church, on the second branch of greenville creek, on the 21st day of may (1825) in order to form a new Association. The Churches and messengers names are as follows

Churches	Messengers names
Stillwater	Robert Lebel ~~and~~ David Ward & Moses Luce
Dry fork of Twin	Elder William Williams Willis Richards and John Childress.
Greenville	Elder John Wintermote James Brady Samuel Lowring and David Brigs.
East fork of White water	John Drake John Reed

1st At 10 Oclock Elder Williams Williams delivered an introductory sermon from Malachi the 3ch, 16v, and Elder Wintermote. Closed by prayer (Wintermote Clerk

2nd The messengers then choose Elder Williams moderator and Elder

3rd The messengers then entered into a consultation on the subject, and finally agreed to form a new Association to be called the Greenville regular Baptist Association, and agreed to meet on the 2nd Saturday in October next at the same place at 10 Oclock in order to be constituted

4th The convention appointed Elder Thomas Childres to preach an introductory sermon at the time and place of the Constitution

5th On motion Elder Wintermote was appointed to petition the White-water and Mad-river Associations by letters to send us helps to constitute the Association consonant with the common usage of the regular baptists in that case

6th The messengers agreed upon principles on which the Association is to be constituted and also on the heads of doctrine containing their faith. To be investigated at their next meeting.

The meeting closed by prayer.

William Williams Moderator

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John Wintermote Clerk

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Minutes of the Constitution of the Green-ville Baptist Association. October the 4th met at 10 o'clock 1825.

1st Elder Thomas Childres Delivered an introductory Sermon from Rom. 1 ch. 16th v. Then the following Churches by their Mesengers presented letters containing their number in order to be constituted

Churches	Mesengers names	Number
Still-water	Elder Thomas Childres Henry Swisher Robert Level & Jacob Carlock	61
Dry fork of Twin	Elder William Williams Benjamin Richards & John Childres	22
Greenville	Elder John Wintermote David Brigs Samuel Lowring and James Brady	24
Ebenezer	Henry Ador Benjamin Fisher & Sam. King	26
East fork of White-water	John Drake Nathaniel Drake and John Reed	22
	Total	125

1st The Mesengers then chose Elder Thomas Childres Moderator and Elder John Wintermote Clerk. 2nd The helps who were sent from the white-water and Mad-river associations were called for who were Elder Isaac Cotton Samuel Taylor and brethren Aron Martin and John Stigleman from White-water and Elder John Gutridge from Mad-river.

And after the mesengers unanimously agreed to the following platform. Articles of faith, and rules of Decorum. Brother Gutridge made an appropriate prayer. And Brother Taylor gave the association the right hand of fellowship. the helps were all invited to take seats with us and proceeded to business.

1st The association to meet with the Dry-fork of Twin church on the Saturday before first Lords day in October next and Br. John Wintermote to preach an introductory serman to commence at 10 o'clock in case of failure Brother Thomas Childres

2nd Resolved that this association solicit a correspondence with white Water Association. Brother Wintermote to write a letter and bear the same with br. Wm Williams — Also with the Mad-river Ass. and br. Jacob Carlock to write the letter and brethren Childres and Level bear the same.

6th Brother David Briggs to prepare a circular letter for next year
Lords day october the 9th. Br. John Guthridge preached from
Palm 45th ch. 13. 14. vs. Br. Sam. Taylor from Palms
6th ch. 4. v. And Br. Isaac Cotton from Matthew 28th, 18-
19. vs. and Br Childres concluded by an affectionate
address to the congregation and closed the meeting by prayer all was conclu-
-ded with solemnity and to the comfort of many of Gods dear children.
John Winstermote Clerk Thomas Childres Modrator

Origin of the Greenville Baptist Association.

October the 8th A.D. 1825

First, the principles on which the Association is Constituted.

From a long series of experience we the Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ are convinced of the utility of a combination of Churches in an Asso-
-ciated capacity, in order to establish and perpetuate a friendly inter-
-course and union among us; whereby we will be better able to guard against
Innovations which the Churches of Jesus Christ may always calculate to be
troubled with by those who lie in wait to deceive.

We therefore agree to keep an Association according to the following
form of government.

Article 1st This Association shall be composed of members chosen
by the different churches in our union which shall not exceed more than four each church who shall be
duly authorized to represent
them in the Association, Who aught to be well versed in scripture,
Judicious, prudent, and men of integrity. It will therefore be ex
-pected that the churches will pay attention to such qualifications
in order to be benefited. And those members by producing letters
from their respective churches certifying their appointment
shall be entitled to a seat in the Association.

Article 2nd The letters from each church shall contain their
State of fellowship, the number of those baptised, recieved by
letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded, dead together
with their total number since the last Association

Article 3rd The members thus chosen and sent shall be De-
-nominated the Greenville regular Baptist Association. who
shall have no power of Jurisdiction nor Coercive right to
Lord it over the churches which are Gods heritage, nor in-

fringe on their internal rights, but shall acknowledge the independence of every church, and leave them to govern themselves by their own Rules (Decorum

Article 4th This Association shall be ruled by a regular and proper

Article 5th New churches may be admitted into the Association by petitioning by letter and messengers, and if found orthodox shall be recieved by the unanimous voice of the Association, and manifested by the Moderators giveing they messengers the the right hand of fellowship, but if any member does object against any church so coming in he shall render his reasons, and if found just the church shall not be taken in, but if unjust it may

Article 6th There shall be a Book kept wherin the proceedings of the Association each meeting shall be recorded

Article 7th This Association shall annually appoint a brother to write a circular letter to be printed with the minutes and present it at the commencement of the next Association

Article 8th This Association shall appoint a ministering Brother to preach the next introductory sermon and in case of failure another to fill the place

~~Article 9th This Association shall not hold disputations about Missionary affairs but shall leave either churches or private members at their own free will to contribute or not.~~

Article 10th This Association shall have a right 1st To provide for a general union of the churches. 2nd To give all necessary advice in matters of difficulty as an advisary council only. 3rd To enquire into the cause why any of they churches fail to represent themselves, And 4th To withdraw from any church that does violate they rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of Religion.

Repealed Restored 1844

Articles of Faith

1st We Believe in one only living and true God

2nd We believe the scripture of the old and new Testaments are the word of God given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost,

And are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3rd We Believe in the doctrine of unconditional and personal Election by Grace
4th We Believe in the doctrine of Original Sin
5th We Believe in mans impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or Abilities
6th We Believe in the doctrine of particular Redemption
7th We Believe that sinners are justified freely by his (that is Gods) Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3rd Ch. 24th. verse.
8th We Believe that Gods Elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the power of the Holy Ghost.
9th We Believe that all they saints will persevere in grace to glory, and never finally fall away.
10th We Believe that baptism and the Lords supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are they only subjects of them. and that the only right mode of Baptism is by Immersion, (ment.
11th We Believe in the resurrection of the body and a general judge-
12th We Believe that the joys of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will both be eternal
13th We Believe that no person has a right to administer they ordinances of baptism, and the Lord supper but such as are authorized in the word of God.

Rules of Decorum

Article 1st This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2nd A Moderator shall be chosen by the members present, whose duty it shall be to keep order while doing business, and to see that a fair investigation be made on every motion made and seconded.
3rd A Clerk shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to record all the business transacted by the Association and enroll the names of all they members and call them over whenever requested by the association (the Asso.
4th A committee shall be appointed to arrange the business of

if Necessary 1880

5th A Committee shall be appointed of not lefs than two or more than four, whoes duty it shall be to unite with the brother who wrote the circular letter to revise the same and read it a second time to the Association for their approbation. (2) Below

6th Every motion made shall fall except it be seconded.

7th Every motion made and seconded shall undergo a fair investigation unless withdrawn by the person who made it, and when ripe for division the Moderator shall give fair notice of it and take the votes by the uplifting of their hands

8th Any person about to make a motion shall arise and address the Association, Thus, Brethren by leave of the Moderator

9th No person shall speak more than twice to one subject without permission from the Association till all who wish to speak have spoken and given their light on the subject.

10th No person shall be interrupted while speaking provided he proportionate the time and speak in the character of a Christian

11th No person shall be admitted to use degradeing language when speaking nor reflect on the failings of others, nor whisper laugh or make use of any unchristian behaviour during business but address all by the title of brother or brethren.

12th The Moderator shall be entitled to speak provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote except the votes be even balanced.

13th Any person who shall wilfully transgress these rules shall be reproved as the Association shall think proper.

John Wintermote Clerk. Thomas Childers Moderator

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association, Held at the Dry Fork Twin Ohio On The 7th, 8th, And 9th, of October 1826. Second Session

1st An Introductory Sermon preached by Brother John Wintermote, from Galatians 5th and 1st.

2nd Letters from the several Churches composing the Association were read, and the Messengers names enrolled, with the State of the Churches

* But if in their judgment they think the letter after it is revised unfit to accompany the minutes they May

Churches	Messengers Names	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Restoration	Dismissed By Letter	Dismissed By Excom.	Dismissed By death	Total
Still. Water	Jacob Carlack D. Ward & H. Swisher				4	1		26
Dry. Fork of Twin	William Williams W. Crisler and B. Richards		1			1		22
Greenville	John Wintermote and James Brady		4					28
Ebenezer	Thomas Childres Henry Paddox Wm. M. Cormick & B. Fisher.	2	5			1		32
East Fork of White Water	John Reed John Drake and N. Drake	1	1		2	1		22
Holands fork	Isaac Cotton R. W. Cheeseman and John Stigleman							25
Concord	Wm. Case, C. Cleney and E. Smith							26
	Total	3	11		6	4		181

1st Elder Childres chosen Moderator and Elder Wintermote Clerk.
2nd On application, the two last Churches were received into our union.
3rd Brother Isaac Cotton presented a corresponding letter from the White Water Association, and took his seat with us; and Brother John Stigleman to reply, and brethren Cotton and R. Cheeseman to bear the same. Also, a letter of Correspondence from the Mad-River Association, by the hands of Brethren Moses Frazee and George. W. Green, and took their seats.
4th The Circular was read, and a committee, consisting of brethren H. Paddox, H. Swisher, G. W. Green, and J. Wintermote, to revise the same, and present it on monday morning for a second reading.
5th Brethren William Williams William M. Cormick and J. Carlock to arrange the business of the Association for monday
6th Appointed brethren Frazee, Childres and Cotton to preach to-morrow —

Adjourned untill Monday morning 9 O'Clock

Sunday Morning 10 O'Clock Brother Childres delivered a discourse from Hebrews 9:c 27. 28:v Brother Frazee from Romans 10:c 12:v Brother Cotton from John 8:c 14.15:v Brother Wintermote from John 4 c, 29 v.

Monday Morning. 9 O'Clock Met pursuant to adjournment, and after worship, proceeded to busineps. (mitted

1st Agreed to take the busineps of the day as arranged by the com-

2d The Circular read and received, and Brother John Stigleman appointed to prepare one for the next year.

3d The next Apociation to be held at Ebenezer church, in Preble county, Ohio; to commence the saturday before fourth Lords day in August next, at 10 O'Clock.

4 Brother Isaac Cotton to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, William Williams

5th. A yearly meeting to be held at Concord, on the fourth saturday and sunday in june next, and brethren. John Winterrnote and Thomas Childres to attend— and at Greenville church, on the second saturday and sunday in June next, and Brethren Childres, Williams and Cotton to attend.

6th Brother Benjamin Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing the Minutes of this Apociation.

John Winterrnote Clerk. Thomas Childres Moderator

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Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association, Held at Ebenezer, Preble County, Ohio, On The 25th, 26th, and 27th, of August 1827. third Sepsion.

1st. An Introductory sermon, delivered by brother Isaac Cotton from the 7th. of Luke, the latter clause of the 22d. and the 23d verse

2d. Letters from the different Churches were read, and the Mesengers' names enrolled, with the state of Churches

Churches	Mesengers Names	Received. By Baptism	Received. By Letter	Received. By Relation	Dimissed. By Letter	Dimissed. By Excom	Dimissed. By Death	Total
Still Water	Lewis Baker. J. Hale and G. Maysinger				3			22
Dry Fork of Twin	William Williams H. Chrisler and B. Richards	4		1	1	1		25

Greville	John Winstermote, and S. Lowring		2		1	1	1	28
Ebenezer	Thomas Childres, H. Paddack, M. Decorsey, and B. Fisher.				3		2	27
East Fork of White Water	John Reed, and John Drake	3	3			1		26
Yolandes Fork	Isaac Cotton R. W. Cheeseman and John Stigleman		1	1	3	2		22
Concord	Nathaniel Case, C. Smith,		2	1	1			29
	Total	7	8	3	12	4	3	179

2d. Elder Childres chosen Moderator and John Stigleman Clerk.
4th. A Book presented by Brother Henry Paddack, for the records of this Association; which was received
5th. The Circular letter was read, and a committee consisting of brethren Samuel Taylor, S. Oldham, B. Fisher, and J. Stigleman, to revise the same, and present it on monday morning for a second reading.
6th. Elders Minor Thomas, William Miller, Samuel Taylor, Stephen Oldham and brother William M. Cormick, presented a letter of correspondence from the White-Water Association Brother John Winstermote to reply: Brethren Isaac Cotton, R. W. Cheeseman, and John Stigleman to bear the same.
7th Resolved that this association solicit a correspondence with the Miami Association, and brother William Williams to write a letter of Correspondence— Elder Childres, H. Paddack, and B. Fisher to bear the same.
8th Brother John Stigleman ~~Brother~~ to write a letter of correspondence to the Mad River Association, and brethren John Winstermote, and Lewis Baker to bear the same.
9th Brethren John Read, R. W. Cheeseman, and C. Smith appointed to arrange the business of this Association for Monday morning
10th Brethren Minor Thomas, S. Oldham, S. Taylor, and Briant to preach to-morrow, to commence at 10 O. Clock.
Adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock.
Sunday Morning.— According to appointment, brother Minor Thomas delivered a discourse from Gallatians 3 C. 29 V.— brother Oldham from Collosians 3 C. 3 and 4 V.— brother Taylor from Matt. 12 C. 42 V.— brother Briant from Isaiah 40 C. 11 V.

Monday Morning.— Met agreeble to appointment
1st. Received the arrangement of the committee, and agreed to act accordingly
2nd. The Circular read and approved, and brother William Williams, to prepare one for the next year.
3d. Corresponding letters called for, read and approved.
4th The next Association to be held at Still water, to commence the Saturday before the 4th Lords day in August next.
Brother William Williams to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failure, brother Thomas Childres; at 10 o'clock
5th. Yearly Meetings appointed; first, at Dry Fork of Twin on the Saturday before the 4th. Lord day in October next, and brethren Thomas Childres, Isaac Cotton, and John Wintermote to attend; second, at Ebenezer on the saturday before the 1st. Lords day in May next, and brethren Isaac Cotton J. Wintermote and W. Williams to attend; 3d. at Yolands Fork on the first Saturday in June next, and brethren William Williams, J. Wintermote, and T. Childres to attend.
6th. Brother Benjamin Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of this Association
Thomas Childres, Moderator.
John Stiglemaan Sec.

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association Held at Still Water, Dark County, Ohio, on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, of August, 1828.

1st. An Introductory sermon delivered by brother William Williams, from Isaiah, 35, C. 10th, V.

2nd. Letters from the different churches were read, and the messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches.

Churches	Messengers' names.	Received			Dismissed			Total
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Profession	By Letter	By Excom.	By Death	
Still Water	Henry Swisher, Phillip Baysinger, and Thomas Hathaway			3				25

Dry Fork of Twin	William Williams, Willis Richards and William Crisler	5	2			2		30
Greenville	John Wintermote, David Cole, and Leonard Wintermote				8	2		18
Ebenezer	Thomas Childres, William Decoursy Benjamin Fisher, and Elijah Paddock		1					28
East Fork of White Water	John Reed, Nathaniel Drake, and John Drake jun.	2	1		1			28
Yolando Fork	Isaac Cotton, John Stigleman and Joshua Eliason.		1		2			21
Concord	Nathaniel Case, Eleazer Smith and Curtis Cleney	9	2		1			39
Middle Fork of White Water	Samuel Loring, and Henry Hunter (Ger							8
	Total	16	7	3	12	4		197

3rd Chose Elder Childres Moderator, and John Stigleman Clerk.
4th Received the last named church into our union.
5th The circular letter read, and a committee consisting of brethren John Reed, William Decoursy, and William Williams to revise the same, and present it on Monday morning for a second reading
6th Brethren, Samuel Taylor, and John Evans corresponding mesengers from the White Water Association, (but no letter) who took their seats with us. Elder Wintermote to reply; Elders Cotton, and Childres, to bear the same: also received a letter of correspondence from the Mad River Association, by the hand of Elders, Willis Keene, and William Sutton who were invited to seats. Brother John John Stigleman to reply; brethren, John Wintermote, and William Crisler to bear the same. No letter nor mesenger from the Miami Association. Elder Williams to write a letter; and Elders, Williams, Childres, and brother Crisler to bear it to the Miami.
7th Appointed brethren, Benjamin Fisher, Eleazer Smith, and Nathaniel Case, to arrange the business of this Association
8th Appointed brethren, S. Taylor, W. Keene, Wm. Sutton and J. Evans, to preach to morrow, to commence at 10 O'Clock
Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'clock.

Lord's Day — Agreeable to appointment, brother J. Evans delivered a discourse from 1st. Timothy 3d. C. 29th. V. Brother W. Hance from Mathew 5th. C. 20th. V. Brother S. Taylor from Isaiah 40th. C. 11th. V. And brother Wm. Sutton from Mark 5th. C. & part of the 19th. V.

Monday morning, met pursuant to adjourment
1st. Received the arrangement of the committee, and agreed to act accordingly
2nd. The circular letter again read and approved, and brother J. Wintermote to prepare one for next year.
3rd. Corresponding letters called for, read and approved
4th. Next Association to be held at Nolands Fork, to commence at 10 O'clock on saturday before the fourth Lords day in August next. Brother T. Childres to preach the introductory sermon: in case of failure, brother J. Wintermote
5th. Appointed brother John Stigleman to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association

Thomas Childres Modarator

John Stigleman Sec.

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association Held at Nolands Fork, Wayne county, Indiana, on the 22d, 23d and 24th of August, 1829.

1st. An Introductory sermon, delivered by brother Thomas Childres, from Mathew, 11th C, and part of the 4th, and 5th V.
2d. Letters from the different churches were read, and the Messengers' names enrolled with the state of Churches

Churches	Messengers Names	Received			Dismissed			
		By bap.	By letter	By Res.	By Letter	By Ex.	By Death	Total
Still Water	Newbury York	8	0	0	0	0	1	33
Dry Fork of Twin	William Williams William Crisler and John Childres	0	0	0	0	3	0	27
Greenville	Leonard Wintermote	0	0	0	0	0	0	16

Ebenezer	Thomas Childres & Joshua Benton	1	2	0	0	1	0	30
East Fork of White Water	John Drake sen., John Reed John Drake jun. and Andrew Sparks	1	2	0	0	0	8	28
Nolands Fork	Isaac Cotton, George Cornelius R. W. Cheseman & John Stigleman	0	0	0	0	1	0	20
Concord	Hezekiah Cartwright, John Green and Nathaniel Case	37	5	0	1	0	1	77
Midle Fork of White Water	Samuel Loring, Henry Huntsinger and Thomas Wiley	4	0	0	0	0	0	12
Liberty	Samuel Batson	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Total	51	9	0	1	5	5	279

3d Chose Elder Childres Modarator and John Stigleman Clerk

4th Received the last named church into our union.

5th The circular letter read, and a committee consisting of brethren Samuel Taylor, William Williams and John Stigleman, to revise the same and present on Monday morning for a second reading.

6th. Received a letter of correspondence from the white water Association by the hands of their Messengers: Elders, Miner Thomas and Samuel Taylor, who took their seats: Brother John Stigleman to reply Elders Childres and Cotton to bear the same. Also a letter from the Miami association by the hands of their messengers: Elders Stephen Gard William Bascom and brethren Joseph Kelly and Samel Potter who took their seats: Brother Newbury York to reply. Brethren Childres and Crisler to bear the same. Also a letter from the Mad River association, by the hands of Elder Moses Frazee who took his seat, Elder Williams to reply, Brethren Williams a Benton to bear the same.

7th Appointed Brethren Samuel, William Williams and John Stigleman to arrange the business of this association.

8th Appointed Elders, Thomas, Taylor, Gard, and Frazee to preach tomorrow and to commence at 10 O. clock.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'clock

Lords Day — Agreeable to appointment, Elder Thomas delivered a discourse from John, 10 C. 14 V. Elder Gard from Hebrews 12th C 20th V. Elder Frazee from Collossians 3d C 20th V and Elder Taylor from Corrithians, 5th C 20th V

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment 1st. Received the arrangement of the committee and agreed to and adopted 2d. The circular letter again read, and disapproved, the committee presented another which was adopted, and Elder Williams to prepare one for the next year 3d. The corresponding letters called for, read and approved 4th Next Association to be held at Concord, Wayne County, Indiana to commence at 10 O'Clock, on Saturday before the fourth Lords in august next. Brothers John Winternote to preach the introductory sermon in case of failure brother Isaac Cotton 5th Appointed brother John Stigleman, to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association

Thomas Childres Clerk

John Stigleman Clerk

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association Held at Concord, Wayne county, Indiana, on the 21st, 22nd, and of august, 1830.

1st An introductory sermon, delivered by brother John Winternote, 2d Corinthians, 1st Ch. 5th V.

2nd Letters from the different churches were read, and Messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches

		Received			Dismissed			
Churches	Messenger Names	By Baptism	By letter	By Rest.	By letter	By Ex.	By Death	Total
Still Water	Jacob Carlock and John M. Donald	1	0	0	2	0	1	29
Dry Fork of Twin	William Williams, John Childres and Willis Richards	1	4	0	0	1	0	31
Greenville	John Winternote & John Howel	0	2	0	0	0	0	20
Ebenezer	T. Childres J. Benton B Fish ell, E. Paddock	1	6	0	1	0	2	33
East fork White water	John Reed John Drake	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Yolandes Fork	Isaac Cotton R. W. Cheseman and John Stigleman	1	9	0	3	0	0	27
Concord	Jame Martin, Nathaniel Case Eleazer Smith	9	1	1	20	0	0	64
Middle fork white R.	Samuel Loring, Isaac Vinthin and Thamas Wiley.	3	0	0	3	0	1	11

Liberty	David Frazer, H. Ransford and Jesse Platte	0	1	0	10	1	0	26
Friendship	Hezekiah Cartwright, William Peelle and John James	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Zion	David J Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Total	16	20	1	39	2	4	307

3d Chose Elder Childres Moderator and John Stigleman Clerk.

4th Received the two last named into our union

5th Received a letter of correspondence from the white Water association by the hand of their Messengers; Elders, Harris Stanley, and David Taylor who were invited to seats: Elder Wintermote to reply; and brethren Childres, Carloch, and John Stigleman, to bear the same. Also a letter from the Miami Association by the hand of their messenger; Elder Robinson, who was invited to a seat: Brother Benjamin Fisher to reply; Brethren Childres and Benton to bear the same. Also a letter from the Mad River Association by the hand of their messenger. Elder William Suttin who was invited to a seat Elder Williams to reply. Elders, Martin and Childres to bear the same.

6th The circular letter read, and a committee consisting of brethren Samuel Taylor and John Stigleman with the author to revise the same, and present it on monday for a second reading

7th Appointed Elders Suttin, D. Taylor, and Robinson to preach and S. Taylor to conclude to morrow to commence at 10. O, clock.

Ajourned till Monday 10 O, clock

Lordsday — Agreeable to appointment, Elder Robinson delivered a discourse from 2d Cor. 4th C, 5th V. Elder D. Taylor from Coll. 3. C 3. V. Elder Suttin from the fore part of the 6. C. of Romans, and Elder Samuel Taylor, closed by an affectionate prayer a respectable audience.

Monday morning met persuant to adjournment.

1st Received the arrangement of the committee and agreed to act according (by

2d The circular again read, and ordered to be anexed to the and brother John Stigleman to one for the next year.

3d Corresponding letter called for read and approved.

4 By request from the dry fork of Twin Church, to advertise the exclusion of John, C. Page, in minutes of this association, which took place in that church on the 27th of September 1828

We hereby give notice, that he is a disorderly preacher, and an excluded member, lawfully done

5 The next association to be held at the Dry Fork of Twin, Preble county, Ohio, to commence at 10 O'clock, on friday before the fourth Lord's in august next: Brother James Martin to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failur, brother Isaac Cotton.

6th Resolved, that we recommend to different church that compose this Association, to contribute pecuniary aid, to bear expenes of our corresponding, messengers. to the different associations we correspond with

7th Resolved, that herafter it shall be the clerk's duty, to nominate the corresponding messengers to the diffent associations we correspond with.

Thomas Childres Mod

John Stigleman Clerk

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association, Held at the Dry Fork of Twin Preble County Ohio. on the 26th 27th and 28th of August 1831.

1st An Introductory sermon delivered by Brother James Martin from 2d Tim. 3C. and 17th V.

2d. Letters from the different churches were read, and the Messengers names enrolled with the state of churches.

Churches	Messengers Names	Received: Baptised	Received: by letter	Received: Restored	Dismissed: D. by letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Total
Still Water.	N. York. S. Craig & J. Swisher				1			25
Dry fork of Twin	~~W. Bon~~ Richards, W. Williams and J. Childres.		2				2	31
Greenville	J. Wintermote. and J. Howel.	2	4					26
Ebenezer	T. Childres, J. Benton, W. Decorsey and B. Fisher. by Ex	1	1		1	1	3	30
East fork of White Water	J. Martin, J. Reed, A. Ashbey and E. Dalrymple	4	2		5			30
Noland fork	J. Cotton, and J. Stigleman				7	1		19
Concord	E. Smith, J. Green and N. Case	1	2		3	2	1	64

Middle fork of white water	S. Loring		1		2			8
Liberty	C. Main, B. Branscum & J. K. Platts		2		3			25
Friendship	H. Cartwright, J. James and E. Scott	3	2	1				25
Zion	Dissolved							
	Total	10	16	1	22	4	6	283

3d. Chose Elder Childres Moderator and John Stigleman Clerk.

4 Received letter of correspondence, from the White water association by hands of their messengers; Elders, Greg. M. Thompson, John Sparks and Stephen Oldham, who were invited to seats. Elder Wintermote to reply, Elders Childres and Wintermote to bear the same. One from the Miami association, by the hands of their messengers, Elders Stephen Gard and Wilson Thompson, who were invited to seats, brother Fisher to reply, Elders. Childres and Benton to bear the same. one from the Mad river association by the hands of their messengers, Elders William Sutton and Vaughn. Brother John Howel to reply Elders Childres and Martin to bear the same

5 The circular letter read and a committee of brethren Gaard and Sutton with author to revise the same and present it to-morrow for a second reading

6. A Query from Ebenezer church — What way should a church act in receiving members that have been by other persuasions not of our faith and order? — The Churches are advised by this association, that they be careful who they receive, and that only unanimous consent of the church.

7 Brethren Wintermote, Cotton and Fisher, to arrange the business of this association

Adjourned till to-morrow, 9. O'clock

Saturday morning met persuant to adjournment

1st Received the arrangment of the committee and agreed to make it order of the day.

2d The circular letter again read, and ordered to be annexed to the minutes, and brother Nathaniel Case to prepare one for the next year

3d The corresponding letters called for read and approved.

4th The next association to be held at liberty church, Henry county Indiana to commence at 10 O'clock on Friday before the fourth Lord day in august next: and Brother Williams Williams to preach the introductory sermon in case of failure Brother John Wintermote

5 Appointed Elders W. Thompson, Sutton and Sparks to preach to-morrow, to commence at 10 O'clock

6 Appointed brother John Stigleman to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this association.

Lords Day — Agreeable to appointment, Elders, Sparks delivered a sermon from 1st Cor. 2d. C. 2 V. Elder Sutton from ~~the 10th~~ Ephe 2d. C. and from the 10th. V. to the last of said C. Elder Thompson from Rom. 9th C. 12 V. to a respectable audience

Thomas Childres Mod.

John Stigleman Clerk.

Minutes of the Greenville Baptist Association Held at Liberty Church, Henry County, Indiana, on the 24th. 25th and 26th of August 1832.

1st. An Introductory delivered by Brother William Williams, from 2d Tim. 1st 9th verse

2d Letters from the different Churches were read, and the Messengers names enrolled, with the state of the churches

Churches	Messengers names	Received: Baptized	Received: Rec. by letter	Received: Restored	Dismissed: Dis. by letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Dismissed: Total
Still Water	D. Ward and J. Plasinger	1			1			25
Dry Fork of Twin	J. Childres, W. Richards J. Sheilds and W. Crisler	3	4	1	2		1	29
Greenville	John Wintermote & Thomas Kathway	3	4		2	1	1	29
Ebenezer	J Benton, W. Williams, W. Dicorsey, E. Padock, and B. Fisher.	1	5		3	1		37
East fork W. water	John Drake & John Reed		1		6	3		22
Noland Fork	J. Cotton, G. Cornelius, & J. Stigleman		3		8			12
Concord	E, Smith, N. Case, & J. Green			2	7			57
M. fork of W. water	Thomas Wiley	1	2			2		10
Liberty	H. Ransford, J. Miller, & J. H. Platts	1				2		24
Friendship	E, Scott, M. Rhodes & Wm Pulle		2		1			26
	Total	6	14	3	30	7	2	271

3d Chose brother William Decorsey Moderator, and John Stigleman clerk
4th Received a letter of correspondence from the white water Association, by their messengers, Elders Samuel Taylor, Joseph Flint, James Austill, and Joshua Fleckman, who were invited to seats, br. B Fisher to reply, brethren Wm Williams Isaac Cotton and B. Fisher to bear the same. One from the Miami Association, by their Messenger Brother Joseph Kelly who were invited to a seat, Elder Wintermote to reply, brethren J. Wintermote, J. Drake, and N. Case to bear the same, one from the Mad river Association by their messenger Elder Willis Hance who were to a seat, Brother N. Case to reply, brethren John Stigleman and Joshua Benton, to bear the same.
4th The circular letter read, and a committee consisting of brethren Isaac Cotton John Childres and John Stigleman, with the author to revise the same and present to morrow for a second reading.
5th Appointed brethren J. Wintermote and J. Benton, to arrange the business of this association.
Adjourned till 10 O clock to morrow

Saturday morning, met pesuant to adjournment
1st Received the arrangment of the committee, and agreed to make it the order of the day
2d The circular letter again read and ordered to be annexed to the minutes, and Elder Williams to prepare one for next year.
3d The corresponding letter read and approved.
4th The next Association to held with Greenville church, in the town of Greenville, Dark county, Ohio, to commence at ~~to~~ 10 O clock on friday before the fourth Lords in august next: brother J Cotton to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failure Brother J. Benton.
5th Appointed Elders, Hance, Fleckman, and Flint to preach to morrow to commence at 10. O clock
6th Appointed John Stigleman to superintend the printing and Distribution of the minutes of this Association
7th The Dry fork of twin church request this association to give notice in her minutes, of the restoration of brother

John C. Page, to fellowship again.

Lordsday — Agreeable to appointment, Elder Flint delivered a serman from Mat. 1st Chap. 21st verse: Elder Hanna from Rom. 8th Chap. 28th verse: Elder Hickman last Chap. of Luke. 46th & 47th verses to a numerous and respectable audience. William Decorsey Mod.
John Stigleman clerk.

Minutes of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association Held at Greenville Church in the town of Greeville Dark county Ohio on the 23d 24th and 25 of August 1833
1st An Introductory delivered by Brother Joshua Benton from 1st Peter 2d Chap. 6th V.
2nd Letters from the different Churches were read and the Messengers' names enrolled with the state of the Churches

Churches	Messengers Names	Received: Baptised	Received: Rec. by letter	Received: Restored	Dismissed: Dis. by letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Dismissed: Total
Still Water	Seymore Craig, A. Baker, & J. Swisher.	17	1		1			47
Greenville	J Wintermote, J. Brady, & H. H. Rush	4	2			1		32
Dry fork of Twin	Wm Chrisler, J. C. Page, & J. Marsh.	1						30
Ebenezer	J Benton, E. Padock, & B. Fisher.		4		2	1	1	36
East Fork White Water	J. Drake, and J. Elstan.				1			23
Concord	E. Smith, C. Cleney & N. Case	1	1				1	57
Midle fork White Water	John Reed.		2					12
Friendship	Miles Rhoades & E Scott	3				1		28
Nolens Fork.	No letter nor Messenger							
Liberty	No letter nor Messenger							
	Total	26	10		4	3	2	265

3d Chose Elder Benton Moderator and J. Winternote Clerk
4 Received a letter of correspondence from the White Water Association by their Messengers, Elders S. Austill, J Evans and G. Harland who were invited to seats with us, and Bro. Fisher to reply, and J. Benton, E. Padock, and B. Fisher to hear the same. one from the Miami association by their Messengers, Elders S. Gard, T. Childers, and Brother J Kelly who were invited to seats, N. Case to reply, Elder Winternote Powel, and Page to hear the same. One from the Mad river association by their messenger Elder Willis Hance who were invited to a seat, J Winternote to reply; S. Craig J. Sutherlin and H. H. Rush to hear the same.
5th The circular read and a committee of brethren J Winternote B. Fisher, with the to inspect the same and present it to morrow for a second reading.
6th Brethren J. Reed, S. Craig and J. C. Page to arrange the business of the association and present to morrow morning
7th Appointed Elders, Hance, Childers, and Harland to preach to morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O. Clock

Saturday morning met persuant to adjournment
1st Received the arrangement of the committee and agreed to make it the order of the day. Stand at 11 O. Clock worship Commenced and Harland delivered a discourse from Acts the 13th Ch. 38th and 39th verses Hance from Isai. 3d Ch. 10th and 11th verses, Childers from Dan. 2d Ch. 44th verse.
2 The circular again read and ordered to be annexed to the minutes, and Brother Fisher to prepare one for next year.
3d Corresponding letters read and approved
4th The next association to be held at Ebenezer church in Preble county Ohio to commence at 10 O. Clock on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August next, brother J. Winternote to preach the introductory sermon in case of failure Brother S. Craig.
5th Brother B. Fisher to superintend the printing

of the minutes of this association and distributing the same Lords Day, Appointment Elder Hance Delivered a sermon from Titus 2d Ch. 14th verse, Elder Childers from Ps. 84 Ch. 11th verse, Elder Gard from Hebrews 6 Ch. 17th 18th and 19th verses. Jashua Benton Mod. John Wintermote Clerk.

Minutes of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association held at Ebenezer church in Preble County ohio on the 22d 23d and 24th days of august 1834

1st an introductory delivered by Bro John wintermote from 1st Peter 2d Ch. 9th. v 2d letters from the different churches were read and the messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches

N B ordained Ministers names in small capitals

Churches	Messengers Names	Received: Baptised	Received: Received by letter	Received: Restored	Dismissed: Dismissed by letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Total
still water	Seymore Craig D ward and N York	6	1	0	0	0	0	53
Dry fork of twin	B Richards J C page & Wm Chesler	1	1	0	0	1	0	31
greenville	J winter mate J Howell and D Briggs	0 0	3	0	0	1	1	33
Ebenezer	Wm Williams J Benton Wm Decorsey B Fisher	0	1	0	0	3	0	34
Cost fork of whitewater	J Elston	0	0	0	8	0	0	15
Concord	N case J Prichard C Smith J. Ball	2	0	1	1	1	0	58
Middle fork of whitewater	S Laring	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
liberty	B Branscum	0	3	1	0	0	0	19
friendship	M Rhoads C Mongin Beel Wm	0	1	0	4	0	0	23
Centerville	Isaac Cotton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	total	9	10	2	13	6	1	278

3th chose Elder benton Modeator and Benjamin Fisher clerk
4th Received letters of correspondance from the white water association by their messenger James Austill who was invited to a seat with us Wm Cresler to Reply Brethren Isaac Cotton J Benton and Wm Crisler to Bore the same one from the Miami association by their Messenger Elder Thomas Childress and J Kelley who was invited to a seat withus J C page to Reply Brethren Wm Williams Wm Decorsey and B Richards to Bore the same one from the Madrver association by their Messenger Elder Willis hance who was invited to a seat withus N Case to Reply Brethren J wintermate S Craig N York to Bore the same
5th the circular letter Read and c committee of Brethren Isaac Cotton J wintermate Esmith with the author to Revise the same and present it to morrow for a second Reading
6th Brethren Isaac Cotton J wintermate E Smith and B Fisher to arrange the Business of this association
7th T Childress Mr Hance S Craig to Preach to morrow adjourned till to morrow morning 10 oclock Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment
1st Received the arrangements of the committee and agreed to make it the order of the day
2d the circular again called for and Read and orded to be annext to the minutes and Bro Wm Williams to prepare one for the next year
3d the corresponding letters called for read and approved
4th next association to be held with the still water church in dark County ohio to commence at ten oclock on Friday before the forth Lordsday in August next Brother Isaac Cotton to preach the introductory Sermon and in case of failure Brother Penton
5th appoint Elders Childres hance and Austill to Preach to morrow to commence at 10 oclock 6th Bro B Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of this association B Fisher Clerk

Minutes
of the
Greenville Regular Baptist Association
Held at Ebenezer Church in Preble County Ohio.
on the 21st, 22d & 23th days of August 1835.

1st. An Introductory, delivered by Brother Joshua Benton, from Acts, 22d. Ch. 9th V.
2nd Letters from the different Churches were read and the Messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches.
N. B. Ordained Ministers' names in small capitals; Licensed in italics.

Churches	Messengers names.	Received: Baptised	Received: Received	Received: Restored	Dismissed: Dismissed by letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Dismissed: Total
Still water	SEMORE CRAIG. JOHN. McDONALD. H. Surshon & M. R. Taylor	1	2	0	0	0	0	54
Dry fork of Twin	J. Childers W. Richards. & Wm Crisler	0	4	0	2	0	0	33
Greenville	Elder J. Wintermote J. Brady & H. H. Rush	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Ebenezer.	J. BENTON. H. Paddock. & B. Fisher	2	1	0	0	0	2	35
East fork of White water	Dissolved	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Concord	E. Smith N. Case & J. Pritchard	2	4	0	0	2	1	58
Middle fork	Dissolved.	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Freindship	E. Scott S. Jennings & Wm Peale	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Centreville	E. Mathews.	1	5	0	1	1	0	37
Harmony	H. Carter A. McClure & J. Clossin	9	3	0	0	0	1	18
		15	14					3 [illegible] 1292

3th Chose Elder Benton Moderator and B. Fisher Clerk.
4th Received the last naamed Church into our union.
5th Received a letter from the white water Association by their Messengers Elder A Martin, who was invited to a seat with us: H. H. Rush to reply: Brethren Benton

and H Saddock & B Fisher to bear the same. One from the Miami Association, by their messengers Elder Thomas Childres, who was invited to a seat with us: N. Case to reply; Brethren J Craig J McDonald & Wm Crisler to bear the same. One from the Madriver Association, by their messengers Elders Willis Hance & M. Frazier, who were invited to a seat with us: J. Wintermote to reply; Brethren Elders Wintermote, J Craig & J McDonald to bear the same.

6th The circular letter read, and a committee consisting of Brethren J Wintermote, Wm Crisler, & B Fisher to revise the same and present it to morrow for a second reading.

7th J Wintermote Wm Crisler and B Fisher to arrange the business of this Association.

8th Hance, Moore, and Frazee to preach to morrow.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o, clock.

Saturday Morning, met pursuant to adjournment

1st Received the arrangement of the committee and agreed to make it the order of the day.

2cd The circular again read, dis approved, and the committee prepare one which was ordered to be annexed to our minuets, John Mc Donald to prepare one for the next year.

3th The corresponding letters called for, read and approved

4th The next Association to be held with Fairfield Church in Wayne County, Indiana, to commence at 10 o, clock on Friday before the fourth Lords day in August next. Brother Jemore Craig to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of foilure Brother Mc Donald.

5th Appointed Elders Childres, Hance and Frazee, to preach to morrow, to commence at 10 o, clock

6th The Association agree to revise the 6th article of her rule of decorum.

7th Brother O.B. Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of this Association.

9th There will be a meeting with Ebenezer Church, in Preble County Ohio to commence on the saturday before the 5th Lords day in November at 10 O. clock; and to be continued in the bounds of the Association on each 5th sabbath in the year.

Minuets

of the

Greenville Regular * Baptist * Predestinarian Association. Held at Friendship Church in Wayne County, Indiania on the 26th. 27th. & 28th. days of August 1836.

1st An introductory delived by Jemore Craig from Ephesians 2d Ch. and the latter clause of the 1st V.

2nd Letters from the different Churches were read & the Messengers names enrrolled with the state of the Churches.

N. B. Ordained Ministers names in small capitals. Licened in Italics.

Carried Over.

Churches	Messengers. names.	Received: Baptised	Received: Received by Letter	Received: Restored	Dismissed: Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed: Excluded	Dismissed: Dead	Dismissed: Total
Sill Water	SEMORE. CRAPG. JOHN. Mc. DONALD. & A. Baker.	2	2	0	2	1	1	54
Dry fork of Twin	J. C. PAGE. & B. Rickards	0	1	2	2	1	0	33
Greenville	J. WINTERMOTE & J. Brady.	0	2	0	2	1	0	30
Ebenezer.	J. BENTON. A. Kelly E Paddack & B Fisher.	0	1	0	2	1	0	33
Concord.	N Case. E Smith B. Jones & J Green.	4	2	1	2	2	2	58
Friendship	W. C. Wilmore. W. Peeble E Scott & M. Rhodes.	0	3	0	1	1	0	26
~~Centreville~~ Harmony*	~~J S A. A. C. COTTON.~~ & J Manson.	0	2	1	7	0	0	31
	* R Mc Clure & S. R. Line	0	1	0	4	2	0	13
	Total	6	14	4	22	9	3	278

3th. Chose Elder Benton Mod.r & B. Fisher Clerk.

4th. Received a letter from the Whitewater Association by their Messengers Elder Wilson Thompson James Austil & David Taylor who were invited to a seat with us P. C. Page to reply J. Benton & Paddock and B Fisher to bear the same. One from the Miami Association by their Messengers Elder Thomas Childers who was invited to a seat with us J. Winternote to reply Brethren John Mc Donald J. Benton and J. Craig to bear the same one from the Madriver Association by their Messengers who were invited to a seat with us J Mc. Donald to reply Brethren J. Mc Donald A Baker & I Ware to bear the same.

5th. This Association open a correspondence with Conscreek Association by the request of their Messengers. Elder B Jones who was invited to a seat with us Brother J. Craig to write a letter of Correspondence to the same J. Benton C. Paddock to bear the same

6th The circular letter read and a committee consisting of Brethren Wilson Thompson & B. Fisher with the author to receive the same and present it to morrow for a second reading

7th The same committee to arrange the busi. ness of this Association and present it to mor row morning

8th. Brethren Jones Austil and Taylor to preach to morrow Adjourned till tomorrow mor. ning till 10 o clock.

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment

1st Received the arrangement of the committee and agreed to make it the order of the day

2d The circular again read and ordered to be annexed to the minuets Adam Baker to prepare one for the next year.

3th Corresponding letters called for read and to the Whitewater Miami and Tonscreek Association approved and to the Mad river with some alteration approved

4th The next Association to be held with Dry fork of Turn Church Preble County Ohio to commence at 10 o clock on Friday before the fourth Lords day in August next Brother Mc Donald to preach the introductory Sermon and in case of failure Brother Cotton

5th Elders Childres, Thompson, and Jones to preach to morrow.

6th This Association agree erase the 9th article of her origin

7th According to the request of Centreville, Concord and Friendship Churches to be dismissed to join in a new Association more convenient this Association grants the request

8th According to the request of a convention held at Milton on Friday before the fourth Lords day in August 1836 for help to constitute a new association sendeth as follows Elders Joshua Benton John Winterrode and B Fisher to assist in the same to meet on the 3d Friday in Sept. 1836.

9th B Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing of the minuets of the Association.

B FISHER

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Minuets

of the

GREENVILLE REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at the Dry fork of Twin in Preble County Ohio on the 24th. 26th & 27th days of August 1837.

(1st) An Introductory, delivered by brother John McDonald, from Heb. chap. 2 v 16, 17, 18

(2nd) Letters from the following churches, composing this association were read, and their messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches.

N. B. Ministers names in small capitals.

Churches.	Messengers. Names.	Received: Baptised	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed: Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total
Sillwater	John McDonald Semore Creag							
Dry fork of Twin	A Baker & J Carlock.	1	0	0	0	0	1	54
	W. Richards. Wm. Chrisler & J Childers	0	1	0	0	2	0	32
Greenville	John Wintermote & A House.	3	0	0	0	0	1	32
Ebenezer	Joshua Benton E Paddack A. Kelly & B Fisher.	1	0	0	2	0	0	32
Harmony	R Mc. Clure	0	1	0	0	2	2	11
	Total	5	2	0	2	4	4	161

3th Chose J. McDonald Moderator & B Fisher Clerk.

4th. the Association rescind the act in respect to the Clerk appointing the Corresponding Messengers. and made it the duty of the Moderator to appoint the same.

5th Received Letters of the corresponding from the Association which she corresponds with. 1st) From the Whitewater. by the hands of their Messenger Samuel Billings. who was invited to a seat. A Baker to reply J Mc Donald & Paddock and A Baker to bear the same. One from the Miami by the hands of their Messengers Elder Taylor Childers & M Morris who were invited to a seat J Craig to reply - J Craig Wm Christler & A Rouse to bear the same. One from the Madriver Association by their Messenger J Taylor who was invited to a seat J Winternote to reply - J Winternote J Carlock and J Childres to bear the same One from Conscrea by their Messenger D Layman and K Riggs who were invited to a seat J Mc Donald to reply - J Mc Donald J Benton and E Paddock to bear the same

6th The Circular Letter called for read and a committee consisting of J Tigleman J Carlock & Wm Christler with the author to revise the same and present it to morrow for a second reading.

7th John Winternote & B Fisher appointed a Committee to arrange the business of the Association. and present it to-morrow morning

& Appoint brethren Childres Layman & Riggs to preach to-morrow.

9th Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 O.Clock.

Saturday Morning - Met according to adjournment.

(1st) Received the arrangement of the committee and agree to make it the order of the day

(2nd) The Circular again read and ordered to be annexed to the minutes & John Winternote to prepare one for the next year.

(3) The corresponding letters called for read and approved.

(4th) The next association to be held with Harmony Church in Shelby County Ohio to commence at 10 o'clock on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August 1838

5th Joshua Benton to preach the introductory sermon next year & J Winternote in case of failure.

(6) Brethren J Childres W Morris & W Frazy to preach to morrow.

(7) The Association granted the request of the Churches (to wit:) All the Churches composing this Association declaring in their letter an unfellowship with all members. Churches, associations that are aiding or advocating the societies or institutions of man called benevolent as they are satisfied it is not the gospel of Christ their redeemer but belongs to the world alone.

8 Benjamin Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of this association.

(9th) Adjourned to time and place above.

stated

The time for the association to be held with which we correspond is as follows: White-water on the Friday before the second Sabbath in August Miami on the Friday before the second sabbath in sept ~~[illegible]~~ to be held at tapscot meeting

house warren County Ohio Madriver on the third sabbath in september Conscreek to be on the first Sabbath in september in Shelby County Ia.

Benj. Fisher Clk.

Minutes

of the

Greenville Regular Baptist Association

Held at Harmony Church in Shelby County Ohio on the 24th 25th and 26th days of August 1838

1st An Introductory delivered by Brother Semore Craig from John 6th Chap. and latter clause of the 45th verse

2nd Letters from the following Churches composing this Association were read and the Messenger's names enrolled, with the state of the Churches N. B Ordained Ministers names in small Capitals

Churches	Messengers names	Rec. Baptised	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed Dismiss. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total
Stillwater	SEYMORE CRAIG, John McDONALD							
	Jacob Carlock Phillip Feace		3	0	0	1	2	53
Dry fork of twin	John Childress Wm Crisler					5	0	28
Greenville	Abraham House Silas Byrum	1	1	0	0	0	0	37
Ebenezer	Ambrose Kelly Peter Rinard and Benjamin Fisher	2	0	0	2	1	0	31

Harmony	Jacob B Griffis	Joseph Line	2	2	0	6	0	0	9
		Total	8	6	0	10	7	2	158

3d Chose Brother John Mc Donald Moderator and Benjamin Fisher Clerk

4th " Received Letter of Correspondence from Whitewater Association by the hands of Elders Harland and Whitney who were invited to seats, and Senora Craig to reply. Senora Craig and John Mc Donald to bear the same. And one from the Miami Association by the hand of their messenger Thomas Childress who was invited to a seat, and John Mc Donald to reply. John Mc Donald Jacob Carlock William Crisler and Phillip Peace to bear the same One to Madison Association by the hands of Silas Byrum and John Mc Donald, Senora Craig and Joseph Lines to bear the same. One to Coe's Creek Association by the hands of Abraham House and Ambrose Kelly: Peter Pinard and Benjamin Fisher to bear the same

5th " A letter to open a correspondence from West River Association presented by their messenger Nathaniel Case who was invited to a seat, and after some consideration, this Association considers herself too weak to keep up correspondence with any more than she has opened with at present. Jacob Carlock to reply, Benjamin Fisher to bear the same

6th " The Circular Letter called for, read, and a committee consisting of William Crisler Jacob Carlock John Childress and Benjamin Fisher to revise the same and present it to morrow morning for a second Reading

7th " The above Committee to arrange the business of this Association for to morrow, and present it to-morrow morning.

8th Elders Harland, Whitney and Craig to preach to-morrow.

9th Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10. O'Clock

Saturday Morning — Met according to adjournment

1st. Received the arrangement of the Committee and agree to make it the order of the day.

2. The Circular letter again read and not received, and the committee after examining the same thought it not fit to accompany the minutes. Prepares another one and presents it to the association; the Association appoints a committee to revise the same and present it this evening to the association.

3. The next association to be held with Greenville Church in Henry County, Ohio, to commence at 10 O'Clock on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in augt 1839.

4th. The corresponding letters called for read and approved

5th. John M. Donald to preach the introductory sermon next year, and Lemore Craig in case of failure

6th. Harland, Childress, and John M. Donald to preach to-morrow —

7th. John M. Donald to prepare a Circular Letter for next year —

8th. Benjamin Fisher to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of this Association.

9th. adjourned until Six O'Clock this evening to insert the Circular Letter —

6 O'Clock met according to adjournment

1st. The Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be annexed to the minutes —

2. Adjourned until the time and place above stated —

John M. Donald Moderator

Benjamin Fisher Clerk

Minutes

OF THE

Greenville Regular Baptist Association

Held at Greenville Church in Darke County Ohio on the 23d, 24th and 25th days of August 1839

1st An introductory delivered by Brother John McDonald, from the 5th Chap, John and 25th verse.

2d Letters from the following churches composing this association were read, and the Messengers names enrolled with the state of the churches.

N.B Ordained Ministers names in Small Capitals

Churches	Messengers names	Rec. by baptism	Rec. by Letter	Dismiss. by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Cash for minutes
Stillwater	John McDONALD, Seymore CRAIG, Adam Baker & John Swisher	2	2	4	0	2	0	51	$ cts 2.75
Dryfork Twin	B. Richards, W. Richards J. Batton & Wm Crisler	0	1	4	0	0	0	25	2.25
Greenville	A. House, D. Cole, S. Byram & Jno WINTERMOTE	2	3	2	0	0	1	38	2.56
Ebenezer	John Closson P. Pinard A. Kelly & B. Fisher	3	2	0	1	0	1	34	2.25
Harmony	S. Thompson. J. Line, S. Line	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	1.00
Millers Fork	E. MORE. J. Childers							7	0.75
		8	8	11	1	2	2	229	14.56

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3d. Chose John M. Donald Moderator and Benjamin Fisher Clerk

4th. Received the last named Church into our union

5th. Letters of Correspondence called for; Received One from Whitewater Apociation by the hand of their messenger Elder Wilson Thompson who was invited to seat. E. Moore to reply, S. Craig and B.H. Crisler to bear the same. One from Miami by their messengers Elders D. Childers. D. Robison and S. Poyner who were invited to a seat. A. Baker to reply, J. M. Donald and E. Moore to bear the same. One from Mad River, by the hands of their Messengers Elders Williams and Vaugn who were invited to a seat, S. R. Line to reply. Elders Craig, Moore and M. Donald to bear the same

6th. The Circular called for read, and a committee appointed consisting of W. Thompson, E. Moore and P. Reynard with the Author, to revise the same and present it to-morrow morning for the second reading

7th. The same Committee to arrange the business of the Apociation and present it to morrow morning.

8th. The Apociation appointed a committee consisting of Brethren Christler, Rinerd and J. Swisher to examine a letter that was presented to the apociation, and report whether said Letter should come before the apociation. After examination, report it proper to be read.

9th. The above Letter referred to the committee of arrangements

10th. Adjourned untill to-morrow morning nine Oclock

Saturday morning.

Met according to adjournment.

1st. Received the bill of arrangements and made it the order of the day.

2d. The Circular again read and ordered to be annexed to the minutes.

3. Corresponding letters called for, read and approved
4th " The letter requesting this association for help to assist in the Constitution of an Association at Muncietown Delaware County Ia.
5th " appointed Elders I. Winternote S. Craig, E. Moore I. M. Donald and A. Baker to aid in the above Constitution.
6th " The next Association to be at Ebenezer Church Preble County Ohio to commence at 10 Oclock, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August next -
7th " Elders W. Thompson. I. B. Moore. S. Williams and A. Buckels to preach to-morrow.
8th S. Craig to prepare the Circular for next year -
9th E. Moore to preach the next introductory, in case of failure S. Craig -
10th " Brothers A. Baker and I. M. Donald to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes
11th "

Resolutions

Whereas, Letter are sometimes directed to this Association from Persons, conventions or societies, the purport of which is unknown to this association, and of course we cannot tell whether the contents are proper to come before the association or not; therefore, Resolved that it shall hereafter be deemed expedient to appoint a Committee of three members to examine such letters before such letters are read publicly and report on the propriety or impropriety of reading publicly such letters

12th " The amount of money that each Church appropriations for the printing of the minutes to be set to each church and the price of the printing of the minutes, to be printed in the minutes -
13th. Resolved, That a General Corresponding letter be annexed to the Minutes next year -
14th " Brother John M. Donald to prepare a General Corresponding letter, and present it next year -

Adjourned until the time and place above mention

Minutes

of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association held at Ebenezer Church, in Preble County Ohio on the 21st, 22d, and 23rd, days of August, 1840.

1st, An introductory delivered by Elder Elihu Moore, from 1 Cor, 1st, ch, 8th and 9th, verses.

2d, Letters from the following Churches composing this Association were read and the messengers' names enrolled with the state of the Churches.

1840. Churches	Ordained ministers' names in small capitals and licensed in italics. Messenger's names	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Dim'd by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	cash for minutes
Still Water	Elders S, CRAIG, J, McDONALD, J, Carlock and A, Baker, —			6				49	166
Dry fork of twin,	W, Richards, B, Richards, and Wm, Crysler, —	1	1					28	147
Greenville,	H, H, Rush, A, Houss and S, Byram, —	5	2			2		44	250
Ebenezer,	E, Paddock, P, Riner, N, R Kelly and B, Fisher,	1	1			1		34	270
Harmony,	letter, but no messenger	1	1				1	11	112½
Millers' Fork	E, MOORE,							7	50
		8	5	6		3	1	173	

3rd Chose John McDonald moderator and R, Fisher clerk,

4th corresponding letters called for — one presented from White Water by the hands of Elders George Harlan L, Benton and Loab Stout, who were invited to a seat, also one from Miami by the hands of I, Childres and D, S, Robersone who were invited to a seat: also one from Mad River by the hand of M, Wright who was invited to a seat.

5th The circular letter called for — read and a committee appointed consisting of brethren Wm, Cryster, E, Saddock and N, K Kelly with the author to revise the same and present it to-morrow for a second reading.

6th A general corresponding letter called for read and the above committee appointed to inspect the same and present it to the association to-morrow morning

7th Appointed a committee of brethren A, Rafer, H, H, Rush and A, House to arrange the business of the association and present it to-morrow morning

8th Adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning met according to adjournment.

1st The bill of arrangement called for — read and made the order of the day.

2d The circular again read, and ordered to be annexed to the minutes

3rd brother Nathan K Kelly to prepare one for the next year

4th The general corresponding letter again read received and ordered to be annexed to the minutes.

5th Mo. Adam Baker to prepare one for the next year.

6th Mo. The association agreed to appoint a committee to inspect the general corresponding letter, and present it to the association for a second reading.

7th Mo. Next association to be held with Still Water Church in Darke co., Ohio.

8th Mo. Elder Seymour Craig to preach the next introductory, and in case of failure Elder L. McDonald.

9th Mo. Elders W. Thompson, I. Childers and L. Harlan to fill the stand to-morrow.

10th Mo. Brethren, H. H. Rush and A. House to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

11th Mo. The association agree for Elder L. McDonald to have four Dollars and fifty cents that remains in his hands from last year.

12th Mo. The association resolved that she will distribute the surplus money, if any, among her corresponding ministering messengers.

Messengers' names to the associations with which we correspond, as follows:

To White Water, Elder Elihu Moore and E. Paddock, to Miami, L. McDonald, E. Moore and H. H. Rush, — to Mad River, S. Craig, L. Carlock and A. Baker.

13th Mo. Adjourned until the time and place above appointed to commence at 10 O'clock.

John McDonald Mod.

Benjamin Fisher Clerk.

Minutes of the 16th anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association, held at Still-Water church in Darke county ohio on the 20th, 21st, and 22d days of August 1841.

1st An introductory delivered by Elder Seymore Craig from Luke 24th chapter 25th 6, and 7th verses.

2d Letters from the following churches composing this Association were read and the messengers' names enrolled with the state of the churches.

1841.	N. B. Ordained Ministers' names in small capitals, and licensed in Italics.	By baptism	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Cash for minutes
Churches.	Messengers' names								
Still Water	S. CRAIG. J. McDONALD, L. Carlock and Adam Baker.	–	–	2	–	1	1	45	175
Dry Fork of Twin.	James Shields, B. Richards, J. Batton, and W. Richards.	1	–	–	–	–	–	29	160
Greenville.	H. H. Rush, S. Ryram, J. Miller, E. Brigs.	–	2	2	1	1	1	45	210
Ebenezer.	E. MOORE, N. R. Kelly E. Paddock, B. Fisher	1	3	1	1	–	1	36	198
Harmony.	J. R. Griffin, S. Thompson, and J. Line.	2	–	–	–	–	1	13	80
Miller's Fork.	John Childers, Richard Lucas.	1	2	2	–	–	–	8	50
		5	7	7	2	2		176	

3rd M. chose John Mc. Donald moderator and R. Fisher clerk.

4th M. corresponding letters called for, read one presented from White Water by the hands of Elder Wilson Thompson and Daniel Conner, who were invited to a seat. from Miami Elder Joseph H. Flint, but no letter who was invited to a seat, and one from Mad River by the hand of George Mc. Colloch who was invited to a seat.

5th M. the circular letter called for — read and a committee appointed consisting of J. H. Flint and E. Moore with the author to revise the same and present it to-morrow for a second reading.

6th M. A general corresponding letter called for read and a committee appointed consisting of brethren Wilson Thompson, H. H. Rush, with the author to revise the same and present it to morrow for a second reading.

7th M. a committee of brethren Elijah Paddock Joseph Line and R. Fisher appointed to arrange the business of the Association, and present it within called for.

8th M. Adjourned untill to-morrow morning 10, o'clock.

Saturday morning met according to adjournment.

1st M. the bill of arrangement called for — read and made the order of the day.

2d M. the circular again read and ordered to be annexed to the minuts.

3rd Brother H, H, Rush to prepare one for the next year.

4th M. the general corresponding letter again read and ordered to be annexed to the minutes.

5th M. Brother Elihu Moore to prepare one for the next year.

6th M. the next Association to be held with the Dry Forks of Twin Church.

7th M. Brother John McDonald to preach the next introductory, and bro. Moore in case of failure.

8th M. brethren E, Moore and A, R Kelley to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

9th M. Elders Wilson Thompson, Joseph H, Flint and Geo, McCulloch to preach to morrow.

10th M. Corresponding messengers to White Water, Elders D, Craig, J, McDonald and E. Moore, the same to Miami; also to Mad river.

11th M. called for the contribution for the minutes.

12th M. Brother H, H, Rush refunded one dollar from last years' contribution.

13th M. The Association agree to erase the fifth article of her Rule of Decorum.

Resolution.

The following Resolution was rescinded August 24th 1844; W. H. Rush. Clerk;

Whereas, a natural tendency to the assumption of power has too often been manifested in the history of religious bodies, and we discard all power of government over the Churches; ~~Resolved~~, therefore resolved, that this Association will not as a body either give advice or decide any query from any Church in our body.

14th Nov. Adjourned untill the time and place appointed, to commence at ten O'Clock.

John M'Donald, Mod.

Benjamin Fisher Cl'k.

Minutes Of the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association,

Held with the Dry Fork of Twin-Church, Preble County Ohio, on the 26, 27, and 28th days of August 1842

1st An introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. M'Donald, on Rom. 5th and 10th & 11 verses.

2d Letters from the following Churches composing this Association were read and their Messengers noted with the state of the Churches.

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Churches	Messengers names	Baptised	Recd. by letter	Dis. by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Cost for Minutes	
Still-Water	John McDonald Phillip Plessinger and Newbury York.	—	—	—	—	—	1	44	$1	00
Dry fork Twin	Willis Richards, Benjamine Richards, Tower Bottom, W. Crisler	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	1	04
Greenville	H. H. Bell & H. A. House & S. C. Byrom	1	—	1	—	2	2	42	1	10
Ebenezer	Elihue Moore Henry Paddock & E. Paddock & Benjamine Fisher	—	1	2	—	1	2	29	1	48
Harmony	S. R. Sine B. D. Duboise	1	5	—	—	—	—	19		50
Millers Fork	No intelligence	2	6	3		3	5	160		

3d Chose J McDonald Moderator & B. Fisher Clerk.
4th Corresponding Letters called for recieved one from White Water by their Messengers Elders J. Benton & D. Conner who were invited to a seat with us. Also one from Mad River S. Williams who was invited to a seat with us Also one from Miami by their Messenger Elder T. Childers who was invited to a seat with us.
5th The Circular letter called for, read and a committee consisting of brethren S. Williams, W. Crisler, B. D. Duboise, and the Author, to examine and if necessary, revise the same and present it when called for Tomorrow Morning
7th Brethren H. H. Bell and B Fisher to arrange the business of this Association and present it tomorrow morning
8th. Adjourned untill tomorrow-morning 9 O'clock.

Saturday Morning August 27, 1842

Met Persuant to adjournment
1st. Called for the bill of Arrangement which was agreed to and made the order of the day.

2d. A committee consisting of brethren B. Richards, J. Batton and S. Byrane, to supply the stand with Ministers to-day, and upon them report Elders S. Williams, D. Conner and J. Benton, were chosen for that purpose.

3d. The Circular letter again called for read and approved and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes.

4th. Brother J McDonald to prepare one for next year.

5th The General corresponding letter called for read and approved and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes.

6th. Brother H. H. Rush to prepare one for next year.

7th. The next Association to be held with Greenville Church at Greenville Darke Co. Ohio, to commence at ten oclock on Friday before the fourth Lords day in August, 1843

8th. Brother E. Moore to preach the Introductory, and H. H. Rush in Case of failure.

9 Brother H. H. Rush to superintend the printing and distributing the Minutes.

10th. Elders S. Williams J. Childers and D. Conner to preach tomorrow.

11th. Elders H. H. Rush and E. Moore are Messengers to White-Water Association to commence Friday before the 2d Saturday in August 1843 at Rushville Rush Co. Ia.

12 Elders E. Moore and J. McDonald to Miami to commence on Friday before the 2nd Lords day in September 1842 with the West Lebanon Church Warren Co. Ohio.

13th. Elders H. H Rush and E Moore to Mad River to commence on Saturday before the 1st. Lords day in September 1842 at Leatherwood Church Miami Co. Ohio

14 Adjourned to the time and place above Mentioned

B. Fisher Clk. J McDonald Mod.

Minutes of The 18th. Anniversary of the Greeneville Regular Baptist Association held with Greeneville Church Darke Co. - Ohio.

August 25, 26, and 27, 1843.

1st. An Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder. Elihue Moore, from the 2d. Epistle of Peter 1 Ch. + 10 vrs.
2d. Letters from the Several Churches were read recieverd and their Messengers names enrolled as follows.

[Orddined Ministers names in small capitals;]

Names of Churches.	The Messengers Names.	Recd. by Baptism	Rd. by letter	Restored	Excluded	Disd. by letter	Dead	Total	$ cash for Mins	Cs
Still-Water	John McDonald, Seymore Craig, Jacob B. Johns, + Adam Baker.	00	00	00	00	00	00	44	00	77
Dry-Fork of Twin	Benj. Richards, James Batten Willis Richards, Wm. Crisler	00	00	00	00	00	01	25	01	00
Greeneville	Henry U. Rush, Silas C. Byram Abrm. Houss, Israel J. Miller	00	02	00	01	01	00	42	00	63
Ebeneyzar	Letter and Messengers not recieved by the Association									
Harmony	B.D. Duboise	00	00	00	00	00	00	19	00	71
Millers-Fork Twin	John Childers, Clarke Baker, and Richard Lucas,	00	00	00	00	00	00	08	00	50
	Total - - - -	00	02	00	01	01	01	138	55	50

3d. Chose Elders J. McDonald Moderator and U. H. Rush Clerk.
4th. A vote was taken to exclude either of the parties claiming to be the Ebeneyzar Church, from voting untill the Association has had further action on the Subject.
5th. The Association took up the difficulty existing in the Ebeneyzar Church, and after considerable discussion the following Resolution was adopted in redard to said difficulty. viz.- Whereas two letters were presenter both purporting to be the proper letter from Ebeneyzar Church, from which it doth clearly appear that that church is in a divided

State; and her members not in union among themselves:
and Whereas this Association as such disclaims all power to
decide on a case of this kind, (Without evidence) Therefore
Resolved That neither of the letters be received at this time,
but refer the difficulty back to the Church, and such council
as she may call, in hopes that peace and union may be
restored in that body: and request that they report
at our next Association.

6th. The Corresponding letters called for, and received from the
following Associations with whom we correspond.
From White Water by their Messengers Elders W. Thompson G.
Haviland. and Josiah Benton who were invited to a seat
with us;
From Miami by Elder J. Childers. and brethren J. Kelly, and
Hom. Hess. who by invitation took a seat with the Asso-
-ation
From Mad-River by Elder E. Lipencutt and brother S.
Huykell. who were invited to a seat in Association with us
7th. A letter was presented from the Mississinoway Associa-
-tion by their Messenger requesting Correspondence
with this Association Whereupon a motion was made and
carried to grant their request when Elder J. Richards
their Messenger was invited to a seat with the Association
8th. The Circular letter called for and a committee consist-
ing of Elder W. Thompson and brethren B. D. Dubois and
W. Crider were chosen to inspect and if necessary revise
the same and present it tomorrow morning when
called for, for the approval of the Association.
9th. The General corresponding letter called for and a
committee consisting of Elders S. Craig J. Johns and
S. Huykell to inspect and if necessary revise the same
and present it tomorrow morning when called for, for the
approval of the Association.
10th The last named committee with the assistance of
the clerk to make out and present a bill of arrange-
-ment and present it when called for tomorrow morning.
11th. Adjourned until tomorrow 9 O'clock

Saturday Morning, August 26, 1843.

Met persuant to adjournment.

1st. The bill of arrangement called for, read, and made the order of the day.

2d. A committee consisting of brethren A. House, S. Bynam, and W. Richards were chosen to select preachers to fill the Stand to-day.

3d. The Circular letter again called for, read and ordered to be printed with the minutes. brother B. D. Dubois to prepare one for next year.

4th The General Corresponding letter called for read and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

5th. The Association agree to reconsider the 5th article in the bill of arrangements.

6th. The article in the constitution requiring a General Corresponding letter be repealed

7th. The next Session of this Association to be held with Harmony church to commence at 10 Oclock on Friday before the 4th Sonds day in August 1844 Elder H. H. Rust to preach the Introductory and core of fortune Elder S. Craig.

8th. Elders J. Childers Geo. Haviland. and W. Thompson to preach on the Stand tomorrow.

9th. Elder H. H. Rust and brother A. House to superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes.

10th. Appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations as follows.

To Whitewater to be held with 2d. Williams creek Church. Fayette Co. Ga. Commencing friday before the 2d. saturday in August 1844, Elders H. H. Rust S. Craig and J. McDonald.

To Miami Elder S. Craig and brother A House.

To Mad River Elder H. H. Rust and Brother A. Baker

To Missesinawa Elders H. H. Rust, J. McDonald and brother S. Bynam.

11th. The 9th. Article of our constitution be Erased

12th. The Minutes called for read and approved.
13th. Adjourned to the time and place above named.
Henry H. Rush Clerk — John McDonald Mod.

Minutes
of the
Greenville Association of Regular Baptists

Held with Harmony Church Shelby County Ohio
August 23, 24, & 25, 1844

First An Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Henry H. Rush from the Gospel by St. John 8th, & 32 Vrs.
2d Letters from the following Churches which compose this Association were received and their Messengers names enrolled in the following order;

(Ordained Ministers names in Small Capitals.)

Churches	Messengers Names	Recd. by Baptism	Recd. by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total	Recd. For Minutes and Cor. Mess.
Stillwater,	Seymore Craig, J. McDonald D. Ward, & Henry Stahl.	3			1	1	45	1,57
Dry Fork of Twin,	Willis Richards, W. Crisler	–	–	–1	–	1	23	1,77
Greeneville	H. H. Rush. A. House J. R. Morquith.		4	5	1		39	2,75
Harmony	B. D. Duboic, J. R. Griffith, and Stephen Thompson.		2				21	68
Millers Fork	No. Intelligence.							
Providence	S. C. Byrom M. Potter and Rich. Straid						8	1,00
								85

Received from individuals

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3d. Chose Elder I McDonald, Moderator, and H.H. Rush Clerk:

4th. A letter was presented by brother D. C. Byram, from Providence Church, Darke County Ohio, requesting a place in the Association, on motion and second they were received as a member of this body and the right hand of fellowship was given to their Messengers by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

5th. Two letters being again presented both claiming to be proper letters from Ebenezer Church, from which it appears that they still remain in a divided, and disorderly condition, Therefore Resolved, that this Association have no fellowship at this time for either party while in said state of disorder and confusion, and Furthermore, that they for the present be dropped from the Minutes of the Association:

6th. On motion and second the Association agree to adjourn untill to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning August 24, 184

Met persuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer, proceeded to business, as follows:

1st. Called for the Circular letter, which was read received and ordered to be printed with the Minutes: Elder H.H. Rush to prepare one for next year.

2d. The corresponding letters called for and received as follows:

From Whitewater, by her Messengers, brethren D. F. Thomas, and Jacob Drurwell.

From Miami, by her Messenger brother Silas Piner.

From Mad River by Eleder Isaac Dillon.

From Mississenaway, no intelligence.

3d. Ministers and Messengers, from corresponding Associations were cordially invited to and, accepted a seat in Association with us.

4th. On motion and second, Elder I. Craig was appointed write the corresponding letters; and present them when called by the Association.

5th. Elders I. Craig, and H.H. Rush, were chosen to make out a

bill of arrangement and present it when called for by the Association.

6th. The corresponding letters called for, read and received.

7th. The bill of arrangement called for, read, and made the order of the day.

8th. Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows:

To Whitewater, Elder H H. Rush and W. Crisler.

To Miami, Elder P McDonald. and brethen W. Crisler and W. Richards

To Mad River, Elder P Craig and brother B. D Dubois.

To Mississinaway, Elder H. H. Rush, and brother Richard Strait.

9th. Elders P. Dillon, P. McDonald, and P Craig, to preach on the stand to-morrow.

10th. Elders H H. Rush, and P. McDonald, to attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

11th. Elder P Craig to preach the next Introductory and P. McDonald in case of failure.

12th. The next ~~at~~ session of this Association to be held Stillwater Church, Darke County, Ohio, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday before the 4th Lordsday in August, 1845.

13th. on motion and second, the Association as such, agree to notice the request of Miami Association as recorded in her last years Minutes, asking advice from the Associations with whom she corresponds, (by way of suggestion,) respecting the propriety or impropriety of her opening a correspondence with the Salem Predestinarian Baptist Association of Kentucky, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted by the Association: whereas we feel ourselves entirely unprepared (for want of time to deliberate on the subject maturely) to decide for or against it,

There Resolved, that we at this time have no suggestions to make whatever.

14th. The Association agree to recind the resolutions at the close of her sixteenth anniversary, held with Stillwater Church in August, 1841, in which resolution she refused to give advice, or decide any query from any church in her body.

15th. The Association agree to adjourn to the time and place above named.

H. H. Rush Clerk

P. McDonald Moderator

Minutes of The 19th. Aniversary of The Greenville Association of Regular Baptists

Held with Still-Water Church Darke Co. Ohio August 22, 23, & 24, 18

1st. An Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder S Craig on 46 & 47 vrs. of the 24 Ch. of the Gospel by St. Luke

2d. Letters from the different Churches of which the Association is composed were called for and their Messengers nowe enrolled in the following order To Wit.

Names of Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised,	Rec'd by Letter,	Dismissed by Letter,	Restored,	Excluded,	Dead,	Total,	Rec'd for Ministry,	cts
Still-Water,	S. Craig, J. B Johns, J. Corlock, & A Baker,			2			1	42	1	07
Dry Fork Twin,	W. Crisler, W. Richards, and B. Richards,	1						24	1	00
Greenville,	A. Houts, and J. J. Miller,			2			1	36	1	60
Harmony,	J. R. Griffith, and B. D. Dubois,						1	20	1	00
Miller's Fork,	No Intelligence,									
Providence,	H. H. Rush, S. C. Byram, R. Strait, & D. C. Byram,	2	4					14	1	25
Ebenezer,	P. Riner, and N. R. Kelley,				1			18 / 154		75

3d. Elder S Craig, was chosen Moderator and W. H. Rush, Clerk

4th. A letter was presented by P. Riner & N. R. Kelley purporting to be the proper letter from Ebenezer Church and as such claiming a Seat as Messengers in the Association, on Motion and second the letter was received and the right hand of fellowship given the Messengers, who were invited to a seat in the Association,

5th. The circular letter called, and a Committee consisting of brethren N. R. Kelley, B. D. Dubois, with the Author to inspect and if

necessary revise and present it when called for by the Association for a second reading

6th Called for the Corresponding letters and recieved as follows From White Water by their Messenger Elder J. Evans who was invited to a seat with us W. Cowden to reply and Elder S. Craig & brother S. C. Byram to bear the same.

From Miami Elder T. Childers Messenger who was invited to a seat with us, brother D. C. Byram to reply Elder H. H. Rush and D. C. Byram to bear the same as our Messengers to Miami Association.

From Mod-River by Elder — Kingham, her Messengers who was invited to a seat in Association with us brother V. R. Kelley to Reply brethren J. Corlock, & B. D. Dubois, to bear the same.

From Mississinaway, by Elder A. Buckles, Messenger, who was invited to a seat with the Association, brother J. Johns to reply, and Elder S Craig and brother T. J. Miller to bear the same as our Messengers.

7th The Committee appointed to inspect the Circular letter to make out and present when called for a bill of Arrangement of the unfinished business of this session of the Association

8th Adjourned untill tomorrow morning 9 oclock

9 oclock Saturday Morning Aug. 23.

Met according to adjournment and after prayer and prayer proceeded to business

1st. Called for the bill of arrangment which was red and made the order of the day

2d. The Moderator was Authorized to appoint 3 Ministers to fill the stand to day, whereupon Elders, Frazee, Buckles & Evans, were chosen for that purpose:

3d. The circular letter called for red and ordered the Minutes to be printed with

4th The corresponding letters called for read and received.

5th Elders T. Childers, J. Evans, & — Kingham to preach on the Stand tomorrow

6th The next session of the Association, to be held with Greenville Church, to commence at 9 oclock on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August 1846, Elder H. H. Rush to preach the Introductory and Elder S. Craig in case of failure

7th Brother N.R. Kelley was chosen to prepare the next circular
8th Elders H.H. Rush, to have the Minutes printed and distributed
9th The Minutes called for read and recieved.
10th The Association agree to adjourn to the time and place above named

Henry H. Rush Clerk Seymore Craig Mod.

Minutes of the 21st Anniversary of the Greenville Association of regular Baptists held with Greenville Church August 21, 22, + 23rd 1846,

1st An Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder N.H. Rush on the 26 vrs. of the 24 Chr. of the Gosble by St. Luke.

2d The Letters from the different Churches of which the Association is composed was called for, read and recieved the Messengers names enrolled with the State of the Churches

Churches	Names of Messengers	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Received cash for Cor. Messengers	Received cash for Minutes
						4		37	1	00
Stillwater — —	Seymore Craig J.B. Johns D. Plessinger and A. Baker									
Dry fork of Twin —	W. Richards J Shields + J Batton	2		2				24	1	25
Greenville — —	J. R. Morquith, D. Burr, + T.J. Miller					1	3	32	1	30
Harmony — —	J. Line and S. Thompson					2	1	17	0	50
Ebenezar — —	J. Horner S. Lamen + P. Rinier							17	1	00
Providence	H.H. Rush, J. Cobs, M. Peters + S.C. Byram	1	6					21	0	70
		3	8	2		7	4	8		

3d Chose Elder S. Craig Moderator and H.H. Rush Clerk

4th Called for the circular letter and being presented Elder Mahlon Peters was appointed to prepare one and present it tomorrow morning when called for

5th The corresponding letters called for and received from — —

Whitewater by Elder J. Evans who was invited to a seat brother A Baker to reply, and Elders H.H. Rush M. Peters and brother S.C. Byram to bear the same to their next session

Miami no Letter brother Ralph vors Messenger who was invited to a seat, Elder S. Craig to reply H.H. Rush and brother P. Riner to bear the same to their next session

Madriver by Elder M. Frazee who was invited to a seat, brother J. Johns to reply and Elders S. Craig & H.H. Rush and brother D. Burr to bear the same to their nex session

Mississinaway by Elders Baldridge and D. Horner who was invited to a seat brother P Riner to reply and Elders M. Peters & J. Coles and brethren S.C. Byram & J. J. Miller to bear the same to their next session

6th Elder J. Cole and brethren W. Richards & S.C. Byram to make out a bill of arrangment of the unfinished business of this session and present it when called for

7th The Association agree to adjourn untill tomorrow morning 7 o'clock

Saturday Morning August 22d 1846

Met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by the Moderator proceeded to business

1st Called for the bill of arrangment which was made the order of the day

2d the Moderator was authorized to select three of the corresponding Ministers to fill the stand today whereupon Elders Baldridge Evans and brother Booth were chosen and sent to the stand

3d Called for the Circular letter which was read and a committee consisting of brethren J. Johns A Baker and S. Thompson with the Author was chosen to in spect and if necessary revise and present it for a second reading

4th The corresponding letters called for read and received

5th The circular letter was presented by the Committee to whom it was refered, read and ordered to be printed with the Minutes

6th Elders Baldridg Frazee and Evans were chosen by ballot to preach on the stand tomorrow

7th Elder H.H. Rush was chosen to write the next circular letter

8th the next session to be held with Dry fork of Twin Church in Preble Co. to commence on friday before the 4th Lords day in August 1847 at 10 A.M. o'clock

9th Elders M Peters to preach the next Introductory and 9 babes in case of failure

10th Elders H.H. Rust and M. Peters to attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes

11 an enquiry was instituted concerning Millers fork Church which resulted in the passay of the following resolution

Whereas Millers Fork has failed to represent herself to the Association since August 1842 Therefore resolved that she be dropped from the Minutes of the Association

12 The Minutes called for read and on motion and second the Association agree to adjourn to the time and place above named;

H.H. Rust Clerk, S Craig Moderator

Minutes of The 22d Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with the Dry fork of Twin Church on the 19, 20, and 21, of August 1847

1st An Introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. Peters (text not known)

2d The letters from the several Churches were read and the Messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total	Contributions Minutes and Messengers
St Mwater	S. Craig, J. Johns, & A. Baker					1	3	33	1 00
Dry fork of Twin	2 Baker B. Richards H Rust & Baker							23	1 00
Greenville	D. Burr and G. Paine							30	0 82
Harmony	Letter but no Messenger				02			17	0 50
Ebeneezar	H. Hanner, S. Sanier, and P. Riner							14	1 10
Providence	H.H. Rust M. Peters, R. Stuart & M. Potter		2			1	1	20	1 62
								137	

3d Elder S. Craig was Chosen Moderator and H. H. Rust Clerk

4th The Circular letter called for and a Committee consisting of Elder M. Peters A Baker and P. Riner to inspect and if necessary revise it and present it for a second reading when called for by the Association

5th The Corresponding letters called and received as follows
From Whitewater by Elder Wilson Thompson and brother Sumpkins
who were invited to a seat, brother S Rainer to reply
From Miami by Elder Thomas Childers who was invited to a
seat Elder M. Peters to reply
From Madriver by Elder H Morris who was invited to a seat
brother A Baker to reply
From Mississinaway no letter or Messenger Whereupon the following
resolution was adopted Whereas no letter or messenger is received
from Mississinaway and report has reached us that they are in a
great trial of division on Doctrine and as we are not able at this
time to ascertain what their true State is we will therefore
wait for one year without further action in order to obtain further
information from them
6th. brethren H. Enoch, J. Johns, H. Batten & G. Paine to make out a
bill of arrangments and present it when called for by the Association
7th On Motion and second the Association adjourn to 9 o'clock tomorrow

Saturday morning 9 o'clock

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after
singing and prayer proceeded to business
1st Elders Morris Childers and Thompson were chosen to preach
on the Stand today
2d The Circular Letter again called read and approved and ordered
to be printed with the Minutes
3d The corresponding letters called for read and received
4th appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations as follows
To Whitewater Elder H.H. Rush and brother A Baker
To Miami Elder S. Craig and brother S Rainer
To Madriver Elder S. Craig and brother J. Johns
5th Brother A. Baker to write the next Circular Letter
6th Elders Southard Beebee and Thompson to preach tomorrow
7th The next Session of this association to be held with Providence Church
ten miles north west from Greenville S.C. to commence at ten o'clock on Friday before
the fourth Lords day in august 1848
8th Elder S Craig to preach the next introductory and H.H. Rush in case of failure
9th Elder H H Rush to attend the printing and M. Peters & Craig to the distributing the minutes
10 The minutes called for read and received Whereupon the association adjourned to the time and
place above named H.H. Rush Clerk } S. Craig Moderator

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Minutes of The 23d Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with Providence Church Darke Co. Ohio August 25, 26, & 27, 1848

1st An Introductory was delivered by Elder S. Craig from Gall 3d & 17

2d The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for read and the messengers names enrolled as follows

Messengers	Churches	Baptised	Rest by letter	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total No.	Minutes & Messengers contributions
Stillwater	S. Craig, J. Johns, D. Ward, & A. Baker	00	00	01	00	00	32	0 95
Dry fork of Twin	J. Botten W. Richards, and B. Richards,	1	00	04	00	01	20	1 40
Greenville	H. H. Rush, J. Miller, and J. Paine,	00	00	00	00	00	30	1 12
Harmony	J. Brook J. R. Griffith and B. D. Dubois	0	05	00	00	00	22	0 65
Ebenezer	P. Riner, J. Warner	00	02	00	00	00	17	1 00
Providence	M. Peters J. Strait and J. Strait	02	02	01	02	01	21	0 85
							142	

3d Elder S. Craig was chosen Moderator and H. H. Rush Clerk.

4th The Circular letter was called for read and committed to a committee consisting of brethren J. J. Miller P. Riner J. Brook and B. D. Dubois, to inspect and if necessary revise the same and present it when called for by the Association for a second reading.

5 The Corresponding letters called and received as follows

From Whitewater by the hand of their Messengers D. Conner, and J. Lumpkins who were invited to a seats in the Association.

Elder M. Peters to Reply.

From Miami by Elder Thomas Childers and brother B. Jones, who were invited to a seats in the Association, brother J. Brook to reply.

From Madriver by the hand of Elder Geo. Reeves who was invited to a seat brother A. Baker to Reply

6th A letter was presented by Elders Baldridge, Buckles, and brethren T.D. Berry, and J. Hart, purporting to be the proper letter from Mississinaway Association requesting a continuation of our correspondance, which was refered untill

7th The Moderator and Clerk to make out a bill of arrangement of the unfinished business of this Session and present it tomorrow morning when called for by the Association

8th on Motion and Second the Association agree to adjourn untill tomorrow morning 9 o clock,

Saturday morning 9 O clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by the Mod. proceeded to business

1st The Bill of arrangement called and made the order of the day

2 Elders Childers, Conner, Johnson, and, Reeves to preach on the stand today,

3d The letter from Missinaway taken up and after considerable discussion the Association agree to drop correspondance with said Association for the present,

4th The circular letter called for read and received and ordered to be printed with the minutes

5th The Corresponding letters called for read and approved Elder H.H. Rust and brother Riner messengers to Whitewater Association, Elder M. Peters and brother J. Brook To ~~Madrivier~~ Elder S. Craig and brother J.J. Miller to Madriver

7th The next session of the association to be held with Ebenezer Church eight miles west of Eaton Prebble Co. Oho. to commence at 10 O clock on Friday before the fourth Lordsday in August 1849

8 Elder H.H. Rust to attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Session

9 Elder H.H. Rust to preach the next Introductory and J. Brook in case of failure

10 Elders Johnston, Conner, and, Reeves, to preach on the Stand tomorrow

11th The Called for read and receive whereupon Motion and Second the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place above named

Seymore Craig Moderator

Henry H. Rust Clerk

Minutes of The 24th Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with Ebenezar Church Preble Co. Ohio August 22, 23, & 24, 1849.

1st An Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Lott Southard.

2d The letters from the Churches of which the Association is composed was called for read and the Messengers names enrolled as follows to-wit.

Names of Churches	Names of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Dis'd by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total No.	
Stillwater	N. York,	00	03	02	00	04	01	32	100
Dry Fork of Twin	B. Richards, E. Botten, and W. Richards,	00	00	00	00	00	00	20	112
Greenville	H. H. Rush, and G. Paine,	00	01	00	00	00	01	31	065
Harmony	J. Brook,	02	01	03	00	00	01	20	057
Ebenezar	P. Riner, S. Lanier, J. Horner, & J. Kelly,	00	00	00	00	00	03	13	110
Providence	M. Peters, M. Potter, and S. C. Byram,	00	02	00	00	00	01	21	100
						4	7	137	

3d Elder M. Peters was chosen Moderator and H. H. Rush Clerk.

4th The Circular letter was called for read and a committee consisting of brethren P. Riner, J. Brook, and H. H. Rush, with the Author was appointed to inspect and if necessary revise the same and present it tomorrow morning when called by the Association for a Second reading.

5th The Corresponding letters Called for and recieved as follows From Whitewater by their messengers A. Buckley and Job Smith who were invited to a seat in Association, Brother Riner to Reply From Miami by their Messengers Elder T. Childers & Robison and brother B. Jones who were invited to a seat in Association, H. H. Rush, to Reply From Madriver by their Messenger Elder G. McCullock who was invited to a seat in Association J. Brook to Reply.

6th brethren S. C. Byram, and N. York, to make out and present to morrow morning a bill of arrongement of the unfinished business of this session of the Association

7th on motion and second the Association agree to adjourn until tomorrow morning 9 oclock

Saturday morning August 23d 1849 9 oclock

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to business

1st The bill of arrongement called for and made the order of the day

2d Elders Southard, Hurkill, and McCulloch, Chosen to preach on the Stand today

3d The Circular letter called for read and ~~rejected~~ and ordered to be printed with the minutes

4th Letters to corresponding Associations called for read and received and Messengers to bear the Same appointed as follows,

To Whitewater, Elder H. H. Rust and brother G. Paine,

To Miami, brethren J. Brook, and M. Cotter,

To Hodgmen, Elder N. Peters, and brethren N. York, & J. Brook,

5th The next Session of the Association to be held with Harmony Church six miles N.E. from Piqua Shelby Co. Ohio to commence on friday before the fourth Lordsday in August, 1850, at 10 oclock A.M.

6 Elder H. H. Rust to preach the next Introductory and S. Craig in case of failure

7th brother S. C. Byram, to prepare a circular letter for next year,

8th Elders McCulloch, Hurkill and Robinson to preach on the Stand tomorrow,

9th Elder H. H. Rust to attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Session,

10 The Minutes called for, read, and received, when on motion and second

The Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place above named

H. H. Rust, Clerk

Nathan Peters, Moderator

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Minutes of the Twenty fifth Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with Harmony Church Shelby Co. Ohio on the 23, 24, & 25th, of August 1850

1st An Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder H. H. Rush. Text. Genl. Epistle of John 4th Ch. & 8th vrs latter clause

2d The letters from the falling Churches which compose the Association were called for read and the Messengers names enrolled in the following order.

(Ordained Ministers names in small capitals)

Churches	Names of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Dis'd by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Meeting time of	Cash for Minutes &
Stillwater	Seymore Craig, J. B. Johns,	00	00	00	00	02	01	30	03	0,70
		00	00	12	00	00	01	28	04	1,00
Greenville	H. H. Rush, & R. Leavell,	00	00	12	00	00	01	28	04	1,00
								12	04	1,25
Dry Fork of Twin	W. Richards,	00	00	00	00	00	00	28	01st	0,95
Ebenezer	P. Riner, J. Horner, & G. M. Kelly,	00	00	00	00	00	00	12	4th	1,25
Harmony	B. D. Dubois J. Line, & L. Line,	00	00	00	00	01	00	18	1st	1,40
Providence	M. Peters, S. C. Byron, & S. Brown,	02	00	00	00	00	00	23	2d	1,15

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3d Elder Seymore Craig was Chosen Moderator and H. H. Rush Clk

4th The Circular letter was called for, read and a committee consisting of H. H. Rush, J. B. Johns, and, P. Riner, was appointed to inspect and if necessary revise and present it tomorrow morning when called for by the Association for a second reading

5th The Corresponding letters Called for and recieved as follows

From Whitewater by brethren T Moulsby and J. Hill who were invited to a seat in Council, brother P. Riner to reply
From Miami by Elder T Childers and brother J. T. Barcalow who were invited to a seat in the Association brother B. D. Duboie to reply
From Madriver by Elder John Tussing who was invited to a seat Elder M. Peters to reply
6th brethren J. B. Johns and W. Richards were appointed a Committee to arrange the unfinished business of this Session of the Association
7th on Motion and Second the Association agree to adjourn untill 9 oclock tomorrow morning

Saturday Morning 9 oclock

Met persuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by the Moderator proceeded to business
1st The bill of arrangement called for and made the order of the day
2d The Moderator was authorised to select Minister to preach on the stand today
3d The circular letter called for read and after some slight amendments approved and ordere to be prented with the minutes
4 The letters in reply to corresponding Associations called for read and approved
5th Messengers to Corresponding Associations were appointed as follows
To Whitewater Elder S. Craig, and brother P. Riner.
To Miami Elder N. H. Rush. P. Riner, and S. C. Byram,
To Madriver Elder M. Peters, and brethren B. D. Duboie & J. Line
6th The next Session of this Association to be held with Stillwater Church in the vicinity of Jacksonville Darke Co: ohio to commence on Friday before the fourth Lords day in August 1851
7th Elder S. Craig to preach the next Introductory and M. Peters in case of failure
8th Elder S. Craig to prepare a Circular letter for next year
9th Elders Childers Beeman and Craig to preach on the Stand tomorrow
10 N. H. Rush to attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes
11th The minutes read and the Association adjourned to the time and place above named

N. H. Rush Clk.

S. Craig Moderator

Minutes of the 26th Anniversary of the Greenville regular Baptist association held with the still watter Church Darke Co Ohio on the 22: 23: and 24 days of august A. D. 1851

1st) An Introductory was delivered by Elder Seymore Craig from Mathew the 16th Chapter and 18th Verse - —

2nd) The letters were called for read and the Messengers names enrol in the following maner with the state of the Churches — —

Churches	Messengers Names, Ministers in small Capitals	Recd by Baptism	Recd by letter	Dismest by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total No.	meetings on Lords day	cash for minutes
										$ cts
Still watter	Elder Seymore Craig Jacob B John Philip Plessinger and N. York —	00	00	00	00	00	05	27	.3	0.95
Greenville	Elder H. H. Rush Robert Leavell and Silas C. Byram - —	00	02	01	00	00	00	25	.4	0.95
Dry fork Twin	Willis Richards L. Weaver	00	00	01	01	00	01	19	.1	1.00
Ebenezar - -	Sampson Lannair - -	00	00	00	00	00	02	11	.4	0.75
Harmony - -	Semion R. Line - - -	00	00	00	00	00	02	15	.1	0.875
Providence	Elder Mahlon Peters and John Peters - - -	01	00	02	02	00	00	22	.2	1.00
		1	2	4	3		10	19		

3rd) Elder Seymore Craig was Chosen Moderator and Bro. Jacob B. John Clerk - - - -

4th) The Role of Messengers call.d and all Present - -

5th) The circular letter called for read and a committee Consisting of Brethren S. C. Byram N. York and M. Peters with the auther was appointed to inspect and if necessary revise it and Present it for a second reading when call.d for by the association - - - - —

6th) Corresponding letters call.d for and received — From White watter by their Messingers Elder W. Thompson and Brethren J. Stigleman J. Bradbury T. Maltsby - J. Lumkin and J. Thompson who was invited to a Seat John Petters to reply - -

From Miami by the hand of Elder T. Childers who was invited to a Sedt S. R. Line to reply From Madriver no letter or Messenger. H. H. Rush to reply — —

7th) a committee consisting of W. Richards and J. B. John were appointed to arange the unfinished buisness of the session — —

8th) on motion and seconed the association agree to adjourn untill tomorrow morning 9. oclock —

Saturday morning. 9. oclock

Met Pursuant to adjournment and after Praise and Prayr Proceeded to buisness — —

1st) called for the Bill of arangement and made the order of the day — —

2nd) the Moderator apointed Brethren Elders Childers and Thompson to Preach on the Stand to day

3rd) the circular letter called for read and aproved

4th) the letters in reply to corresponding associations read and received — — — — — — —

5th) Messengers to corresponding associations were appointed as follows — —

to White watter Elders H. H. Rush S. Craig M. Peters and Brethren Jacob B. John S. C. Byram W. Richards N. York A. Baker and Sampson Lannair —

to Miami Elder S. Craig S. C. Byram and R. Leavell

to Madriver Elder M. Petters and Semion Line — —

6th) apointed Elders Childers Thompson and Craig to Preach on the Stand tomorrow — —

7th) apointed Brother Rush to write our next circular letter

8th) the next association to be held with the Greenville church

9th) on motion and seconed the association resolved that the church with which the association is held have the Privilege of apointing a Preacher to Preach the introductory Serman

10th) apointed Br. Jacob B. John to superintend the Printing and distribution of the minutes

11th/ called for contributions for minutes - - - -
12th/ on motion and seconded the association adjourned

Seymore Craig Moderator
Jacob B. John Clerk

Minutes of the Fourtiseventh Anaiversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptist held with the Greenville Church Darke County Ohio August 20th 21st and 22nd A. D. 1852 - ——

1st/ an Introductory Adress was delivered by Elder Hucle from St. John 6th Chapter and 37th 38th and 39th versus

2nd/ the letters Calld for read and the Messengers Names Enroled in the following order with the State of the Churches

Churches	Messengers Names	Recd by Baptism	Recd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total No	Meetings on Lord's day	for Minutes
Stillwatter	Elder Seymore Craig David Ward and Jacob B. John	00	00	00	00	00	2	25	3 (Fr.)	0.55
Greenville	Elder H. H. Bush Robert Leavell S. C. Byram and G. Pain	00	00	00	00	00	00	25	4th	1.55
Dry fork of Twin	James Batten Willis Richards L. Weaver and D. S. Ford	2	00	00	00	1	00	20	1st	1.10
Ebenezer	Sampson Lanair and Peter Riner	00	00	3	00	00	00	9	4th	1.00
Harmony	B. D. Dubois Jacob R. Griffis Joseph Line and S. R. Line	00	00	00	00	00	00	15	1st	0.80
Providence	Elder Mahlon Peters Richard Strait D. C. Byram & S. Brown	1	00	00	00	1	00	24	2nd Fr.	1.45
	George Wolf									0.25
	John Slater									0.13
										6.83

3rd) Elder Seymore Craig was chosen Moderator and Brother Jacob B. John Clerk—

4th) Call.d for the circular letter read and a Committee consisting of Brethren Peter Riner and David C. Byram with the authour to Examine and revise if nessesary and Present it tomor=row morning for a Second reading— — —

5th) Corresponding letters Call.d for read and received— — —
1st from White watter by their Messengers Elder Daniel Conner and T. Mattby who were invited to a Seat and Brother B. D. Dubois to reply— —
2nd from Miami by their Messengers B. Jones who were invited to a Seat and Brother Peter Riner to Reply
3rd from Madriver by their Messengers Elder Stephen Hucle and S. McCullough who were invited to a Seat and Brother Simeon R. Line to reply— —

6th) Brethren H. H. Rush P. Riner and D. C. Byram were apointed a Committee to arange the unfinished business of the Association—

7th) on motion and Seconed the association agree to adjourn untill Tomorrow morning 9. Oclock—

Saturday morning 9. Oclock met Pursuant to ajournment and after Praise and Prayr Proceeded to business— —

1st) Call.d for the Bill of arangement read and made the order of the day—

2nd) the Moderator apointed Brethren Elders Conner and Hucle to Preach on the Stand to day— —

3rd) the circular letter Call.d for read and recived and ordered to be Printed with the minutes

4th) on motion and Seconed the association apointed Brother David C. Byram to write the next circular letter

5th) Call.d for the Corresponding letters read and received
1st to White watter and Elders Craig and Peters with Brethren S. C. Byram P. Riner and W. Richards to bear the same
2nd To Miami Elder H. H. Rush and Brethren D. C. Byram P. Riner and Jacob R. Griffis to bare the Same —

--5th) To Madriver Elders Craig and Peters with Breth=
=ren Joseph Line Simeon R. Line and B. D. Dubois
to bare the same - ——

6th) on motion and seconed our next association be
held with the Church call^d Dry Fork of Twin Pre=
=ble County Ohio —

7th) call^d for contributions for minutes the n

8th) on motion and seconed apointed Brother Jacob
B. John to superintend the Printing and Dis=
=tribution of the minutes - ——

9th) on motion and seconed the association resolved
that Brother Jacob B. John be Entitled to what
money is over Paying the Printing of the Minutes
for his Servises - —

10th) Elders Conner and Hucle to Preach on the Stand -
Tomorrow and Elder Craig to Close - —

11th) Call^d for the minutes and read

12th) ajourn^d to the time and Place next apointed -

13th) Dismissed by Singing and Prayr - - ——

Jacob B. John } Clerk — — Seymore Craig } Moderator

Minutes of the Twentyeighth Anniversity of the Green=
=ville association of Regular Baptist held with the Dry
Fork of Twin Creek Church Preble County Ohio —
August 26th 27th and 28th A. D. 1853 - - ——

1st) an Introductory Address was Delivered by Elder
Daniel Robison from the 118th Psalm and 18th -
verse -

2nd) - the letters were called for read and the Messen=
=gers names enroled in the following order,
with the State of the Churches

Churches	Messengers Names	For Minutes - - Meeting on Lords day Total Number - - Dead - - - - - - Excluded - - - - - - Restored - - - - - - Dismised by Letter- Received by Letter Received by experience Received by Baptism	
Still water ..	David Messinger & I. B. John	- 1 - 1	27 . 3 - 1.00
Greenville ..	H. H. Rush S. C. Byram and		
Big fork Twin	G. Paine		25 . 4 . 1.25
Dry fork of Twin	D. S. Ford Isaac Shields, L.		
.. ..	Weaver and Willis Richards ..		20 . 1 . 1.05
Ebenezer - -	Stephen Preble S. Lemear		
.. ..	and Peter Riner		11 . 4 . 1.00
Harmony ..	B. D. Dubois Joseph Line		
.. ..	and John Downey	- 1 - 3 . .	19 . 1 . 1.20
Providence	M. Peters M. Potter R.		
	Straight and M. Armstrong	2 . . 2 . .	28 . 2 . 1.45
			120

3rd.) Elder M. Peters was Chosen Moderator and Jacob B. John Clerk - -

4th.) the Circular letter was called for read and a Committee Consisting of P. Riner J. Line and J. B. John with the Au= =thor was appointed to Examine and revise if necessary and Present it to morrow for a second reading - -

5th.) Corresponding letters called for; From White water received the Correspondence by their messengers - M. Debolt G. Zion and T. Mattby who were - invited to a Seat and S. C. Byram to reply - -

6th.) on motion and Seconded the association Sustained our Messen= =gers to Miami in the Course they Pursued last year From Miami read and received with their Messengers Elder Chilaw and Penticost who were invited to a seat and J. Line and P. Riner to reply - - -

From Madriver read and received by their Messengers A. D. Hite and G. Cottrell who were invited to a seat David Plessinger to reply. ——

From Lebanon association read and received by their Messengers I. Gillispie I. Dunn and I. Richards who were invited to a seat and B. D. Dubois to reply

7th) M. Peters S. Lemar and W. Richards to arrange the unfinished Business of the association ——

8th) the association agree to adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9. oclock - - - - - - —

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Saturday morning 9. oclock met Pursuant to Adjournment and after Praise and Prayr Proceeded to business - ——

1st) the Bill of arrangement called for read and made the order of the day - —

2nd) on motion and Second B. D. Dubois S. C. Byram and W. Richards were appointed a committee to fill the Stand and Elders Cottrell Richards Berman and Robeson to Preach on the Stand to day - ——

3rd) the circular letter was called for read and rec.. and ordered to be Printed with the Minutes

4th) on motion and Second Brother H. H. Rush was appointed to write our circular letter for next year

5th) Called for the corresponding letters

1st) To Whitewater read and received and Brethren S. C. Byram P. Riner W. Richards D. C. Byram D. S. Ford and Elders Peters and Rush to bear the Same

2nd) To Miami read and received and Brethren P. Riner W. Richards L. Weaver S. C. Byram and I. R. Griffis to bear the Same ——

3rd) To Madriver read and rec.. and Brethren John Downey M. Potter and B. D. Dubois to bear the Same ——

4th To Lebanon read and rec.d and Brethren Elders Peters and Rush D. C. Byram S. C. Byram M. Potter and M. Armstrong to bear the same ——

6th) on motion and seconed our next association be held with the Providence Church Mississinawa Township Darke County Ohio at or near Elder Peters - - —

7th) Called for contributions for Printing the Minutes

8th) on motion and seconed the association appointed Elders John Thompson J. C. Beman and T. Childers to Preach on the Stand to morrow - - - -

9th) on motion and seconed J. B. John was appointed to superintend the Printing and distribution of the Minutes

10th) Resolved that Brother J. B John be entitled to the money that is over after Paying for the minutes

11th) The minutes called for read and aproved of

12th) Adjourned untill Friday before the Fourth Lords day in August A. D. 1854 at 10 oclock A. M.

Dismissed by Singing and Prayr

Mahlon Peters } Moderator

Jacob B. John } Clerk

Minutes of the 29th Aniversity of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with the Providence church Darke County Ohio August 25. 26. and 27 A. D. 1854 - —

1st) an introductory Adress was delivered by Elder John. F. Johnson from the 1st Chapter and the 13.-14 verses of Pauls Epistle to the Colossians - -

2nd) the letters were call.d for read and the Messengers — Names enroled in the following order with the State of the Churches - —

Churches	Messengers Names	For Ministers	Meetings on Lords day	Total Number	Dead	Excluded	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Letter	Received by relation	Received by Baptism	
Stillwater	David Ward David Plessinger Nicholas York and Jacob B. Johns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	3rd	1.05	
Greenville	Elder H. H. Rush and S. C. Byram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	4th	1.00
Dry fork of Twin	Willis Richards and D. S. Ford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	1st	1.25	
Ebenezar	Sampson Linear and Peter Riner	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	4th	1.00	
Harmony	Jacob R. Griffis and Stephen Thompson	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	17	1st	1.65	
Providence	Elder M. Peters R. Strait I. M. Armstrong and David C. Byram	-	-	1	1	11	-	-	1	17	2nd	1.25
Salamony	A. N. Munger N. Imel Miles Potter and Jacob Steiner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1st	0.85	

3rd/ Elder H. H. Rush was chosen Moderator and Jacob B. Johns Clerk. —

4th/ opened a door for the reception of Churches into our Body the Church called Salamony Presented a letter by their Messengers and were received by the right hand of fellowship

5th/ called for the Circular Letter read and a Committee consisting of Brethren W. Richards P. Riner and D. C. — Byram with the Author to inspect and revise —

the letter if nessary and Present it tomorrow morning for a second reading - —

6th/ corresponding letters called for; first from white water - received by the hand of their Messengers, Elder E. Posten ~~and~~ H Wright and Brethren A Miller M. Debolt and T Maltby who were cordially invited to a seat in council with us and - Brother S. C. Byram to reply, second from Miami no letter nor Messengers, the association Past the following ressolution whereas the Miami association at her last session charged our Messengers with refusing to give our letter of correspondence for the year 1852 without any Just cause and that we Justified them in so withholding we say we did Justify them Beleiveing they had Just cause to withhold and we therefore refuse all further correspon=dence with Miami association; third from Madriver received the letter by the hand of their Messenger Elder H. Marris who were cordially invited to a seat in council with us and Brother Jacob R. Griffis to reply fourth, from Lebanon received by the hand of their Messengers, Elders W. A. Thompson, J. A. Williams - and J. F. Johnson and J. Gillispie who were cordially invited to a seat in Council whith us and Brother D. S. Ford to reply - - -

7th/ the same Committee to arange the unfinished Buisness of the association that inspect the circular letter and Present it tomorrow morning

8th/ the association agree to Ajourn till to morrow morning 9 oclock - —

Saturday morning 9 oclock

Met Pursuant to ajournment and after Prayr and Praise Proceeded to buisness

1st/ apointed Elders W. A. Thompson Gillispie Rogers and G. M Peters to Preach on the Stand to day - -

2nd/ call'd for the Bill of arangement read and made the order of the day

3rd/ call'd for the corresponding letters - - —

(1st) to Whitewater read and received and Brethren P. Riner S. C. Byram Elder H. H. Rush W. Richards and S. Lenear to bear the same; to be held with the East fork flat Rack Zion Church Rush Co. I. a. ——

(2nd) to Madriver read and recd. and Elder Rush and Brethren J. R. Griffis and David Plessinger to bear the same ——

(3rd) to Lebanon read and recd. and Elders Peters and Rush and Brethren J. M. Armstrong A. N. Munger M. Potter J. Skinner D. C. Byram S. C. Byram and N. Imel to bear the same to be held with the Harmony Church Grant County near Wheeling Indiana ——

4th) calld for the circular letter read and recd. and ordered to be Printed with the Minutes ——

5th) our next association to be held with the Ebenezar church ——

6th) apointed Elders Morris Posten and Johnson to Preach on the stand tomorrow ——

7th) apointed Brother Nicholas York to Prepare our circular letter for nex year ——

8th) calld for contributions for Printing the Minutes

9th) apointed the Moderator and Clerk to superintend the Printing and distribution of the Minutes

10th) calld for the Minutes read and aproved ——

11th) ajourned to meet with the Ebenezar Church Preble County ohio on friday before the fourth Lards day in August 1855 at 10 oclock A. M. dismissed by singing and Prayr ——

Elder H. H. Rush Moderator

Jacob B. John Clerk

Minutes of the Thirtieth Anniversity of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists held with Ebenezar church August 24th 25th and 26th A.D. 1855

1st) an introductory Sermon was Preachid by Elder Gilbert Beebe (of South Middletown N. Y.) on corrinthians 5th ch. 14th and 15th versis

2nd) the letters from the churches composing the association was called for read and their Messengers names enroled as follows——

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptized	Received by relation	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total number of time of meeting	Contributions for minutes
Stillwater	G. Cottrell N. S. York and Jacob B. John			1	3	2		23	3rd 1.00
Greenville	H. H. Rush & Pain and S. C. Byram	2						19	4th 1.10
Dry fork of Twin	D. S. Ford W. Richards, E. Batten and B. Richards	1						20	1st 1.00
Harmony	B. D. Dibois							17	5th 1.50
Ebenezar	Stephen Preble S. Lenear and Peter Riner	1		1				12	4th 1.00
Providence	J. M. Armstrong and D. C. Byram			1	2			18	2nd 1.45
Salamony	A. Monger	2		5				19	4th 0.75
Indian Creek	J. Robertson S Brady J. W. Smith and J. Urmston							22	2nd 1.40
Bethlehem	D. S. Robertson W. Brady O Thurston and J. Thurston							26	2.75
Chelsea	S. Craig D. Frank & G. Buxton							11	4th 1.00
Mercers Run	E. P. Ferguson							17	2nd 1.00

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3rd/ chose Elder H. A. Rust Moderator and Brother Jacob
B. John Clerk ——

4th/ opened a door for reception of Churches when
the Church called Indian Creek Presented a letter
by her messengers and on motion and seconed She
was received into the association by the Moderator
extending to her (in behalf of the association) the right
hand of fellowship ——

5th/ by the consent of the association the Moderator
appointed Elders Williams and Richards to Preach
on the Stand this afternoon ——

6th/ the Church called Bethlehem Presented a letter
by the hand of her messengers asking admission
into the association on motion and Seconed She
was received by the Moderator extending to her in
behalf of the association the right hand of fellowship

7th/ the Church called Chickasaw Presented a letter
by her Messengers asking admission into the asso-
=ciation when on motion and seconed She was
received by the right hand of fellowship ——

8th/ the Church called Mercers Run Presented
a letter by her messengers asking admission into
this association when on motion and seconed She
was received by the right hand of fellowship

9th/ the circular letter was called for and read and
a committee consisting of Elders D. S. Robertson
S. Craig and Brother B. D. Dubois with the —
author was appointed to inspect and if necessary
revise and Present it to morrow when called
for for a Second reading ——

10th/ the corresponding letters called for and rec..
from Whitewater by their messengers Elder
H. D. Conner and Brethren A. Mills. M. Debolt. Z.
Zion licentiates J. Brooks and J. Stiglemon
who were invited to a seat in the association
and Brother S. C. Byram to reply ——

Madriver by their messenger Elder A. D. Hite with minutes
who was invited to a seat in the association. ——
Lebanon by their messengers Elders I. F. Johnson
Wm McCormac I. Richards I. S. Williams, G. Beebe and Br.
D. I. Gilmore who were invited to a seat in the association
and Brothe I. Robinson to reply . . . . . ——
11th/ the same committe to whom was referred the cir=
=cular letter to make out a Bill of arrangement
of the unfinished business of this association and
Present it to morrow morning when called for
12th/ on motion and second the association adjourned
until to morrow morning at 9. O. clock — —
Saturday morning 9. O. clock
The association met Pursuant to adjournment
and after Praise and Prayr Proceeded to business
1st/ called for the Bill of arrangement which was read
and made the order of the day ——
2nd/ by the advise and Consent of the association the
moderator appointed Elders McCormac Conner
and Southard to Preach on the Stand to day
3rd/ called for the letters to the corresponding association
to Whitewater read and revised and Elders Craig
and Robinson and Brethren S. Lemar S. C. Byram
P. Riner and O. Thruston to bear the letters as messen=
=gers to Whitewater to be held with Saber Church
Wayne County Indiana Commencing at 10.
O. clock on Friday before the second Saturday in Aug=
=ust 1856 ——
to Mad river no letter of reply was required as in conse=
=quence of change of the time of holding their session
for next year. our association will take Place before
the next Session of their association their next session
to be held with Zoar Church commensing on friday before
the first lards day in September 1856 ——
to Lebanon read and and Elders Rush, Craig, and Robinson
and Brethren Jonas Robinson and D. C. Byram to bear it as
messengers to Lebanon association to be held ——

with Mount Carmel Church Hancock County In.
to commence at 10. Oclock on Friday before the third —
Lords day in August 1856 —

4th/ called for the circular letter which was read and
ordered to be Printed with the minutes —

5th/ appointed Elder D. S. Robinson to Prepare a circu
=lar letter for next year

6th/ our next association to be held with Harmony
Church in Shelby County Ohio Six miles South
of Sidney to commence on Friday before the fourth
Lords day in August, 1856 at 10. Oclock A. M.

7th/ the Moderator and Clerk to attend to the Printing
and distribution of the minutes

8th/ Elders Beeman, Johnson and Beebe to Preach —
tomorrow

9th/ the association agree to Publish yearly meetings
as follows at Providence Church to meet at
Richard Straits on saturday before the second Lords
day in November next at one Oclock Elders
Robinson. Rush and Peters to attend
Dry fork of Twin on Saturday before the fourth Lords
day in october Elders Robinson and Rush to attend
Chickasaw on saturday before the fourth Lords day
in June 1856 Elders Rush. Craig. Peters and
McDanold to attend; the invitation is to the
Brethren generally to attend and Participate
in the exercises

10th/ the minutes were called for read and approved
whereupon the association adjourned to the
time and Place above named

W. H. Rush — Moderator

Jacob B. John Clerk

Minutes of the Thirty-first Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptist held with the Harmony Church, Shelby County, Ohio: August 22nd. 23rd. and 24th. A.D., 1856.

1st. An Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Thompson, from First Cor. 15th. Chap. and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th,, verses.

2d. The letters from the Churches, composing the Association were called for, read, and, their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Churches	Messengers Names.	Baptised	Restored	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Times of Meeting	For Minutes Contributions
											$, cts.
Stillwater-	Eld. G. Cotrell D. Ward										
	D. Pleasenger & J. B. John.	1					1		23	3	1.10
Greenville-	Eld. A. W. Rush, D. C. Byrum, John Slade & R. Lovell	1							20	4	1.00
Dry. frk Twin-	Eld. D. S. Ford & Willis Richards. (No Pastor)			1		2			19		1.30
Harmony-	J. R. Griffis, Jesse Line, and B. D. DuBois.	1			3			2	19	1	1.85
Ebenezer-	Sampson Lanier.								6		.30
Providence-	J. M. Armstrong, & D. C. Byrum.								18		1.70
Salamony...	Eld. G. Debolt, & T. Childers.					1			18	4	1.25
Indian Cruk.-	S. Brady, J. A. Smith, Caleb Barnum, & Jonas Roberson.								22		1.40
Bethlehem-	Eld. D. S. Roberson, O. Thurston, B. Jones, & J. Thurston.					1		2	23		1.60
Chickasaw...	G. Buxton, & D. Frank.							1	10		1.00
Mercers Run..	F. Keiter.	1						1	17		1.25
		4		1	3	4	1	6	197		14.15

3d. Chose Elder D. S. Roberson, Moderator, and B. D. DuBois Clerk.

4th. Gave opportunity to Churches wishing to unite with us. Also, invited Teaching brethren to a seat with us.

5th. The Association appointed brother Millspaugh to preach on the Stand this afternoon.

6th. Circular letter called for, presented and read, & a committee consisting of D. C. Byrum, J. B. John, Jacob Heiter, & D. S. Ford, with the author, was appointed to inspect & if necessary, revise and present to-morrow when called for, for a second reading.

7th. Corresponding letters called for - received one from Whitewater, by their Messengers Elders J. A. Thompson, G. C. Millspaugh, and brother Israel Hill, who were invited to a seat with us - and brother J. B. John to reply.

Fon Madriver received a letter, but no messengers. Elders George McCulloc, Wm. Rodgers, and John Tussing, being present, were invited to a seat with us - and Elder H. H. Rusk to reply.

One from Lebanon, by their messengers D. Corey, J. L. Hickman, John Osborn, and T. Clarkson, who were invited to a seat with us - and Jonas Roberson, to reply.

8th. The same committee to whom was referred the circular letter, to make a bill of arrangements of the unfinished business of this Session, and present it to-morrow morning when called for.

9th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

1st. Called the roll.

2d. Called for the bill of arrangements, which was read, received and made the order of the day.

1st. Who shall preach on the stand to day & to-morrow.

2nd, The Moderator nominated Elders George McCulloc, Wm. Rodgers, Lippincot, & John Tussing, from Mad River, and J. A. Thompson, & G. C. Millspaugh, from Whitewater, Associations, to preach on the stand to day; and the association elected, John A. Thompson, G. C. Millspaugh, and George McCulloc to preach to morrow.

3rd, Called for the Circular letter, which was handed in, and after some debating on it, suspended the order of the day, by appointing a committee of two-who chose the third-to inspect and revise said letter, or write & present a new one. Elders H. H. Rush G. Debolt and brother Jonas Roberson were chosen said committee,

4th Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations, to-wit: To Whitewater Association, which meets at Pleasant Run Church, Rush county Ind., on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August 1857, Elder George Cotrell, & brethren Benjamin Jones, J. H. Smith, J. Thurston, S. C. Byrum, D. C. Byrum.

To Mad River, to be held with Zoar Church, commencing on Friday before the 1st Lord's Day in September, 1856, Elder M. Peters, & brethren J. M. Armstrong, and George Buxton to attend.

To Lebanon, which will be held with the Lebanon Church, Henry Co, Indiana, commencing on Friday before the 3rd, Saturday in August, 1857; Elders D. S. Roberson, D. S. Ford, & G. Cotrell & brethren Jones Roberson, & J. B. John to attend.

5th, The circular letter returned, revised, read and received; & ordered to be printed with the minutes.

6th, Appointed H. H. Rush to write the circular letter for next year.

7th. Our next Association to be held with the Bethlehem Church, Franklin County, Indiana, 6 miles west of Oxford, Ohio.

8th. The Clerk to attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

9th. Called for contributions for printing and distributing the minutes.

10th. Gave Eld. H. H. Rusk $4.00 for his services attending to the printing & distributing of the minutes last year.

11th. The clerk to have ten dollars for printing & distributing the minutes this year.

12th. Appointed W. Richards, O. Thurston, and J. R. Griffis, a committee to distribute six dollars & fifteen cents, to corresponding Ministers.

13th. A visitation meeting will be held with Providence Church, Saturday before the 2nd, Sunday in June 1857, Elders Debolt, & Roberson to attend. One at Greeneville, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1856.

14th. The Association request the Churches to send up contributions next year, for corresponding Ministers.

15th. Called for the Minutes.

16th. Adjourned to meet at the above named time and place.

D. S. Roberson Moderator.

B. D. DuBois Clk.

Minutes of the thirty Second Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists Held with Bethlaham Church Franklin County Ind August 21st 22d 23d A. D. 1857

1st An introductory Sermon was Delivered by Eld J. C. Beeman from Acts 5th Chapter and 20th Verse

2d Letters from the Churches Composing the association Called for Read and their Messengers Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Contributions for minutes
Stellwater	Eld G Cotrell J. B. Johns									125
Greenville	Eld H. H. Rush J Slade									100
Dryfork Town	Eld D. S. Ford J. D. Stits									
Harmony	Licensed W Richards									260
Harmony	J R Griffise J. Line B. D. Duboise									265
Ebenezer	S Lariad B. Fisher		2							100
Providence	J. B. Cox J F Hinkle									200
Salamony	No intelligence									
Linden Creek	J Bray J Roberson S Brady and J H Smith							1		410
Bethlehem	Eld D. S. Roberson W Brady O Thurston Wm Miller	1								345
Chickasaw	J Buxton									215
Mercers Run	A Ferguson E Ferguson							1		150

3d Chose Eld D. S Roberson Moderator and Jonas Roberson Clerk

4th Opened a Door for the Reception of Churches
Nine offered

5th Invited Ministering Brethren to a Seat with us

6th Appointed Elders A. B. May & S. A. Johnson
to Preach on the Sabbath this afternoon

7 Called for Circular Letter which was
Presented Read and a Committee Consisting
of W. Richards B. D. Dubaise With the
Author was appointed to inspect and Revise
and Present it to morrow morning

8th Called for Letters from associations with
Whom we Correspond which were Presented
as follows

1st White water Letter and messengers Elds.
G. C. Millspaugh M. Hornady W. Thompson
& Brethren J. Brooks C. Rohman & Gotthy
A. miller & Cushman & E. Hibard
Who were invited to a Seat with us
and B. D. Dubaise to Reply

2 Mad River No intelligence

3 Lebanon No Letter Messengers Elds S. A.
Johnson & Brother Cory who were
invited to a Seat with Bros H. H. Rush
to Reply

9 Opened a Door for Correspondence
When the Clover association Presented
her minutes by her Messenger Eld S. C.
Beemon Requesting Correspondence Upon
Some Deliberation it was on motion
and Second Defered one year

10th Appointed the Same Committee to
whom was Refered the Circular Letter
to make out a Bill of Arrangements
for the unfinished Business of the
association and Present it to morrow
Morning

11th there being in the Letter from the Chickasaw Church a Request for Council from this association in Regard to the Standing of Elder John McDonal it being Read and after Some Consultation on Motion and Second it was Laid on the Table

12th on motion Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 a Clock Prayer by W. Thompson

Saturday Morning Aug 22d 1857

1st Called the Roll

2d Called for the Bill of Arrangments which was Read Revised and Made the order of the Day

3d Chase J. A Johnson J. C. Beeman G C Mill Spaugh & M Hornady to Preach on the Stand to Day and W. Thompson A B Nay and W. Tylor to Preach on the Stand to morrow

4 Called for the Circular which was Read Received and Ordered to be Printed Whith the minutes

5th Called for Corresponding Letters

1st to Whitewatter Letter Read Received and Appointed as Messengers Elders D S Roberson H. H. Rush D S Ford and Brethren J. Roberson O Thurston and J. B. Johns

2d to Madrever Letter Read and Received messengers Brethren B. D. Dubaise J. R. Griffis and M. Pitrys

3 to Lebanon Letter Read & Received Messengers Eld D. S Roberson D. S Ford and Brethren O Thurston J Roberson B. Fisher

6 Appointed J. B. Cox to Write the Circular Letter for Next year

7th The Next association to be held with the Mercer Run Church

8th Called for Contributions for minutes and Correspondence

9 Appointed Wm Brady & Thurston & J. B. Johns a Committee to Dispose of the money

10 Allowed the Clerk Twelve Dollars to pay for Printing and Distributing the minutes and Appropriated Six Dollars & fifty Cts for Correspondence

11th Called for the minutes

12th on motion and Second adjourned to meet at Miners Run Church Green County Ohio on Friday before the fourth Lords Day in August A. D. 1858 at 10 o'clock A. M.

D. S. Roberson Moderator

Jonas Roberson Clerk

Minuets of the thirty third Anniversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptist Held with Mercer's Run Church Green County Ohio Augt 20th 21st 22^d A. D 1858

1st An Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. B. Cox from Romans 7 Chapter & 14th Verse

2^d Letters from the Churches Composing the association Called for Read and their Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Mesengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Contributions for mins
Stillwater	David Plesinger				1				24	115
Greenville	S C Byram and John Slade							1	19	125
Dryfork Town	W Richards								18	100
Harmony	J. R. Griffis J Line and S Thompson							1	17	200
Ebenezer	Sampson Lanear						1		8	100
Providence	Elds M. Peters J B Cox J J miller J Peter								19	200
Salamony	T Childers	2				3			11	60
Indian Creek	J Roberson T Smith & S Brady							1	20	300
Bethlehem	Eld D. S. Roberson W Brady J. Thurston & William miller							1	26	300
Chickasaw	Elder John McDonald					2		12	12	200
Mercers Run	A Kelsy A Ferguson F Kiter and M. Pagett			2					18	175
									142	975

3^d Chose Elder D. S. Roberson Moderator and Jesus Roberson Clerk

4th opened a Door for the Reception of Churches Non officer

5th Appointed Wm Brooks to Preach on the Stand
6th Invited Ministering Brethren to a Seat with us
7th Called for the Circular Letter which was Presented Read and a Committe Consisting of the Maderator J Line With the author was appointed to inspect and if nessary Review and Present it to morrow When Called for
8th Called for Letters from Assaciations with Whom Correspond which were Presented as follows
1st White water Letters & Mesengers G C Millspaugh and Brother Wm Hearald Who were invited to to a Seat With us
2 on motion voted that we Send a general Corresponding Letta to the Assaciations whith whom we Correspond and that John McDonald Prepar the Same
3 Mad River minuets and mesenge Eld A.D. Hite who was invited to a Seat With us
4 Lebanon No inteligence
9th Opened a Door for Corespondence When the Little Flock association Presented her minuets by her mesengers S. Howell T Fenor and J Line and after Sum Discustion it Was Said over untill tomorrow
10th Took up the Reference in Regard to the Clear assaciation when on motion & Second voted that we open Correspondence with Said assaciation
11th Appointed the maderaton & Clerk a committe to make a Bill of Arangements for the unfinished Buesness of the assaciation
12th on motion adgourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 oclock Pragd by Eldr M. Peters

Saturday morning Augt 21. 1858

1st the assaciation meet Persant to adourn Called the Roll

2d Called for Bill of Arrangements which was Read Received and made the order of the Day

3d Chase M. Peters D. S. Roberson G. C. Melling and J. McDonald to Preach on the Stand to Day and J. C. Beeman M Brooks and M. D. Hite to Preach on the Stand to morrow

4th Called for the Circular Letter which was Presented Received and ordered to be printed with the minutes

5th Called for the Corresponding Letter which was Read Received and ordered to be Printed with the minutes

6. Appointed messengers to the assocations with whom we correspond

1 Whitewater D. S. Roberson J McDonald A Ferguson E Ferguson J. Thurston J. Roberson S C Byrom Wm Miller J J Miller & Wm Brody

2d Mad River G Cotral J Sine J B Cox

3 Lebanon D. S. Roberson J B Cox J McDonald S C Byrom J J Miller & Jonas Robeson

4 Clover D S Roberson & F Hiter

7th Took up the Reference in Regard to the Little flock assocation and after some Deliberation vote that it be Defered one year

8 Appointed D. S. Robeson to Prepare a circular Letter for Next year and S C Byrom a corresponding Letter for Next year

9. the Next assocation to be held with the Stillwater Church Dark County Ohio 11 miles North East of Granville Commencing on friday before the 4th Saturday in august A. D 1859

10th Called for Contributions for minutes and Correspondence

11 Appointed J. R. Griffiss S C Byrom J J Miller

and Mc Paget a committe to Distribut the money

12th alowed twelve Dollars for Pringing Minuets and that the moderator and Clerk attend to the same and Appropriated Six Dollars & 75 cts for Corespondence

13 On motion and second vote that this association Commence Each Session hereafter on friday before the fourth Saturday in August in Each year

14th Called for the minuets

15 on motion adjourned to meet at the above named place at 10 o. A. M.

D. S Roberson
Moderator

Jonas Roberson Clerk

Minuets of the thirty Fourth Anniversary of the Greenville Assaciation of Regular Baptists Held with Stillwell Church Dark County Ohio Augt 26, 27, 28. — A. D. 1859

1st An Introductory Sermon was Delivered by Elder Wm Rodgers from Acts 15 Chapter & 20 verse

2^d Letters from the Churches Composing the assaciation Called for Read and Their Misengers Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Misengers Names	Baptised	Received by Retation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Contributions for Minutes
Stillwetter	Elder G Cetral D Plasinger M. McDonnal N. S. york				2		3	19	105
Greenville	Eld H H Rush S C Byron J Slade	1					2	18	150
Dry fort Twine	W Richards L Weaver J Botten					1		17	130
Harmony	J. R. Griffes S. tomson J C Line D B Dellis		1				2	16	215
Ebenezer	B fisher S Lanore						1	6	125
Providence	Eld J B Cox I miller M Peters & J J Peters							12	135
Salomey	Eld J Debalt N. Immel D Harkins S Skinner	3		1				15	150
Indiancreek	S Brady C Bornum J H Lucke J Robeson							20	375
Bethlehem	Eld D. S. Robeson Wm Brady o thurson J Thurston							26	285
Chicksaw	Eld J McDonal J Bexton J Bexton D Frank							12	175
Mersee Reen	Apergesac T Kiter A miller							19	151

3d Chose Elder D. S. Robeson Moderator and Jonas Robeson Clerk

4th Opened a Door for the Reception of Churches None offered

5th Invited Ministering Brethren to a Seat with us

6th Appointed Eld Wilson Thompson to Preach on the Stand

7 Called for the Circular Letter the Brother Appointed to Prepar one failing to Present it a Committee was appointed Consisting of Eldrs Eldr D. S. Robeson J McDonnal and Brother Wm Brady & B D Dubois to Prepar one and present it to morrow

8th Called for the Corresponding Letter which was Presented Read and Referred for inspection to the Committee on the Circular

9th Called for Letters from assaciations with Which we Correspond

1 Whitewater Letter & messengers Ed W. Thompson & G G Millspaugh who Were invited to Seats with us in Council

2 Mad River Letter & Messenger Wm Rodgers who was invited to a Seat with us

3 Lebanon — Messenger A G Meredith & J. Williams who was invited to Seats with us in Council

4 Clover Letter & messenger Eld J C Barnes Who was invited to a Seat with us in Council

10th Took up the Reference of Last year in Regard to the Little flock assaciation on motion & Second vated not to Open Correspondence with said Assaciation

11 Opened a Door for Correspondence

12 Appointed Eld J Cabron B Fisher & J Robeson A Committee to arrange the Business for Tomorrow

13th on motion adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock Pray by Eld J C Barnes

Saturday Morning Aug 27th 1859
the association met pursuant to adjournment
and after prais & prayer by Eld W Thompson
Proceeded to Business
1st Called the Roll
2d Called for the Bill of Arrangements which
was presented Read and made the order
of the Day
3d Appointed Elds W Thompson G C Mills Speak
J Williams & A J Meredith to Preach on
the Stand to Day End Eldrs W Thompson
J C Burnum A J Meredith & J Williams
to morrow
4 Called for the Circular & Corresponding
Letters which were presented Read Received
and order to be printed with the Minutes
5 Appointed messenges to the associations with
whom we correspond
1 to Milewater Elds J McDonal D. S. Robeson &
Brethren Wm Brady W Richards J miller O Thurston
John Thurston & J. Robeson
2 Madrier Elds G Cotrow J B Cox
3 Lebanon Eld D. S. Robesson J B Cox & Brethren
O Thurston & J Robeson
4 Clover A Ferguson F Kitie & J Robeson
6 Appointed Eld H H Rush to prepare a Circular
Letter and B Fisher the Correspondy Letter
for Next year
7 the Next association to be Held with the
Indian Creek Church Bullu County O.
four miles South west of Ogles Station
on the Juncian Rale Road Running from
Hamilton to Oxford Commencing on
Friday before the fourth Saturday in Augt 1860
at 10 o'clock A M.
8 Called for Contributions for minutes Corspondence

9th Appointed O Thurston B D Dubois & Wm Richards a Committee to Dispose of the money

10 on motion and Second voted that we Reconsider the act of yesterday of the assaciation in Regard to the Little flock assaciation when after Some Discussion on motion & Second voted unanasously that we open Corespondence with said assaciation

11 Appointed messengers to the Little flock assaciation Elders D S Robison J B Cox and Breathren S Brady J Robison J H Smith J R Grifes S C Byrnes J Miller & O Thurston

12 Appointed Elder J. B. Cox to Preach to Preach the introductory Sermon Next year and Elder H. H. Rush in case of failure

12 Appointed the Moderator and Clerk a Committee to imbay all the Rules that Govern this assaciation and Present them at the Next assaciation

14 Alowed ten Dollars for printing the Distribution the minutes Ten Dollars & 20 lts for Correspondence

15 Called for the minutes

16 on motion adjourned to meet at the same Name place at 10 O Clock A. M.

Ministering present at this assaciation

W. Thompson J. C. Burnon A. G. Mendelson
G C Millspaugh Wm Rodgers D. S. Robison
J. B Cox G. Deboalt J. Cotral
H. H. Rush J. McDonal M. Peters

The Churches Composing the assaciation Were fuly Represented at this assaciation and the Business transacted in Peace & Harmony and all though the Weather During most of the Time was inclemant the assaciation was ed

Attended Brought out the meetings
the preaching was listned to with Marked
attention by the audience and the Temporal
wants of the people wile provided for by the
Brethren & Sisters of Shellwater Church
Jonas Robertson D. S. Robison
Clerk Moderator

yearly meetings

At Indian Creek third Saturday & Sunday in
October 1859 Elders W. Thompson J. B. Cox &
D. S Robison to attend

At Salamony first Saturday & Sunday in
October 1859 No Chaise of Preachers all
all are invited who preach the Whole Truth
as it is in Jesus

At Providence Second Saturday & Sunday in
September 1859 all the Brethren & Sisters to
attend

Minuets of the thirty fifth Annuversary of the Greenville Association of Regular Baptists Held With Indian Creek Church Butler Counts Ohio August 24 25 26 th 1860

1st An Introductory Sermon was Delivered by Eld J. B. Cox from Jeremiah 6th Chapter & 16 Verse

2 Letters from the Churches Composing the Association Called for Read and their Messengers Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Contributions
Shellwater	D. Plaunger & York		1		2	1		17	12
Greenville	J. Slade & C Byram			1	1		1	17	15
Dry fork Town	Willi Richards				1			16	15
Harmony	B. D. Baise & Line J. C. Line	2						18	18
Ebenezer	B. Fisher & Lamer							8	22
Providue	J. B Cox							18	13
Salamy	Thomas Childes					1		16	12
Indian Creek	J Brady & Brady T Smith J Robison							21	22
Bethlehem	Eld & B Robeson O Thurston B Jones W Miller							23	21
Chickasaw	Eld J. M. Danal							11	15
Messers Run	M. R Pigott							19	15

& Chose Eld D. S. Roberson Moderator & Jonas Roberson Clerk

4 Opened a Door for the Reception of Churches Whereupon a Letter was Rec'd by a messinger from a Church Called Beaver Creek which was Read

and perported to be from a Church of Colored Baptist in mercer County Ohio after Some Discussion on Motion vated that it be Defered untill to morow

5 Invited ministering Brethren to Seats With us in Council

6 Called for the Circular Letter prepared by Elder H H Rush which was Presented Read and Referd to Committe Consisting of Elds J McDonal and J B Cox and Brother B.D. Dubais

7 Called for the Corespending Letter prepared by B fisher which was Presented Read & Referd to Committe Consisting of S.C. Burom Wm Miller & J Robison with the author to Examinit & present to morrow Morning

11 on Motion adjourned to Meet at 9 o'clock to morrow Morning Prayr by Eld J. Cox

Saturday morning Aug 25th 1860

the association met pursuent to adjournment and after Prais and Prayer by Eld J.B. Cox Proceeded to Business

1st Called the Roll

2d Articels of Faith & Rules of Decorum Read

3 Called for the Bill of Arrangements which was Recived and made the order of the Day

4 appointed Elds J Cox H D Conor L Sutter and J Howel to Preach on the Stand to Day and J Flint J.A. Johnson & John Brady to morrow

5 took up the Reference of yesterday in Regard to the Beaver Creek Church and after Same Discussion on Motion and second vated that it be Defered one year

6 Called for the Circular & Corespending Letters which were presented Read and ordered to be printed with the minuets

7 Appointed Corresponding Messengers to the asso
ciations with whome we Correspond
1 Whitewater Elds J McDonal D. S. Roberson J. B.
Cox and Brethren S C Byrom Wm Miller and
Jonas Roberson to be Held with Salem Chur
wain County Ind to Commence on friday before
the Second Saturday in August 1861
2 Madriver Eld J. B. Cox and Brethren M R Pigott
& F Kiter to be Held with Leaser Creek Chur
Green County Ohio Ten miles East of Xenia
Commencing on Friday before the first Saturday
in September 1860
3 Lebanon Eld J. B. Cox J McDonal &
Brethren S C Byrom Place not Known by Com
4 Clover J Roberson M. R. Pigott F Kiter
to be Held with Clover Church four
miles East of Bethel Brown County Ohio
Commencing on friday before the third
Sunday in September 1861 at 10 O Clock A M
5 Little Flock Elds D. S. Roberson J. B. Cox
and Brethren O Thurston Wm Miller J Roberson
S Brady T. Smith to be Held with fairfield
Church Butler County Ohio Commencing on
Saturday before the Secondy of September 1860
8 Called for the Report of the Committee on the
Special Letter from White water assaciation
Report Received Committee Discharged and after
Reading Said Letter on Motion and Second Voted that
we Comply with the Request of the White water
assaciation by Sending a Copy of the letter
Received from her to the Little flock assaciation
9 the next assaciation to be Held with the
Chickasaw Church mercer County Ohio
Commencing on Friday Before the fourth Saturday
in August 1861 at 10 O C A M.
10 Apoint Brother B D Dubaise to wrote the Next

Circular Letter and S C Byram the Corresponding Letter for Next year

11 Called for Contributions for Minuets and Corespon

12 Appointed O Thurston B Fisher & M R Paget a Committe to Dispose of the money

13 Alowed $12.00 for Printing and Distribution the minuets and the moderator and Clerk attend to the Same and appropriate $7.60 for Corespondence

14 on motion and second voted that this association Relinquish all Right to act as as an advisory Council in any Case What Ever

15 Called for the minuets

16 on motion adjourned to Meet at the above Named Place at 11 o Clock A. M.

Jonas Roberson Clerk D. S. Robison Moderator

Minutes of the Thirty Six Anniversary of the
Fairmill Regular Association held with
the Chickasaw church Mercer Co. O. August-

Minutes of the Thirty Sixth Anniversary of The Greenvill Regular Baptist Association held with the chickasaw church mercer co. D. August 23d 24th 25th 1861

1st An introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J McDonald from the 28th chapter of Matthew 16th to 20th verses inclusive

2nd Letters from the churches composing the Association called for read and their messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptisized	Restored	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number	Contribution	Saturday Meeting
Stillwater	D. Ward, M McDonald, N. S. York,								17	123	3
Greenvill	Eld H Rush S Byron J Slade					1		1	18	150	4
Dry fork Twin	Willis Richards				1			1	17	125	3
Harmony	J Griffis J C Line J Line								18	135	1
Ebnezer	Eld D S Roberson S Lanear	1			1			1	9	101	4
Providence	Eld M Peters R Strait S Brown J Peters	2				1			19	163	2
Salinoing	Eld, G, Deball D, Herkins, H, More, N, Emel,	1							17	135	1
Indian Creek	J Roberson S Brady T Smith J H Smith	2						1	22	250	2
Bethelhem	J Thurston	1						1	25	150	1
Chickasaw	Eld J McDonald D Frank G Burton, G Bux								11	175	4
Mecer Run	No Intelligence										

3rd Chose Elder D S Roberson moderator and J Roberson Clerk

4th Articles of Forth and Rules of decorum read

5th On motion and second voted that in receiving Churches in to this Association it be the unanimous concent of the messengers present

6th Took up the reference of Last year in regard to the Beaver Creek Church. When after some discussion on motion and second to recive said church into this Association it was decided in the negative

7th Called for the circular Letter. The Brother B. D. Dubois who was appointed to prepare one failing to present it Elder J McDonald was appointed to prepare and present it to-morrow and Elders H. H. Rush and M Peters and Brethern N. S. York and J Slade wer appointed a committee to inspect the same

8th Called for the corresponding Letter which was presented read and recived and ordered to be printed with the minutes

9th Called for Letters from Association with whom we correspond

1st Whitewater - No Letter Messenger Elder J Cox

2nd Mad river, No intelligence

3rd Leabnon - Letter and Messenger J Medinith and J Williams

4th Clover No - Intelligence

5th Little Flock No - Intelligence

10th Messengers from the Several Association with whom we corespond wer cordially invited to a seat with us to participate in our counsels

11th Appointed the Moderator and Clerk committee to arrange the business for tomorrow

12th On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock - Prayer by Elder H. H. Rush

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock

The Association met pursuant to

Adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to business

1st Called Roll

2nd Bill of Arrangements called for and made the order of the day

3rd Appointed Elders J. Meridith J Cox J A Williams & J Skiner to preach on the Stand to-day

4th Called for the circular Letter which was read recived and ordered to be printed with the minutes

5th Appointed corresponding messengers to Association with whom we correspond

1st White water Elders D S Roberson and Brethren J Thurston J H Smith S C Byron and J Roberson

2nd Mad river Elder M Peters and Brethren A. Line J Line J Brexton

3rd Leabnon Elders D. S. Roberson and Brethren J McDonald J Roberson J Thurston J. H. Smith S C Byron

4th Clover Elders D. S. Roberson and Brethren and J R Griffis

5th Little Flock Elder D S Roberson and Brethren J Roberson J Slade S C Byron J R Griffis J H Smith S Brady and T Smith

6th The next Association to be held with the Salmonia church Jay County Indiana commencing on friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1862 a 10 o clock A. M.

7th Appointed Elder D. S. Roberson to write the circular Letter for the next year and Elder H H Rush the corresponding Letter for the next year

8th Called for contribution for Minutes and corspondence

9th Appointed S C Byron A S York. H. Moore and J P Peters a committee to dispose of the money

10th Allow twelve dollars for Printing and distributing minutes. and appointed the clerk to superintend the same

11th On motion and second. voted to recinde the 14th item in Last-year's minutes

12th Resolved that this Association disclaim all authority to meddle with the concerns of its churches

13th Appointed Elders J Meredith. J. Cox and A J Williams to preach on the Stand to-morrow and Elder, Roberson to close

14th Adjourned to meets at the time and place named at, 10, a clock, A, M,

Elder, D, S, Roberson,
Moderator

Jonas, Roberson
Clerk.

Minutes of the Thirty Seventh Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist association Held with the Salamony Church Jay County Indiana on the 22d 23 and 24 Days Augt 1862

1st An Introductory Sermon was Delivered by Eld J F Johnson from first Corinthians Second Chapter 9 & 10 verses

2d Letters from the Churches Composing the association Called for and Read and their Mesengers Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Mesengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions
Stillwater	J.B. Johns D Plaeinger N.S. york							1	16	120
Greenville	J Slade S C Byrom								18	120
Dry fork Twin	Mills Richards		1						16	100
Harmony	J R Griffies								18	100
Ebenezer	Eld D S Roberson S Lancar	2							9	100
Provedence	L.J. Miller H Hinkley N J Peters	2			1			1	21	21
Salamony	Eld J Dell D Harkins & Moore R Ernce				1				18	150
Indian Creek	J Roberson J W Jones H Smith	5			2				29	265
Bethalaham	J Thurston O Thurston	5				1			30	16
Chickysaw	Eld J McDonal J Buxton J Burton								11	25
Mercers Run	no Mesenger Letter								18	100
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3d Chose Eld D. S. Roberson Moderator and J. Roberson Clerk

4 invited Ministering Breathrue Present to a Sets with in Council

5 Articles of faith Read

6 Opened a door for the Receptions of Churches Now offered

7 Called for the Circular Letter it not being present

D. S. Robinson was appointed to prepare one and present it to morrow and and a Committee Consisting of Breathren J. McDonal S C Byrom an J. Thurston to inspect the Same

8 Called for the Correspondency Letter it not being present Eld J. McDonal was appointed to prepare one and present it and that it be Referred to the Committee on the Circular Together with the author

9 Called for Letters from associations with whence we Correspond

1 White water No Letter Mesengers Elds H Wright J Licentiate Breather J Steckelman S Zuneken and T Malsby

2 Madrever Letter & Mesengers D Cotral & J Rice

3 Lebanon Letter & Mesengers Elder W. McCormick J F Johnson and J A Johnson

4 Clover No intelligence

5 Little Flock Letter and Mesenger J Classon

10 appointed J B Johns with the Clerk a Committee to arrange the Business for Tomorrow

11 Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 1/2 past 9 a.m. Clock

Saturday Morning 1/2 Past Nine Aeck the association met Pursuant to adjournment and after Prais & prayr Proceeded to Buisness

2 Bill of arrangements Called for which was Presented Read Recived and made the order of the Day

3 Appointed Eld J. A. Johnson J. A. Williams E Cotral & G Zion to Preach on the Stand to Day

4 Called for the Circular Letter which was Presented Read Recived and ~~made~~ the ~~order~~ printed with the minutes

5 Called for Correspondency Letter which was Presented Read Recived ad ordered to by printed with the minutes

6th Appointed Corespondency Mesengers to assercise with whom we correspond

1 White water to be held with Nettel creek Church Randolph County Ind Comencing on friday before the second Saturday in Augst 1863 Mesengers Eld D. S. Robeson J McDonal & Brethren S C Byrom J Thurston J J Miller J H Smith O Thurston J Peters and J Robeson

2 Mad River to be held with Mills North of Lima Putnam County Ohio Mesengers M. Peters J McDonal D Frank & J Buxton

3 Lebanon to be held at Mount Carmal Church Hancock County Ind Comencing Friday Before Third Saturday in August 1863 Mesengers Eld D S. Roberson J McDonal & Brethren J Robeson J H Smith O Thurston J Thurston S. C. Byrom H More & W Comer

4 Clover to Be held near Blanchester Green Co Ohio Comencing on friday before the third Saturday in September 1862 Mesengers J Robeson J Thurston & J. H. Smith

5 Little flock to be Held with fairfield Church Butler County Ohio Comencing on Saturday Before the second Seonday in September 1862 Mesengers J Peters J Thurston J W Jones J H Smith S. C. Byrom & J Robeson

7 the Next assaciation to be held with the Pardeen Church at Eldes M Peters Dark County Ohio

8 Appointed J. H. Smith to Wright the next Corcular Letter & Jon Thurston the Corespondency Letter

9 Called for Contributions for minutes and Corespondence

10 Appointed O Thurston & J. B. Johns to Distribute the money

11 Moderator & Clerk to Superintend the Printing & Distributing the minutes

12 Appointed J ~~H~~ Johnson H Wright Jesse Jackson & J Sathard to Preach on the Stand to morrow

13 on Motion and Second Vote that this association Suggest to the Several Churches Composing her Body for their Consideration the Propriety of Changing the Time of holding Said association from the usual Time to Wensday before the fourth Saturday of August in Each year and Continue three Days and that Said Churches Report their decision at the Next Session of the association

14 Adjourned to meet at the Time and place above Name at Ten aeck A. M.

J Roberson
Clerk

Eld D S Roberson
Moderator

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Thirty Eight Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist association held with the Provider Church Dark County Ohio on the 21 22 & 23 Days of August 1863.

1st An introductory was Delivered by Eld J Cotrel from Mathew 19 Chapt & 5 verse

2d Letters from the Churches Composing the assoc Called for Read and their Mesenger Names Names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Mesengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Salary Meeting
Stillwater	N. S. York D Plasenger J B Johns							2	14	100	3
Greenvile	Eld H. Rush S C Byrom J. Slade								18	155	4
Dry fork Town	Willis Richards								15	100	3
Harmony	J R Griffes								18	245	1
Ebneger	Eld D S Robeson		2			2			9	24	4
Provider	R Strate M Peeter J Hinkle							2	18	200	2
Salamy	A Skine N Emel H Mar T Childis								18	150	1
Indian Creek	J Robers S Brady J H Smith Wm Brady				3	2		1	27	225	2
Bethlahem	J Thurston Wm Miller				1	1		1	27	150	1
Chickysaw	Eld J McDonal G Buxton D. Frank								11	175	4
Mere Run	F Keter								18	15	3

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3d Chose Eld D. S. Roberson Moderator and J Robeson Clark

4 invited Ministering Brethren Present to Seats with us

5 Opened a door for the Reception of Churches Non offered

6 Called for the Circular Letter which was Presented by Brother J. H. Smith the writer & Read Refered to a Comitte Consisting of

Eld. Brother Donal & Brethren J. B. Johns N S York with the author to inspect the same and present it To Morrow

7 Called for Coresponding Letter which was presented by J. thurston the writer and Refered to a Committee Consisting of J. J. Miller N. S. York D Plasinger with the writer for inspection and present it to Morrow

8 Called for Letters from assaciations with whom we Correspond

1 White watter Letter & Mesengers Eld H Wintry and Brethren James Martindail J Stigelmen J Allen J Hill A more who wear Cordially in vitee to Seats with the Brethren in Cases

2 Mad River Minuts & Mesengers Eld A. J. Cotral A. D. Hite & Brethren A Line & S McCullagh

3 Lebanon No Letter Mesenges Eld J. A Johnson J. A. Williams and Brethren John Hacklemen & J Asborn

4 Clover no Letter Mesenger Eld J C Burnes

5 Little flack Desolve

all the above Mesenges were invited to Seats with us

9 Appointed the moderator & Clerk a Committee to arange the unfinished Business of the assaciation and present it to morrow Morning

10 on Motion adgourned till to Morrow Morning at 9 oclock Pray by Eld J A Johnson

Saturday Morning 9 oclock Aug 22 the assaciation met Pursuant to adgournment and after Prais & Prayer Proceeded to Business

1st Called the Roll

2d Called for the Bill of arangements it was Presented amended adopted and made the order of the Day

4 Called for Reading of the Circular Letter which was Presented Read and with a Slite alteration by the Comethe was ordered to be printed with the minutes

5 Call for the Reading of the Corisponding Letter which Being Stitey amended by the Comethe was Received and ordered to Be printed with the minutes

6 Appointed Misengers to the associations with whom we Corispond

1 White water to Be held fairfield Church Franklin County 2nd Commencing on friday before the Second Saturday in August 1864 Misengers Etd D. S. Robeson J. H. Smith S Brady S C Byron J. Thurston C. Barnow Wm Miller J. J. Miller Wm Brady A. Skinor S Mongomery & J Robeson

2. Mad River to Be held with Caesars Cork Church Green County Ohio Commencing on friday before the first Sunday in September 1863 Misengers Etds J. B. Cox & J Mc Donal & Brethren J Thurston a Sesentiate F Ketu E Ferguson & N. S. York

3 Lebanon Having Neither Letter Nor Minutes the Place is not Known by the Clerk Commencing on friday before the third Saturday in Aug. 1864 Misengers Etd J Mc Donal H Mark T Childes N Emal & D Harkin

5. Little flock Disolved

7 on Motion and Second it was voted that this association Revive the Corispondence with Cons Creek association which has Been Neglected Misengers to Said association Etd D S. Robeson & Brethren J H Smith & J Robeson

8th the next association to be held with the Ebenezer Church Pribl County Ohio Commencing on friday before the fourth Saturday in Aug. 1864 at 10 o'clock A. M.

9 Appointed S C Byram to write the Circular for Next year

10 Appointed J. L. Miller to write the Next Corresponding Letter

11 Took up the Reference of Last year in Regard to the Changing of the Time of Holding the assemb on Motion voted that the matter be Dropped from our Minutes

12 Called for Contributions per Minutes & Collected Appointed a Committee Consisting of S Brady S C Byram & J. B. Johns to Dispose of the money

13 Moved Twelve Dollars for printing & Distributing the Minutes and that the Clerk attend to the Same

14 Appointed J. A. Johnson H Wright & A D. Hite to Preach on the Stand to morrow

15 on Motion and Second voted that we Revive the old practice of this assembly tion in Making Choice of a Preacher at Each Session of the association to Preach an introductory Sermon at the Next and that Eld J McDonald be appointed to Preach the next introductory Sermon and Eld D. S. Robinson in Case of failure

16 on Motion adjourned to meet at the Time & Place above named.

Jonas Roberson
Clerk

Eld D. S. Roberson
Moderator

Minutes of the Praciedings of the thirty Ninth Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association Held With the Ebenezer Church Preble County Ohio on the 26-27 & 28 Days of August 1864

1st An introductory Sermon was Delivered by Eld J McDonal from Romans 5th Chapter & 21 v

2 Letters from the Churches Composing the association Called for and Read and their mesengers names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Mesengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Dis by Relative	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Saturday meetings
Stillwater	N York D Plasenger J. B. Johns						1	13	100	3
Greenville	Eld H H Rush S C Byrom J Slade						1	15	125	4
Dryfork Tenn	Willis Richards	1	1					16	150	3
Harmony	J R. Griffis B. D. Dubois					1	1	16	200	1
Ebenezer	Eld D. S. Robeson E Padock B Fish S Lenn				1			10	300	4
Providence	S J Miller							19	235	2
Solomony	D Herkins S Skinner T Childs N Emal	1		1			1	19	175	1
Indeancreek	J H Smith B Mudell S Mangey J Robeson	2				1	1	29	250	2
Bethlehem	O Thurston J Thurston C Borner							27	275	1
Cheeksaid	Eld J McDonal							11	150	4
Mowes Run	no mesenges					1	1	16	150	3
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3 Chose Eld D. S. Robeson moderator & Jans Robeson Clerk

4 invited menesting Brethren to seats with us

5 opened a door for the Reception of Churches none opened

6th Called for the Circular Letter which was presented by the writer Read and Refered to a committee Consisting of Eld H H Rush & Brethren J H Smith & B D Dubois with the Writer to inspect the same

and present it Tomorrow when called for
7 Called for the Corresponding Letter it not being Present J J Miller was ordered to prepare one and present it tomorrow N York J B Johns & J R Griffes were appointed a committee to inspect the Same
8 Called for Letters from assaciations with whom we Correspond
9 1st White Water Letter & Mesengers Elds W. Thompson and G Harlin M. Martindale and J. McDonal Sir and Brethren T. Malsby & J Allen
2d Madriver Letter & mesengers Elers A. D. Hite and C. M. Reves
3d Lebanon no Letter Mesenges Elds J. A Johnson Wm McCormac
4 Clover Minuets no Mesenges
5 Conscreek Minuets and Mesengers P K Parr Lunceste
the above Mesengs were invited to seat with us
9 Appointed the moderator & Clerk a committee to arrange the unfinished business of the assaciation and present it to morrow morning
10 on motion adjourned till to morrow morning at half past nine a clock Prayer by Eld J A Johnson

Saturday 1/2 pest Nine a clock

The assaciation met pursuant to adjournment and after Praise & Prayer proceeded to Business
1st Called the Roll
2d Called for the Bill of Arrangements which was Read and made the order of the Day
3d Elders W. Thompson A. D. Hite Wm A Thompson & Em Reaves were appointed to preach on the Stand to Day & Elders W Thompson J. A. Johnson & P K Parr to preach on the Stand to morrow and Eld D. S. Robinson to Close

4 Called for the second Reading of the Circular Letter which was Presented Read and after being amended adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes

5 Called for the Corresponding Letter which was Presented Read and ordered to be printed with the minutes

6 appointed Mesenges to the assocation with whom we Correspond

1st Write Water to be Held with the Little blue River Church Rush County Ind on friday before the second Saturday in August 1865 Mesengers Elders D.S. Robeson and H H Rush and Brethren J.H. Smith S C Byron J J Miller S C Barmum S Mongorry and J Robeson

2. Madrever Mesenges Eld J.B. Cox and Brethren W. Richards D.B. Dubois S C Byron & J Robeson

3 Lebanon to be Held with the first fall Creek Church Madison County Ind on friday before the 3 saturday in august 1865 Mesengers Eld D.S. Robeson & J McDonal and Brethren J Thurston (Cis) o Thurston S J Miller & J Robeson

4 Clover to be Held with Cast fork Church Sugar Hiland County Ohio to Comence on friday before the third Sundy in Septemie 1864 Mesenger J Robeson & J Brady

5 Cons creek to be Held with Cons creek Church Shelby County Ind on friday before the first Sat in Sept 1864 Mesenges Eld D.S. Robeson & Brethren J H Smith

7 The Next assocation to be Held with Dry fork Church Preble County ohio Comencing on friday before the first Saturday in Augt 1865 at 10 o'clock A.M.

9 Appointed J. Robeson to write the Circular Letter for next year

10 appointed J. B. Johns to write the Next Castraing Letter

11th Appointed Eld H H Rush to preach the first introductory Sermon and J. Robeson in case of Failure

12th Called for Contributions for Minutes and Correspondence & B D Dubois W Richards & D Hutchings were appointed a Committee to dispose of the Money

13th Allowed fifteen Dollars for printing & Distributing the minutes and four Dollars & Sixty cts for Correspondence

14 Appointed the moderator & Clerk to superintend the printing & Distributing the minutes

15 On motion the Conference to meet by permission of Divine Providence at the time and place above named

Jonas Robeson Clerk Eld D. S. Robeson Moderator

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Fortieth Annivorsary of the Greenville Regular Baptist assoyation Held with the Dry fork Bapt Church Preble County ohio on the 25 26 and 27 Days of August 1865

1st An introductory Sermon was Delivered at the Request of Eld H. H. Rush the former appointee and J Roberson his alternate Eld J Flint of Iowa from Ephesians 2d Chapter & 19th Verse

2 Leters from the Churches Composing the assoCeation Called for & Read and their Messengers names Enrolled as follows

| Churches | Messengers Names | Baptistic Ministers | Ministers Ordained by the Presbytery | Ministers Received by Letter | Licentiates | Deacons | Total Number Members | Number Baptized | Number Excluded | Number Dismissed by Letter | Number Died | Number Restored | Number Received by Letter | Number Received by Experience | Number Received by Baptism | Number Received by Restoration

J. B. Johns with the writer to inspect the Same and Present to morrow when Called for

7 Called for the Corresponding Letter which was Presented by the writer J. B. Johns Read and Refered to the Same Committee that the Circular was Refered to

8 Called for Letters from assaciations with whom we Correspond

1st Whitewater Minutes & Mesengers Elds G Harlen H. D. Corner & J. McDonal

2. Madrwar Minutes & Mesengers Eld A. D. Hite

3. Lebanon Minutes & Mesengers Eld J. A Johnson and J Osborn

4 Clover Minutes & Mesenger J. C. Beeman

5 Cons Creek Minutes & Mesengers Eld J G Jackson

the above Mesengers were Cordially invited to Seate with in Council

9 Appointed the Madrator & Clerk a Committee to arange the unfinished Business of the assaciation and Present it to morrow Morning

10 on Motion adjourned till to morrow Morning at 9 oclock Prayr Eld J A Johnson

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Saturday Morning 9 o Clock

The assaciation met Pursuant to adjournment & after Prais & Prayr Proceeded to Business

1st Called the Roll

2 Call for the Bill of arengements which was Read & Move the order of the Day

3 Appointed Elders A. D. hite G Harlen & J C Beeman to preach on the Stand to Day & Elders J Flint J G Jackson & J. A. Johnson to morrow

4 Called for the Second Reading of the Circular Letter which was Read & after instructing the Clerk to intarge it in order to Make it more full it was Received and ordered to be Printed with the minutes

5 Called for the Corresponding Letter which was Read and Slitely amended it was then Rumed and ordered to be Printed With the minutes

6 Appointed Mesengers to the assaciations with whom we Corespond

1 White water to be held with the fayett Church Fayett County Ind Commencing on the Friday before the Second Saturday in august 1866 mesengers Eld D. S. Robeson & Brethe J Robeson S Brown C Bornum & J. H. Smith

2 Madrivar to be Held with Sugar Creek Church Putnum County ohio Mesengers Elds J McDanal & D. S. Ford and Brethrue J. D. Stites D Herkins M. Poller and D. B. Dubois

3. Lebanon to be Held with Mount Carmal Church Hand lack County Ind Commenced on friday before the 3d Saturday in augt 1866 Mesengers Eld D. S. Robeson J Robeson S. C. Byrone & D S Ford

4 Clover to be Held with Clover Church Brown County ohio Mesengers D. S. Ford S C Byrone F. Kiter A Fergason & J. Roberson

5 Cons Creek to be Held with Eagle Creek Chur Boon County Ind Comencing on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1865 Mesengers Eld D. S. Robeson & J. Roberson

7 the Next assaciation to be held with Harmon Church Shelby County ohio one & a half mile East of Pontiac Station Six miles North of Piqua ohio Comencing on Friday Before the fourth Saturday in august 1866 at 10 o Clock A. M.

8 Appointed Eld H. H. Rush to write the Circu for Nex year & Eld J McDanal the Corresponding Letter for Next year

9 Appointed J Robeson to Preach the Next introdu Sermon & H D Stites in case of Failure

10 Called for contributions for Minutes and Correspondence & Received 5 27 18 the which was left in the hands of the Clerk to be accounted for at at the Next Session

11 Took up the Sugestion of Last year in Regard to the Division of the Association and after some harmonious Discussion it was vated that it be indefinitely postponed

12 On Motion the Association adjourned to meet by connection of Divine Providence at the Time and Place above Named

Jonas Robertson Clerk Eld L. S. Robertson Mediator

Minutes of

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Forty Second Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist association Held with the Bethlaham Church Franklin County Indiana on the 23d 24th & 25th Days of August 1867

1st Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld D. S. Roberson from Ephesians Second, Chapter & 11th verse

2d Letters from the Churches Composing the association Called for Read & their Mesengers Names Enrolled as followes viz

Churches	Mesengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Recently Relation	Rec by Letter	Dis-Missed by letter	Expelled	Died	Total Name	Contributions	Salarder Meetings
Still water	D Plaeinger N. S. york			1				1	11	175	3
Dry fork Twin	Willis Richards	1						2	15	200	2
Harmony	B. D. Duebaise					2			14	210	3
Ebenezer	Eld D. S. Roberson S. Lanore			2				1	13	300	4
Providence	Ira admonson M. Porter							1	22	240	
Indian creek	J Roberson G. W. Jones S Brady J. H. Smith	1				3		3	25	250	2
Bethlehem	C. Barnum Wm Miller								17	300	1
Salamony	H More S Skiner D Herkins		1						21	135	1
Chickesaw	Eld J. McDanal D Frank							1	10	150	
Mercer Run	F Kiter							1	13	150	
Salem	Eld S. M. Brower P Hough	3							22	225	
Gordon Town	Eld G Catral M. Selby			2					19	200	

3d the Association was organised by choosing Eld D. S. Roberson Moderator & J Roberson Clerk

4th opened the door for the Reception of Churches Now opered

5 invited Ministerning Brethren Present to Seats with us in Council

6th Gave the Gordon Town Church the Right hand of fellowship through her Mesenger Mr Selby

7 Called for Letters from Assaciations with whom we Corespond

1 White water minutes & mesengers Eld J. Martindale & J. Coy & Brethren I. Hile J. N. Penwell A. Miller and C Thomas

2 Lebanon Minutes & Mesengers Eld J. N. Johnson J Thurston & Brother J. Orsborn

3 Madriver Minutes & mesengers Eld A. D. White

4 Clover Minutes & Mesenger Eld J C Burnon

5 Conscreek Minutes No Mesengers

the above Mesenger were Cordially invited to Seate with in Council

8 Called for the Circular Letter as Prepared by Elder S. M. Brower which was Read and Refered to a Select Committee Consisting of Eld G Cotral & Brethren N. S. York & J Roberson with the writer to be inspected & Presented when Called for Tow morrow

9 Called for the Corespondency Letter it not being present Eld J McDonald was appointed to Prepare one and present it To Morrow

10 Appointed mesenger to the assaciations with whom we Corespond as follows

1 White water to be Held with Shila Church Hancock County Ind Comencing on wensday before the Second Saturday in augst 1868 mesengers Eld D. S. Roberson G Cotral & Brother J Roberson

2 Lebanon to be held with the homany Church Grant County Ind Comencing on Fryday before the third Saturday in august 1868 Mesengers Eld D. S. Roberson & S. M. Brower & Brethren D. Hawkins J H Smith & J Roberson

3 Mad River to be Held with Jennings Creek Church Wan wert County Ohio Eight miles South west of Delphi Commencing on friday before the last Sunday in august 1867 and to Continue for Two Sussiding Days Mesenger Eld J McDonald

4 Clover to be held with the East fork Church Comencing on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1868 Mesenger Eld G Cotral & Brother J Robeson
5 Conscreek to be held with the Statts Creek Church Johnson County Ind Comencing on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1867 Mesengers Eld D. S. Roberson & Brother J Roberson
11 appointed the moderator & Clerk a Committee to arange the unfinished Buisness of the association and Present it to morrow morning at 9 oclock on motion adjourned to meet to morrow at 9 oclock A. M.

Saturday morning nine oclock

the association mit Persuant to adjournment and after praies and prayer Proceeded to Buisness
1 Called the Rall
2 Called for the Bill of arangements which was Presented Read and made the order of the day
3 Called for the Second Reading of the Circular Letter it being Slightly mended by the Committee was Read approved by the association and ordered to be Printed with the minutes
4 Called for the Corsponding Letter which was Presented by the writer Eld J. McDonal and Read Approved by the association and ordered to be printed with the minutes
5 the Next association was ordered to be Held with Salamony Church Jay County Ind Comencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in august 1868 at 10 o Clock A. M.
6 Elders G Cotral J Cox A D Hite & S. M. Brower were appointed to preach on the Stand to Day & L. Sathard J A Johnson & J C Beeman to morrow
7 Appointed Eld S. M. Brower to Write the Next Circular Letter & Eld D. S. Roberson to write the

corresponding Letter

8 Appointed Eld S. M. Brower to preach the next introductory Sermon & Eld J. Cabal his alternate

9 Called for Contributions for minutes and Correspondence Received $25-25 cts

10 a Committee Consisting of W. Richards B. D. Dubois and William Miller was appointed to Disburse the money

11 Gave the Clerk $18.00 to pay for printing and Distributing the minutes and for Which he is to Render an account at the Next Session of the association Appropriate for Correspondence $7.25

12 Appointed the Clerk to Superintend and Distribute the minutes

13 at the Session of the Association in 1865 there was Left in the Hands of the Clerk money to the amount of $27.75 for Which he was to account at the Next session and there as Sickness Prevented his attendance at Said Session but being Present at this Session he Renders his account and after Settlement with the association he Refunds to the Said association $5.65 cts in full of accounts

14 on Motion Voted that the money Refunded by the Clerk be appropriated as Corresponding money to Elder D. S. Roberson

15 on Motion the association adjourned to meet by Permision of Divine Providence at the Time and Place above Named

Jonas Roberson
Clerk

Elder D. S. Roberson
Moderator

Minutes of of the proceedings of ~~the Greenville~~ Sixty Third Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association Held with the Sallamony Church Day Co Ind, August 21 22 23 1868

1 Introductory Sermon by Elder S. M. Brown from Jude 3 vers

2 Letters from the Churches Composing the Association Called for & Read and their Messings names Enrolled as follows

Churches	Names of Messengers	Baptized	Restored	R.D.B. Relations	R.D.B. Letters	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Sallaming Meetings
Stillwater	N. S. York M R Taylor D Plessinger	1						1	11	3,40	
Dry Fork Twin	*										
Calmony	Letter no Messenger					2			13	3,30	
Elbenezer	*										
Providence	M Potter M W Byrom S P Peters					1		2	20	3,50	
Indian Creek	*										
Bethlehem	*										
Sallamony	H More D. Harkins T Lyons E Allen	2	1		2		2	1	22	4,90	
Chickasaw	S McDonald D Frank S. Houser						3		7	300	
Mercerstown	*										
Salem	S. M. Brower Geo. Beighter S. W. Pence								22	225	
Garden	Zeph Selby								19	200	
									114		
	Total number										

Churches thus * Marked have Joined the Indian Creek Association

3 The association Organized by Chosing Elder S McDonald Moderator & Elder S M Brower Clerk

4 Opened the door of the Church for the Reception of Churches now offered

5 Invited Messenger Brethren present to Seats with us in Council

Messenger

6th Called for Corresponding letters &

1 Whole Water Messenger Elder J. M. Martindale Next Sessioun with the old Lick Creek Church 4 miles North of Connersville Ind. on Friday before the 2d Sunday in august 1869

2d Lebbanan Messengers Elders Jas Meredith Elder Jas Williams and Brethren Daniel & Michael Cogy Next Session with Zion Church Whitley Co Ind Friday before the 3d Saturday in august 1869

3 Mad River No Intelligence

4 Clover No Intelligence

5 Cons Creek letter presented and read By Elder A. B. Nay the Messenger Next Session with the Providence Church Tipton Co Ind Friday before the 1st Sunday Sept 1868

7 Bretheren Dan S Robbersons & Jonas Robbersons as Messengers from the Indian Creek Association Asking Correspondance with Greenville Association on Motion the Request was Granted and the Messengers name enrolled

8th Called for Circular as prepared by Elder [illegible] which was read by the writer and Referred a Committe Consisting of J P Peters & [illegible] with the writer to Revise & Report to morrow when Called for

9 Called for the Corresponding letter & Record By the writer D. S. Robbison and Referred to Same Committe as above to Report to morrow when Called for

10 Appointed Messengers to the Associations with whom we correspond

1 White Water Messengers Elder L. M. Brower S. P. Peters & David Plessinger

2 Lebbanan Elder L. M. Brower and Brother S. W. Pence

3 Mad River L. M. Brower & S. McDonald & H. More

4 Clover Geo Cotral

5 Conscreek M. W. Byrom

6 Indian Creek S. W. Pence

11 Appointed the Moderator & Clerk to arrange the unfinished business of the Association and present it to morrow morning. On motion adjourned to meet to morrow morning G. C.

Saturday August 22 1868

The association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise & prayer proceeded to Business

1 Called the Roll

2 Called for the bill of arrangement which was presented Read and made the Order of the day

3 On Motion agreed that the Moderator appoint Ministers to Preach on the Stand to day

Vis Elders Joseph Williams S. M. Martindale L. S. Hobberson & S. H. Wallingsford from Ky were appointed

4 Called for Circular letter Read and addopted & Ordered to be printed in the Minutes

5 Called for the Corresponding letter which was presented & Read and Ordered to be printed in the Minutes

6 Our next association to be held with the Garden Church Commencing on Friday before the 4 Saturday in August 1869

Ct. [illegible]

7 Appointed M. H. Byrom to write the Circular letter for next year & Bro S. McDonald to write the Corresponding letter

8 Appointed Elder Geo Cotral to preach the Introductory Sermon & S. McDonald in Case of Failure

9 Called for Contributions for Minutes & Correspondents Recd $22,25

10 Appointed a Committee Consisting of H. Mae M. R. Taylor and Zeph Selby to Disburse the Funds Recd

11 Appointed Elders Meredith Nay & Frazee to preach on the Stand tomorrow

12 The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to Superintend the Printing and Distributing the Minutes

13 Voted to donate a Small Ballance of funds in the Clerks hands of Last Year to the former Clerk Vis Jonas Hobberson

On Motion the Association adjourned Meet by Divine permission at the Time & Place above named

John McDonald
Moderator

S. M. Brower
Clerk

Minutes of the Proceedings of Forty fourth Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association, held with the Gordon Church, Darke County, Ohio, on the 27th 28th and 29th days of August 1869.

1st Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder George Cottrell, from 1st Timothy and 4th chap. 16th verse

2nd Letters from the churches composing the Association called for and read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Names of Churches	Messengers Names	Restored Baptized	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total number	Contributions	Saturday Meetings
									$.cts	
Stillwater	Geo. Cottrell, M. R. Taylor									
	D. Plessinger, N. S. York "						2	9	2.75	3
Harmony	J. Lyon, S. Thompson									
	B. D. Dubois "						1	12	3.00	1
Providence	M. Potter, A. Peters,									
	J. S. Webster, M. W. Byram "	3		3				24	3.50	2
Salamony	A. Skinner, T. Lyons,									
	T. D. Childers, H. Moore "						1	21	2.50	1
Chickasaw	Eld. J. McDonald, D. Frank									
	J. Houser							7	3.00	4
Salem	Eld. S. M. Brower J. N. Pence									
	G. W. Beachler, Peter Rowe "							22	4.25	3
Gordon	J. Foreman, M. Selby J. Selby							18	1.05	4
Beaver Creek	$1.00 for Minutes								1.00	
	Totals.	3		3			4	113	21.05	

3rd Association organized by chosing Elder S. M. Brower Moderator and M. W. Byram Clerk

4th Opened a door for reception of Churches — none offered

5th Invited Ministering Brethren to seats with us.
6th Called for Corresponding Letters and Messengers which were heard as follows: viz,
First. Whitewater: Letter only.
Second: Lebanon: Letter by Elder J. Meredith. Next Association to be held with the Lebanon Church, Henry Co. Ind. on Friday before the 3d Saturday in August 1870.
Third: Mad River: No intelligence
Fourth. Clover: No intelligence
Fifth. Conns Creek: No intelligence
Sixth. Indian Creek: Minutes by the hands of Elders A. D. Hite, and N. L. Pence. Next Association to be held with the Mercers Run Church, Green County Ohio, on Friday before the 3d Saturday in September 1869.
7th Called for Circular Letter, as prepared by M. M. Byram which was read, and referred to a committee consisting of J. P. Peters D. Plessinger and the writer, to inspect, and revise if necessary, and report tomorrow when called for.
8th Called for Corresponding Letter, as prepared by Elder J. McDonald, which was read, and refered to same committee, together with the writer.
9th Appointed Messengers to the Associations with whom we correspond, as follows:
First, Whitewater Elder S. M. Brower and brethren T. D. Childers, J. P. Peters and Z. Selby.
Second. Lebanon; Elders, S. M. Brower, John McDonald, George Cottrell, and brethren J. P. Peters. T. D. Childers and J. N. Pence.
Fourth, Clover, Elder S. M. Brower and Minutes
Fifth, Conns Creek, Send Minutes
Sixth Indian Creek, Elders S. M. Brower John McDonald and brethren Z. Selby and J. S. Webster.

10th Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to prepare a Bill of Arrangements of the unfinished business of the Association, and present tomorrow morning.

Saturday morning. 9 o'clock Aug 28th/69

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer, proceeded to business.

1st Called the Roll.

2d Called for Bill of arrangements, which was read and adopted.

3d Appointed Elders J. McDonald, A. D. Hite and N. L. Pence, to fill the stand today.

4th Called for Circular Letter for second reading. Adopted and ordered printed with the Minutes.

5th Called for Corresponding Letter, which was again read, approved, and ordered printed with Minutes.

6th The next Association to be held with the Providence Church, two miles south of Rose Hill. Clark Co. O. commencing on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August 1870. at 10 o'clock A. M.

7th Appointed Elder S. M. Brower to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Elder John McDonald

8th Appointed J. P. Peters, to write the next Circular Letter, and J. N. Pence to write Corresponding Letter.

9th Called for Contributions for printing the Minutes. Received $20.05

10th Appointed J. P. Peters, A. S. York and J. Selby, a Committee to disburse the same.

11th Appointed Elders J. Meredith A. D. Hite and Geo. Cottrell, to preach on the stand tomorrow.

12th Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to Superintend the printing and distributing the Minutes.

13th On Motion adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

S. M. Brower, Moderator

M. M. Bygram Clerk

Minutes of the proceedings of the Forty fifth anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association, held with the Providence church, Darke County Ohio, on the 26th, 27th and 28th days of August, 1870.

1st Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder John McDonald, from Matt. 1 – 21

2d Letters from the Churches composing the Association, called for and read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows;

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptized	Restored	" Relation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Saturday Meetings
Stillwater	Geo. Cottrell, D. Plessinger N.S. York, M.R. Taylor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	–	3
Harmony	J. Lyon, Geo. Cottrell Wm Hance	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	12		1
Providence	Jas Webster, M.W. Byram H. Hinkle	–	–	–	–	1	–	3	22		2
Salamony	D. Herkins, A. Skinner Thos Lyons	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22		1
Chickasaw	Eld. J. McDonald Dennis Frank	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	7		4
Salem	S.M. Brower, W.L. Pence G.W. Beachler, J.W. Pence, P. Rowe	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	24		3
Gordon	No Letter										
Ebenezer	D.S. Roberson, S. Lanier, C. Thurston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	–	1

3d The Association organized by chosing Elder John McDonald, Moderator, and M. T. Byram Clk.

4th Opened a door for reception of Churches, when the Ebenezer Church, belonging to the Indian Creek Association, presented a letter requesting admission, and was unanimously received, and their Messengers invited to seats with us in counsel.

5th Invited ministering brethren present to a seat with us in counsel.

6th Called for Corresponding Letters from Associations with whom we correspond:—

Whitewater:— Letter by Elders J. Martindale — Gwaltney, and brother Thomas Maulsby. Next Association to be held with the Sugar Grove Church, Union Co. Ind. on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1871.

Lebanon:— Minutes by Elder Jos Williams. Next association to be held with the Mount Carmel church, Hancock Co. Ind. on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1871.

Clover:— Letter by Elder Reeves and — Fallendorf.

Conns Creek:— Correspondence dropped.

Mad River:— Letter by Elder Fry, and A. Lyon. Next association to held with the Jennings Creek Church, Van Wert Co. Ohio.

Indian Creek:— Letter by Elders D. S. Roberson A. D. Hile. M. L. Pence, and brethren C. Thurston N. Racliffe and C. Barnum. Next association to be held with the Mill Creek Church.

7th Called for Circular Letter. Read and referred to a committee consisting of D. S. Roberson A. S. York M. T. Byram, and the writer to revise if necessary, and present tomorrow.

8th Called for Corresponding Letter, which was

read and referred to the same committee for inspection

9th Appointed Messengers to the Associations as follows- To Whitewater, D.S. Roberson, George Cottrell, D. Plessinger and A.S. York.
To Lebanon, Geo. Cottrell, Jno McDonald and D.S. Roberson. To Mad River, Jno McDonald D. Herkins and A. Skinner. To Clover, Geo Cottrell. To Conn's Creek, D.S. Roberson. To Indian Creek, D.S. Roberson, & Thurston.

10th Appointed a committee consisting of D.S. Roberson, A.S. York and M N Bypass, to prepare a Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow.

11th On motion, adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 oclock.

Saturday morning Aug 27th 1870.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

1st Called the Roll.

2nd Called for the Bill of Arrangements which was read and made the order of business.

3rd Appointed J Martindale, D.S. Roberson N.L Pence, and —— Gwaltney to preach on the stand today.

4th Called for Circular Letter, which was again read, and ordered printed with the minutes.

5th Called for Corresponding letters; read and ordered printed with minutes.

6th Next Association to be held with the Salamony Church, Jay County Ind, Commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1871.

7th Appointed D.S. Roberson to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and in case of failure, G. Cottrell to fill appointment

8th Appointed M. W. Byram to prepare the next Circular Letter.

9th Appointed Jno McDonald to write the next corresponding Letter.

10th Called for contributions. Received $32.00

11th Appointed A.S. York, M. R. Taylor and Dennis Frank, a committee to receive and disburse the same.

12th Appointed Elders E. M. Reeves, G. Peters and J. Williams to preach tomorrow, and the Moderator to conclude.

13th Appointed to clerk to superintend the printing and distributing the Minutes.

14th On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

Eld Jno. McDonald
Moderator

M. W. Byram
Clerk.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Fortysixth anniversary of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association, held with the Salamony church. Jay County Indiana on the 25th 26th and 27th days of August 1871

1st Introductory sermon delivered by D.S. Roberson from John 4th chap. & 5th verse

2d Letters from the churches composing the association were called for and read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Names of churches and Messengers

Churches	Messengers	Baptized	Restored	Rec'd by relation	" " Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total No.	Contribution	Meeting Day
Stillwater	G. Cottrell. D. Plessinger and A. S. York"							1	8	$2.50	3
Harmony	Wm Hance. D.B. John and B. D. Dubois"	1			1				15	4.18	1
Providence	J. S. Webster. J. P. Peters, I. Adamson, and H. Fisher"				1				21	2.70	[illegible]
Salamony	H. Moore, D. Herkins and Thos Lyons"					1	5		15	2.75	4
Chickasaw	D. Frank. J. McDonald and W. Worthington"				1				8	2.25	1
Salem	Letter" No Messengers"							1	23		
Gordon	D. Bashore, C. W. Holt, M. Selby and R. Selby"	4			1			1	22	2.00	3
Ebenezer	D. S. Roberson, S. Lanier and C. Thurston								21	2.50	1
	Totals	5			3	1	5	3	123	19.98	

3" The Association organized by choosing Elder D. S. Roberson Moderator, and M. W. Byrnes Clerk

4" Opened a door for the reception of churches. None offered.

5" Invited Ministering brethren to a seat with us.

6" Called for corresponding Letters from Associations with whom we correspond. viz
Whitewater; Minutes by T. Maulsby and J. McNeal. Next association to be held with Nettle Creek church, Randolph Co Ind, commencing on Wednesday before the Second Saturday in August 1872.
Lebanon: Letter by W. H. Curtiss and M. Allen. Next association to be held with Blue River Church, Henry Co. Ind, commencing on Friday before the Third Saturday in August 1872.
Mad River; Minutes by W. O. Wilkin and J. R. Miller. Next association to held with Sugar Creek church, Putnam Co. Ohio, commencing of Friday before the second Saturday in September 1871.
Clover: Minutes by Elder E. M. Reeves.
Indian Creek; Minutes by Elder J. Roberson. Next association to be held with Cesar's Creek church, Greene Co. Ohio commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in Sept. 1871.

7" Called for Circular Letter. Read and referred to a committee consisting of D. S. Roberson J. P. Peters and the writer, to revise if necessary and present tomorrow.

8th Called for Corresponding Letter. Read and referred to same committee.

9th Appointed to go to Associations as follows, viz:
To Whitewater Geo. Cottrell, S. Moore, I. Adamson
D. Perkins, D.S. Roberson and C. Thurston.
To Lebanon. D.S. Roberson, J.P. Peters and I. Adamson.
To Mad River, Geo. Cottrell and D. S. Roberson.
To Clover. J.P. Peters
To Indian Creek, Geo. Cottrell D.S. Roberson, and J.P. Peters.

10th Appointed a committee consisting of D. S. Roberson and M.N. Bypass to prepare a Bill of arrangements for to-morrow.

11th On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock A.M.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

1st Called the roll.

2nd Called for Bill of Arrangements which was read and adopted.

3 Chose Elders J. Roberson, J. Buckles, W.O. Wilson and W.H. Curtiss to preach to day.

4th Called for Circular Letter which was read and ordered printed in the Minutes.

5th Called for General Corresponding Letter. Read and ordered printed.

6th Next Association to be held with Providence Church ten miles north of Marion City Darke Co. Ohio commencing on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in August 1872.

7" Chose Elder Geo. Bothell to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and Elder J. McDonald, in case of failure.

8" Chose Elder D. S. Roberson to prepare the Circular Letter, and M. N. Bypaw the General Corresponding Letter for next year.

9" Called for contributions. Received $19.08

10" Appointed J. P. Peters, N. S. York and C. Thurston a committee to receive and disburse the same.

11" Chose Elders G. Peters, W. H. Curtiss, and E. M. Reeves, to preach tomorrow, and Moderator to conclude.

12" Chose the Moderator and Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing minutes.

13" On motion, adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

D. S. Roberson, Moderator

M. N. Bypaw Clerk

Minutes of the Greenville Regular Baptist Association. held with the Providence Church Darke County Ohio on the 23rd 24th and 25th days of August 1872.

1st The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder George Cottrell, from 1st Timothy 4th — 16th

2nd Letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for and read. and their Messengers names enrolled as follows.— viz —

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptized	Rec'd by Relation	" " Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	G. Cottrell., M. R. Taylor,									
	D. Messenger. I. S. York				1			7	2.50	3
Harmony	D. P. John, Wm Hance			1				15	2.50	1
Providence	J. S. Webster, A. Peters,									
	H. Hinkle, I. Adamson						1	22	2.85	2
Salamony	D. Perkins, H. Moore									
	Thos Lyons, S. Skinner					1		14	3.15	4
Chickasaw	Jno. McDonald, D. Frank									
	N. Worthington				1			7	2.00	1
Salem	W. L. Pence, J. W. Pence									
	Geo. Beighler, P. Rough				2			21	4.50	3
Gordon	D. Bashore	1				2	1	19	1.00	3
Ebenezer	D. S. Roberson, S. Lanier									
	C. Thurston							11	2.00	1
Mt. Maria	P. Kephart. R. Hance									
	J. Shirer.							26	1.35	4
	Totals	1	1		4	3	2	142	21.85	

3d Association organized by choosing Elder D. S. Roberson Moderator and M. W. Byram clerk.

4th Opened a door for the reception of churches, when a letter was presented by Elder P. Kephart, from Mt. Maria church at Spencerville, Allen county, Ohio, asking admission into our Association. On motion, said church was received ~~and~~ the right hand of fellowship given, and the Messengers names ordered enrolled in the Minutes.

5th Invited Ministering Brethren to a seat with us.

6th Called for Corresponding Letters from the Associations with whom we correspond, viz;

Whitewater — No intelligence. Next Association to be held with Zion church, Rush co Ind. commencing on Wednesday before the second Saturday in August 1873.

Lebanon — Minutes by Elder Jonas Roberson of Indian Creek Association. Next Association to be held with Pleasant Run church, Allen co. Ind. commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1873.

Mad River — Elder Jno. Fry came as Messenger, but had no letter nor Minutes.

Clover — Minutes by Elder E. M. Reeves.

Indian Creek — Minutes by Elders W L Pence & J. Roberson

7th Called for Circular Letter. Read and referred to a committee, consisting of N. B. York, Geo Cottrell, M W Byram and the writer to revise if necessary and present tomorrow.

8th Called for General Corresponding Letter. Read and referred to same committee

9th Appointed D S Roberson, A.S. York, G. Cottrell and M M Bryan a committee to prepare a program for tomorrow.

10th On Motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock A.M. Tomorrow.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

1st Called the roll.

2nd Called for Programme. Read and adopted.

3rd Chose Elders J.B. Moore & M Reeves. W L Reneer, and J. Roberson to preach on the stand today.

4th Appointed Messengers to Associations with whom we correspond, as follows, viz—

To Whitewater— D Plessinger, D.S. Roberson and Ira Adamson.

To Lebanon — Jno McDonald, D.S. Roberson. P. Kephart, N. Moore and S. Skinner.

To Mad River — Jno McDonald. P Kephart. S. Skinner.

To Clover — D.S. Roberson.

To Indian Creek — Geo Cottrell A S York J.S. Webster S. Skinner, Jno McDonald, D.S. Roberson

5th Called for Circular Letter. Read and ordered printed with the Minutes

6th Called for General Corresponding Letter. Read and ordered printed in Minutes.

7th Next Association to held with Salamony Church Jay County Ind. commencing at 10 o'clock on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1873.

8 Chose Elder P Kephart to prepare the circular Letter for next year

10th Chose William Hance to prepare the General Corresponding Letter for next year.

11th On motion the rules of decorum were so amended as to say "If necessary, a committee shall be appointed by the Moderator to examine and revise the Circular and Corresponding Letters"

12th Called for contributions. Received $22,85, including one dollar from Beaver creek Church, Mercer Co. Ohio, for which said Church desires minutes of the Association

13th Appointed D. Herkins, C. Thurston and D. Frank a committee to receive and disburse the same.

14th Chose Elders G. W. Peters N. L. Pence and E. M. Reeve to preach on the Stand tomorrow.

15th On motion the Moderator and Clerk were chosen to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

16th On motion, adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

D. S Roberson
Mod.

M W Pigman Clk

Minutes of the Forty Eighth Anniversary of the Grenvile Regular Baptist Association held with the Salamony Church Pay Co. Ind. on the 22nd 23rd and 24" days of August 1873.

1st The Introductary Sermon was delivered by Elder P. Kephart from Acts 8 chap and 35 verse.

2" Letters from the Churches composing the Association called for and read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows viz

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total No	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	Geo Cottrell N. S. York and D. Plessinger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	2,00	3
Harmony	Wm Hance J. Line and George Cottrell	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	2,35	1
Providence	J. P. Peters M. W. Byram J. S. Webster and I. Adamson	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	22	300	2
Salamony	A. Skinner S. Skinner H. Moore and T. Coby	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	15	275	4
Chickasaw	J. McDonald and D. Frank	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	175	1
Salem	No Inteligence	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
Gordon	D. Bashore,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	.	3
Ebenezer	D. S. Roberson No letter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	.	4
Mt Maria	P. Kephart R. Hance J. Sherer and L. Davis,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	130	.
Beaver Creek	Sent one dollar for Minutes									100	
	Totals	5	.	1	.	.	.	1	125	1450	

3" The Association organized by choosing Elder Geo Colwell Moderator and M. H. Byram Clerk

4" Rules of Decorum read. A motion to adjourn for one hour was agreed to after which the busines of the Association resumed

5" Invited ministering brethren to a seat with us.

6" Opened a door for the reception of Churches

7" Called for corresponding Letters from the Associations with whom we correspond viz White water. Letter by T. Mauls by Chas Elkin and W. Spradling Next Association to be held with Fairfied Church Franklin Co 3rd. commencing on Wednesday before the Second Saturday in August 1874.

Lebanon No Intelligence

Madriver Correspondence dropped by the Madriver Association last year. A letter of explanation prepared but failed to reach us.

Clover No Intelligence.

Indian Creek Minutes by the hand of Elder J. Roberson

8" Called for Circular Letter read and refered to a committe consisting of J. McDonald J. P. Peters M. H. Byram and the writer Elder P. Kephart to inspect revise and present tomorrow.

9th Called for Corresponding Letter read and ordered printed

10" Moved that the Moderator and Clerk be a Committee to prepare a bill of the unfinished business of the Association Agreed to

11" On Motion the Association adjourned to 7 oclock tomorow morning.

Saturday 7 oclock A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to busines 1" Called the roll, 2" Called for Programme read and made the order of the day, 3" Choose Elders Kephart J. P. Peters D. Roberson McDonald to preach To day 4" Appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations. 5" Called for Circular Letter read and ordered it printed 6" Next Association to be held with Harmony Church Shelby Co O.

7 Appointed G. Cottrell to preach the Introductor Sermon next year, J. McDonald in case of failure 8" Elder J. P. Peters to prepare a Circular letter and M. W. Byram a Coresponding Letter for next year

9 Appointed Wm. Hane J. C. Line and N. S. York a committee to recieve and disburs contributions 10" Called for Contributions received $14.15.

11" Chose Elders Cottrell S. Roberson J. Roberson and G. Peter to preach tomorrow

12" The Moderator and Clerk supperintend the printing and distributions of the Minutes 13" A motion to adjourn was lost; When a discussion arose relative to the condition and order of the Salamony Church and the following preamble and resolution was adopted Whereas a report comes to this Association that the Salamony Church is acting disorderly therefore resolved that this Association request the seveal churches of which she is composed if they think proper so to do to report their feelings in reguard to the condition of said Salamony Church at the next session of this Association

14" Adjourned to time and place above mentioned

M. W. Byram Clerk Geor Cottrell Moderator

Minutes

Minutes of the Greenville Regular Baptist assocation Held with the ~~providence~~ Harmony Church Shelby County Ohio

1 the introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld G. Cottrell luke 24. 26. & 27. verses

2 letters from the Different Churches Called for read and the names of Messengers Enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers
Sellvadio	G. Cottrell
	N. S. York
Harmony	Wm Hance
	J. C Lion
	B D Dubois
	D John
Providence	J. P. Peters
	J. S Webster
	E. H. Fisher
Salamony	D. Herkins
Chickasaw	J. Mcdonnel
	D Frank
Gorden	D Bayson
	J Zelby
Ebenezer	
Mountmariah	L Wolf
	P Kephart
	R Hance

3 the assocation organized By Choozing Eld. G Cottrell Moderator & J. P. Peters Clerk

4 invited Ministering Brethren to a seat with us

5th Opened the door for the Reception of Churches

6th Called for Corresponing letters from the association with whom we Correspond
White water no intelligence

7th Called for Circular letter presented read and Received and ordered to Be printed with the minutes

8th Appointed Wm Hanes & P. Kephart to write a Corresponding letter to the Association with whom we Correspond to wit viz White water & indion Creek

9th Moved the Moderator & Clerk Be a Committee to prepare a bill of the Unfinished Burirness of the association

10th on Motion the association adjourned to meet at 9 oClock to morrow Saturday

Saturday Morning 9 oClock A.M.
the association met persuant to Adjournment and after Prais & Praier By Eld. J. Cottrell then Proceed to Buisness

1st Called the Roll

2nd Called for Progromme

3 who shall fill the Stand to day By vote we agreed that three Be Appainted

and by Vote J. Peters P. Kephart
M. Morhouse.

4th M. Morhouse J. Peters Wm Lane
on tomorrow

5th Who Shall Bare the Corresponding letter
to Whit Water. Eld. G. Cottrell N.S. York
J. P. Peters. Called for the Corresponding letter to
Indian Creek presented read and adopted and
Sent to Indian Creek By J. P. Peters Wm Hanes.
Z. Selby

6th Where Shall the Next association Bee
Providence Church agree to take it on Friday before
the 4. sunday in September 1875

7th Who Shall Preach the Introductory Next
year J. Mcdonnel. & J. P. Peters in Case of failure

8th appointed Wm Hanes to prepare the Circular
letter for Next Year

9th appointed P. Kephart. B. L. Dubois & N.S. York
as a Committe to Receive and Disburse Contributions

10th appointed J. P. Peters & G. Cottrell to
attend to the Printing of Minutes and Distribution
of the Same

11th Moved and Seconed & voted to adjourn until
Friday before the 4. Sunday in September 1875

G. Cottrell Moderator

J. P. Peters Clerk

Minutes of the Greenville Regular Baptist association held with the Providence Church Dark County Ohio on the 24th 25th 26th Days of September 1875

1st introductory Sermon was Delivered By J. P. Peters Matt 21st

2 Called for letters from the Churches Composing the Association were Called for presented and Read

Churches	Messengers Names	Set Meetings	Contributions	Total No.	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	received By letter	rec By Relation
Stillwater	N. S. York. D Plessing. G. Cottrell								
Harmony	Wm Hence J. Webster								
Providence	S Skiner J. Webster			Stillwater					
Salamony	Dropped for disorder from the association	3	235	8				1	
				Harmony					
Chicasaw	Dissolved	1	250	12	3		1		
Gorden	J Selby D Bashore			Providence					
		2	250	20					1
Ebenezer	No intelligence			Gorden					
Mountmariah	No intelligence	3	150	17		1	1		
Bever Church	Sent 50 cents for minutes			Beaver Church					
			50						
	Tols	9	935	57	3	1	2	1	1

3rd the association organized B Choosing Eld G Cottrell for moderator & J. P. Peters Clerk

4. invited Brethen of the same and order to a seat with us

5th Opened the door for the Receptiong members

6. Called for Corresponding letters from the Sh. associations with whom we Correspond a letter from indian Trick association was presented By the hand of Eld. Bevis & Eld Morehouse and read and Recieved

7th Called for circular letter and was presented read and recieved

8th appointed S. Skinner to prepare a Corresponding letter and present it on 2 days proceedings

9th By Motion and second the association voted to drop the Salamony Church from their Body for Disorder

10th Motion and second that the Moderator Appoint a Committee of four to to appoint ministers for the stand on to morrow N. S. York & Wm Hance only was appointed

11th Motion and second that the moderator & Clerk Be a Committee to preprare a bill of the unfinished of the first days proceedings

12th the association voted to adjourn till 9 O Clock to morrow morning
Saturday 9 O Clock A. M.

1. Called the Roll
2 Calle for programme and made the order of the day

3 Called for Corresponding letter and was presented read and recieved

4 who will Bear the Corresponding letter to the indian Trick association Appointed
J. S. Webster N. S. York S. Skinner
G. Cathell J. P. Peters

5th Next association to Be held with the Still water Church Near dawn Darke County Ohio those that Come By rail will stop at dawn

6th the association agrees to open Correspondence with Cover association this association makes an acknowledgement to that association and requests a renewal of Correspondence with them

7th Apointed J. P. Peters to Preach the introductory Sermon next year. G. Cottrell in Case of failure

8th appointed J. P. Peters to prepare a circular letter
9th appointed J. S. Webster to write Corresponding letter
10th appointed a Committee to recieve Contribution money viz N. S. York. Wm Hance. J. S. Webster. to recieve and disbeese the Same

11th Next association to Be held on following days Commencing on Friday before the 1 sunday in Sept

12th Appointed J. P. Peters and G. Cottrell to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the Same

13 the association voted to adjourn untill 10. O'Clock on Friday before the first Sunday in September A D. 1876

Eld G. Cottrell Moderator

J. P. Peters Clerk

Minutes of the proceedings of the fifty first anniversary of Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association, held with the Stillwater Church Darke County Ohio, on the 1st 2nd and 3rd days of September 1876,

1st Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder P. P. Peters from Mark 16th 15 and 16.

2nd Letters from the Churches comprising the Association was called for presented and read and their messengers names enrolled as follows viz,

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total No	Contributions	Sab. Meetings
Stillwater	G. Cottrell N. S. York									
	D. Plessinger and M. Taylor	1						7		5
Harmony	P. C. Fine				3			16		1
Providence	S. Skinner P. S. Webster									
	I. Adamson and C. H. Fisher	1		3				20	215	2
Gordon	E. Selby						1	16		3
Darbyville	G. M. Peters							22		
Ebenezer	No Intelligence									
Mt Maria	No Intelligence									
	Totals	1		3	3		1	83	215	

3rd The Association organized by choosing Elder G. Cottrell Moderator and P. P. Peters Clerk.

4th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us.

5th The door was opened for the reception of churches

6" A Letter was presented by the hand of G. M. Peters from the Darbyville Church, Pickway County Ohio which was read and received as a member of our body and was given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator,

7" Called for the Circular Letter presented read and ordered to be printed with the minutes,

8" M. Taylor Z. Selby P. B. Line and E. H. Fisher were appointed a committee to appoint Ministers to fill the stand tomorrow,

9" A committee was appointed consisting of Geo. Cottrell and J. P. Peters to prepare a programme of arrangements for tomorrow,

10" The Association voted to adjourn until 7 oclock tomorrow.

Saturday 7 oclock A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to business

1" Roll called

2" Programme of arrangements called for which was presented and made the order of the day,

3" Corresponding Letter called for presented read and ordered to be printed with the minutes,

4" G. M. Peters J. P. Peters Z. Selby and D. Plessinger were appointed to bear the Corresponding Letter to the Indian Creek Association,

5" Next Association to be held with the Darbyville Church Pickaway County Ohio,

6" G. Cottrell was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year G. M. Peters in case of failure

7" G. M. Peters was appointed to prepare a Circular Letter for next year,

8" P. B. Line was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter for next year,

9" N. S. York J. S. Webster and M. Talor were appointed to receive contributions and disburse the same,

10" N. S. York and G. Cottrell were appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes,

11" Voted to adjourn until Friday before the first Sunday in September at 10 oclock A. M.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the fifty second anniversary of the Greenville Predestinarian Baptist Association held withe the Darbyville Church Pickaway County Ohio on the 31" day of August and 1" and 2" days of September 1877,

1" Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. Cottrell from Isaiah 53" chap 1" verse,

2" Letters from the Churches comprising the Association were called for presented and read and their messengers names enrolled as follows viz,

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Relation	Dismissed	Expelled	Died	Total No	Contributions	Saturday Meetings
Stillwater	Elder Geo. Cottrell	,	,	,	,	,	,	9	1,45	3
Harmony	J. C. Line	1	,	,	,	,	,	16	3,25	1
Providence	S. Skinner J. S. Webster and J. P. Peters	,	,	,	,	,	,	23	3,00	2
Gordon	Z. Selby							12	1,00	3
Darbyville	Elza Gochenour L. D. Beathard and G. M. Peters	,	,	1	,	2	1	22	3,25	1
Mt Maria	Letter and no messengers	,	,	1	,	2	1	26	,50	4
	Totals	1	,	1	,	2	1	108	12,45	

3" The Association organized by choosing Elder G. Cottrell Moderator and R. W. Peters Clerk

4" Invited brethren of like precious faith to a seat with us,

5" The door was opted for the reception of Churches

6" A Circular Letter was presented by the hands of G. M. Peters and Z. Selby J. S. Webster with the writer was appointed a committee to examine the same

7" Called for Corresponding Letter presented read and received.

8" Circular Letter was presented by the hands of the committee and received and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

9" A committee was appointed to choose Ministers for saturday and sunday to preach on the stand, consisting of Elza Gochenour J. B. Line. Z. Selby and J. S. Webster.

10" Called for Correspondence from Indian Creek Association There was no letter nor messengers,

11" Elder G. M. Peters was appointed Corresponding Messenge to Indian Creek Association

12" The next Association to be held with the Harmony Church Shelby County Ohio commencing on Friday before the first sunday in September 1878 at 10 o'clock A. M. seven miles northeast of Pigua and those that come by rail will get off at Pontiac on the Dayton & Michigan railroad two miles west of the meeting house.

13" G. M. Peters was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon next year 1878 G. Cottrell in case of failure,

14" J. B. Line was appointed to prepare a Circular Letter for next year 1878,

15" Z. Selby was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter for next year 1878 and present it at our next Association

16" Voted to adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow,

Saturday Morning Sept 1st

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded to business

1" Called the roll.
2" Called for contributions
3" Apointed Brethren J. B. Line & Selby and Littleton Brethard as a committee to receive Contribution and disburse the same
4" Apointed J. P. Peters to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute the same.
5" Voted to adjourn till Friday before the first Sunday in September 1878

Elder G. Cottrell Moderator

H. W. Peters Clerk

Minutes of the proceedings of the fifty third anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Association, held with the Harmony Church Shelby County Ohio, on the 30" and 31" days of August and 1" day of September 1878.

1" Introductory Sermon preached by G. M. Peters from Malachi 3" chapt and 16 verse.

2" Letters from the churches composing the Association called for read and the messengers names enrolled with the statistics of the churches Viz.

Churches	Messengers Names	Recd by Baptism	Restored	Recd by Relation	Recd by Letter	Dismissed	Expelled	Deaths	Total number	Contributions	Days of meeting
Stillwater	Elder G. Cottrell M. Taylor N. S. York & D. Plessinger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	1,25	3
Harmony	B. D. Dubois J. C. Line D. Frank and Wm Hance	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	15	3,05	1
Providence	Elder J. P. Peters J. S. Webster S. Skinner and A. Skinner	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	2,90	2
Gordon	Rz. Selby and M. Bashore	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	2,00	
Darbyville	Elder G. M. Peters & F. Myers	.	.	.	1		.	.	23	3,25	1
Mt Maria	L. Wolf and L. N. Hollowa	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	20	80	4
	Total	1	.	1	1	.	.	1	98	13,25	

3" The Association organized by choosing Elder G. Cottrell Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk

4" Appointed J. P. Peters assistant Clerk.

5" Invited Brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in Counsel with us

6" Opened the door for the reception of churches

7" Called for the Circular Letter which was presented read and received and ordered to be printed with the minutes.
8" Called for the Corresponding Letter which was presented read and received and ordered to be printed with the minutes.
9" Apointed B. D. Dubois J. S. Webster and F. Myers a Committee to fill the stand with ministers for Saturday and sunday.
10" Called for Corresponding Letter from the Indian Creek Association. A letter was presented by the hands of Elder Wm S. Pence A. Howell and James Richards. the messengers invited to a seat with us.
11" Resolved that we will not send any Correspondents to the Indian Creek Association for one year.
12" Appointed the next Association to be held with the Mt Maria Church at Spencerville Allen County Ohio Comencing on Friday before the first sunday in September 1878.
13" Appointed J. P. Peters to preach the Introductory sermon next year, and G. Cottrell in case of failure
14" Appointed N. S. York to prepare a Circular Letter for next year
15" Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7 oclock.

Saturday Morning August 31" 1878
The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by the Moderator proceeded to business
1" Called the roll
2" Called for Contributions

3" Appointed G. Selby F. Myers and A. Skinner a committee to recieve contributions and distribut the same,

4" Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes

5" Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year

G. Cottrell Moderator

Wm Hance Clerk

J. P. Peters Assistant-Clerk

Minutes of the fifty fourth anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Mt Moriah Church Allen County Ohio on the 5th 6th and 7th days of September 1879.

1st An introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. P. Peters from Ephesians 1st chap and 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th versis.

2nd Appointed J. P. Peters Moderator pro tem.

3rd Letters from the churches composing the Association called for read and their messengers names enrolled as follows.

Churches	Names of Messengers	Received by Exhibition	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deaths	Total except Members	Contributions	Days of meeting
Stillwater	N. S. York								9	1,00	3
Harmony	J. C. Line D. Frank										
"	and Wm Hance	1	.	.	.	.	.		16	2,00	1
Providence	J. P. Peters N. Peters S.										
	Skinner and J. P. Light-	9	.	1					28	3,05	2
Gordon	M. Bashore								12	1,00	3
Darbyville	G. M. Peters and F. Myers								23	3,00	1
Mt Moriah	J. Shearer L. N. Holloway										
	L. Davis and L. Wolf							1	19	200	4
	Total	10	.	1	.	.	.	1	107	1295	

4th The Association organized by choosing Elder J. P. Peters Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk.

5th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in counsel with us.

6th Open the door for the reception of Churches none offered.

7" Called for the Circular Letter presented and read and received, and ordered to be printed with the minutes,
8" Appointed N. S. York L. N. Holloway and S. Skinner a committee to fill the stand with ministers for saturday and sunday,
9" Appointed the next Association to be held with the Providence church Dark County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock on friday before the first sunday in September 1880
10" Appointed Elder G. M. Peters to preach the introductor sermon next year and G. Cottrell in case of failure,
11" Appointed J. P. Peters to prepare the next Circular Letter,
12" Appointed N. S. York L. Wolf and S. Skinner a committee to receive contributions and distribute the same,
13" Called for contributions,
14" Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributions of the minutes,
15" Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock,

Saturday September 6" 1879

The Association met pursuant to adjournment,

1" Resolved that we discontinue Correspondence with the Indian Creek Association for the present,
2" Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year,

J. P. Peters Moderator,

Wm Hance Clerk,

Minutes of the proceedings of the fifty fifth anniversary of Greenville Predestinarean Baptists association held with the providence Church, Darke County ohio

1st introductory Sermon Delivered by Eld G. M. Peters

2 Letters from the Churches Comprising the association Called for presented and Read and messengers Names and Stastistics of Churches Enrolled as follow

Churches	Names of Messengers	Received by baptism	Restored	Received by Relation	Received by letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Deaths	total to members	Days of meeting	Contributions
Stillwater	N. S. York. D. Pleasing. G. Cottrell				-	-	-	-	9	3	125
Harmony	J. C. Line. D. Frank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	1	150
Providence	J. Webster J. P. Peters A. Skinner. E. Peters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	2	317
Gordon	Mrs. Beyshore Mrs. smith Mrs. Selby		-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	110
Darbyville	G. M. Peters	-	-	-	1	-		2	22	1	300
Mount Moriah	L. Wolf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	4	181
Ebenezer	G. M. Peters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
	total				1			2	112		$1183

3rd the association organized by Choosing J. C. Line Moderator and Newton Peters Clerk

4 invited brethren of the Same faith and order to a Seat in Council with us.

5. Opened the Door for the Reception of Churches presented a letter and asked to become a member of the association and was Received and the given the Right hand of fellowship

6 Voted that G. P. Peters be Released from preparing the Circular Letter and G. M. Peters was Appointed to prepare the Same and Read to morrow

7. Appointed Elias Peters J. Wolf and S. S. York a Committee to fill the Stand with ministers

8. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Darbyville Church Franklin County Ohio Commencing at ten o'clock on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1888

9 Appointed Eld G. Cottrell to Preach the introductory Sermon next Year and G. M. Peters in Case of failure

10 Appointed G. P. Peters to prepare the next Circular Letter

11. Called for Contributions

12 Appointed G. Webster S. S York and Elias Peters a Committee to Recieve and distribute Contributions

13 Appointed the Clerk to Superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes

14 Committee Left Seven Dollars with the Clerk for to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes

15 adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to morrow morning

Saturday September 4th 1886

The Association met persuant to adjournment

1. Called the Roll
2 Called for the Circular Letter presented and Read
3 and Recieved without the Second Reading
4 Adjourned to time and place of meeting next Year

Jesse C Line Moderator

Newton Peters Clerk

Minutes of the fifty eighth Anniversary of the Grenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Darbyville church Franklin County Ohio on the 2" 3" and 4" days of September 1881.

1" The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder George Cottrell, from 1" Timothy 4" chapter, and 16" verse.

2" Letters from the churches composing the Association called for and read and their Messengers names enrolled as follows Viz

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Baptism	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	G. Cottrell & N. S. York	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	$1.00	3
Harmony	Wm Hance	.	.	.	1	.	1	14	1.00	1
Providence	J. P. Peters A. Peters J. S. Webster	1	.	.	1	.	.	28	2.25	2
Gordon	D. Bashore	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	1.60	3
Darbyville	G. M. Peters T. A Peters	.	.	.	.	.	1	21	3.10	1
Mt Moriah	J. Shear N. Hance	.	.	.	.	6	1	13	.	4
Ebenezer	G. M. Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	2.25	.
Refuge	A. B. Rees L. N. Holloway Wm Court	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	1.25	4
	Totals	1	.	.	2	5	3	115	12.45	

3" The Association organized by chosing Elder George Cottrell Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk.

4" Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us.

5" Recinded the act of the Association in receiving the Mt Moriah church
6" Opened a door for the reception of churches when a letter was presented by A. B. Brees L. N. Holloway and Wm Court from the Refuge church asking admission in to the Association. On motion the church was received, and the right hand of fellowship given and the messengers names enrolled in the minutes.
7" Called for the Circular Letter presented; read and refered to a committee consisting of A. B Brees Wm Court and the writer J. P. Peters to revise if necessary and present to morrow.
8 Appointed a committee consisting of J. L. Webster T. A. Peters and N. S. York. to fill the stand with ministers.
9" The next Association to be held with the Harmony church Shelby county Ohio, commencing at 10 O'clock am on Friday before the first sunday in September 1882.
10" Chose Elder A. B. Brees to preach the Introductory Sermon next year and J. P. Peters in case of failure.
11" Appointed A. B. Brees to write the Circular Letter for next year.
12" Appointed a committee consisting of N. S. York D. Bashore and William Court to receive and disburse contributions
13" Called for Contributions received $12.45
14" Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distibuting the minutes.
15" Adjourned to meet tomorro at 9 O'clock A. M.

Saturday 9 O'clock a m

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Brees proceeded to business

1" Called the roll.
2" Called for the Circular Letter: read and ordered printed with the minutes
3" A motion was made to send messengers to request the Mad River Association to open Correspondence with this Association Carried.
4" Chose A. B. Brew to prepare a Corresponding Letter to the Mad River Association and present to morrow.
5" Appointed G. M. Peters A. B. Brew and G. Cottrell Messengers to the Mad River Association.
6" Read the minutes of this session.
7" Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year.

Elder George Cottrell Moderator
William Hance Clerk.

Minutes of the Fifty Seventh Anniversary of the Greenville Predestinaria Baptist Association held with the Harmony church Shelby County Ohio on the 1.st 2nd and 3rd days of September 1882.

1st The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder A. B. Brees from Rev 16" chapter and 15" verse.

2" Letters from the churches composing the Association called for and read, and their messengers names enrolled as follows viz

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptised	Restored	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	George Cottrell, N. S. York							1	8	$1.50	
Harmony	J. C. Line, Wm Hance								14	1.75	1
Providence	I. Adamson, Skinner.										
	Jessee Ellis								27	2.80	2
Gordon	D. Bashore								12	1.50	3
Darbyville	G. M. Peters, F. Myers							2	18	3.50	1
Ebenezer	J. P. Peters								8	1.00	4
Refuge	A. B. Brees Wm Court	2		1					13	1.10	1
	Totals	2		1	.	.	.	3	100	12.15	

3" By motion received George Cottrell and N. S. York as Messengers from the Stillwater Church.

4" Chose Elder George Cottrell Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk.

5" Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in Counsel with us.

6" Opened a door for the reception of churches.

7" Called for Corespondence from the Mad River Association A. Letter by the hands of Elder Uriah Trumbo and brethren J. R. Miller, J. Kimer and J. A. Lippencott The Messengers were invited to a seat with us.

8" Called for the Circular Letter read, and referred to a committee consisting of G. M. Peters. N. S. York, J. P. Peters and the writer A. B. Reed to revise and present- tomorrow,

9" Appointed a committee consisting of S. Skinner, N. S. York and Wm Court- to fill the stand with ministers Saturday and Sunday.

10" The next Association to be held with the Providence Church Darke County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1883.

11" Appointed Elder G. M. Peters to preach the Introductor Sermon next year and George Cottrell in case of failure.

12" Chose Elder J. P. Peters to write the Circular Letter for next year.

13" Appointed a committee consisting of D. Bashore, Ira Adamson and Jesse Ellis to receive and disburse contribution.

14" Called for contributions, Received $12.15-

15" Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes

16" Appointed Elder G. M. Peters to write a Corresponding Letter and present- tomorrow

17" Adjourned to meet at 9 ~~o'clock~~ a. m. tomorrow.

Saturday 9 oclock a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, after prais and prayer by Elder G. M. Peters proceded to business

1" Called the roll.

2" Called for the Circular Letter; read received and ordered to be printed with the minutes

3" Called for the Corresponding Letter; read received and ordered printed with the minutes

Minutes of the Fifty Eighth Anniversary of the Greenville Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Providence Church in Dark, Co., S. C. on the 31st day of August and 1st and 2nd days of September, A. D. 1883.

1st The Introductory was delivered by Elder E. M. Peters from John 14th & 29th

(" " " ") died the Tuesday after

2nd Called for letters from the churches which were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptized	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Meeting days
Stilwater	N. S. York, G. Cottrell						1	8	50	3
Harmony	J. C. Line							14	1,00	1
Providence	Ambrose Peters Jesse Ellis A. A Skinner Ira Adamson							27	3,D5	2
Gordon	no Messengers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Darbyville	J Myers E. M. Peters	2						20	3,00	4
Ebenezer	J. P. Peters							8	125	1
Refuge	A. B Breese							13	1,75	1

3rd Called the Roll

4th Chose Brethren A. B. Breese Moderator and Ira Adamson Clerk

5th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us in counsel

6th Doors opened for the Reception of Churches

7th Corresponding letter from Madriver Association presented and read by Elder L. T. Ford

Messengers Elders E. I. Ford Saml. Seitz and
Brethren Joseph R Miller and M Weaver
8th 11 invited Messengers to a seat with us in counsel
9th 11 called for the reading of the circular letter
which was read received and ordered printed
with the Minutes
10th 11 A committee of three appointed to fill the
Stand during the Association composed of N. S.
York Ambrose Peters and Fredrick Myers
11th 11 Association to be held next year with the
Refuge Church in Spencerville Allen Co. O
on 5th 1 6th 11 7th 11 days of September A.D. 1884
12th 11 Elder E.P. Peters to preach the Introductory
and Elder George Cottrell alternate
13th 11 Appointed Brother Newton Peters to write
the Circular letter for the next year
14th 11 appointed the committee of Arrangements
to Receive and disburse the contributions
15th 11 Moved that the Moderator and Clerk
superintend the Publishing and distributi
-ng of the Minutes
16th 11 Appointed Brother E. C. Line to write
the corresponding letter and present it tomorrow
17th 11 Motion and second to adjourn till
to morrow at 9 Oclock
The Preachers on the stand were G M. Peters
E. R. Miller and S. Seitz
Saturday 1st 11 Association met persuant to adjourn
ment and organized in order
2nd 11 called the roll
3d 11 Called for the corresponding letter which
was read Received and ordered printed with
the minutes
4th 11 Appointed Elders E. P. Peters G. M Peters
A. B. Breese Geo Cottrell and Brethren E. C Line
Salathiel Skinner and Ira Adamson,

over

as Messengers. to the Madriver Association

5th " Moved to adjourn to time and place of holding the Association next year

Preachers on the stand to day were E. R Miller I J Ford, A. M. & A B Breese and S Seitz

Sunday Preachers on the stand, I, J, Ford and S, Seitz, A, M, and Geo Cottrell A. B. Breese & L. P. Peters, P, M

Yearly Meeting will be held with the Darbyville Church in Galloway Franklin County Ohio on the 21st " and 22d " days of June 1884

Ira Adamson Clk Elder A B Breese Mod.

Minutes

Of the Fifty Ninth Anniversary of the Greenville Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association Held with Refuge Church of Spencerville Allen County Ohio on the 5th 6th " and 7th " days of September 1884

1st " Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder L. P. Peters from Hebrews 10th " Chapter and part of the 9th " verse

2d " Called for Letters from the churches which were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messenger Names	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Num	Contributions	Absent days
Stillwater	A. S York	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	50	3
Harmony	J C Sine	"	"	"	"	"	1	13	1,00	1
Providence	Ambrose Peters L. P. Light									
" "	Ira Adamson	"	"	"	"	"	"	27	330	2
Jerdan	D Bashor	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	"	3
Darbyville	by Letter	"	"	"	"	"	"	114	2,25	4
Ebenezer	Eld L. P Peters	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	1,35	1
Refuge	A. B. Breese L. P. Hollo	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	way Wm Hart	"	"	"	"	"	"	13	140	1
Darby Run	Geo B Myers	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	50	4
		"	"	"	"	"	1	99	10,50	

3d " Called the Roll
4th " Chose Elder J P Peters Moderator and Ira Adamson Clerk
5th " invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us in Counsel
6th " Doors opened for the Reception of Churches
7th " Moved by the Association that Darby Run Church be Received as a member of this Association and give them the Right hand of fellowship with us in counsel
8th " Messengers of Mad River Association were invited to a seat with us in council
9th " Called for the reading of the Circular letter which was read and placed in the hands of a committee of N. S. York A. B. Bees and the writer Newton Peters for investigation
10th " A committee of three consisting of N. S. York Ambrose Peters and Geo Myers were appointed to fill the Stand with ministers during the Association
11th " Next Association to be held with Darby Run Run Church Near Galloway Franklin County Ohio on the 5th 6th " and 7th " days of September A. D. 1885
12th " Elder Geo Cottrell to Preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. P. Peters alternate
13th " Appointed Brother Jesse C Line to write the Circular Letter for next year
14th " Appointed Elder J. P. Peters to write the Corresponding Letter and present it to morrow
15th " Moved that ~~that~~ the Moderator and Clerk Superintend the Publishing and distribution of the minutes
16th " Move to adjourn until to morrow at nine O clock, A. M.

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Saturday September 6th 1835

1st. Association met persuant to adjournment and organized in order

2d called the Roll

3d called for Corresponding letter from Mad river which was read by their Messengers J. Lippencott Elders Uriah Trumbo F. G. Ford and Samuel Seitz Brethren I Seitz F. R. Miller and J Rymer

Ministers on the Stand for noon was Elder Uriah Trumbo and F R Miller Afternoon Elders H. H. Rush and Abraham Canfield

4th called for Corresponding letter which was read and Received Elders F. P. Peters A B Brees Brethren Jesse B Fine and Ira Adamson were appointed Messengers to Bear letter to Mad river Association

5 called for the Reading of the circular letter and report of committee which was read and received and letter ordered printed with the Minutes

6th Moved by the Association that Elder A B Brees write the corresponding ~~letter~~ letter for next year

7th Move to adjourn to the time and place of holding the Association next year

Ministers on the Stand for Sunday Forenoon Elders Uriah Trumbo and Samuel Seitz Afternoon Abraham Canfield and Moderator to close

Elder F P Peters Mod

Ira Adamson Clk

Minutes of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Darby run Church near Galloway Franklin County Ohio on the 4th 5th and Sixth days of September 1885

1st Introductory was delivered by Eld J. P. Peters from Mark 16th chap 15th & 16th verses

2d called for letters from the different Churches which were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Baptized	Restored	Recd by letter	Demissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	contributions	Meeting days
Stilwater	Letter no Messengers							7		3
Harmony	J. C Line							13	1,00	1
Providence	J. P. Peters Ira Adamson							27	2,75	2
Gordon	no letter or Messengers							"	"	"
Darbyville	no letter or messengers							"	"	"
Ebeneezer	J. P Peters							8	1,25	1
Refuge	A. B Brees							13	1,00	1
Darby run	F. F. Myers, G. B. Myers							5	,60	4

3d After forenoon Services the Association opened for business by singing and Prayer by Elder A. B Breese

4th Called the Roll

5th that the Moderator and Clerk be appointed by acclamation

6th Elder J. P Peters was appointed Moderator and Ira Adamson Clerk

7th Door opened for the Reception of Churches

8 Brethren of Sister Associations invited to a seat with us ~~Elders Uriah Frumbo and J G Ford~~ messengers

9th " Called for the corresponding of Mad River Association which was read and received and their Messengers to a seat with us Elders Jerich Trumbo and F G Ford

10th " Called for the Reading of the circular letter which was read and pleced in the hands of a committee of Elder A B Brees Brethren F, F, Myers and the writer F. C. Sine

11th " Brethren F F Myers and Geo B Myers to fill the Stand with Ministers Saturday Sunday and

12th " Moved by the Association that we drop Darbyville church from this Association for the following Reasons (viz) As a report (and three witnesses confirm the same) comes to us that Darbyville Church has united to the Scioto Association without any effort to obtain an understanding with this association of which it was a Member therefore we hereby drop said church and condemn such an act as out of order

13th " Moved by the Association that the next Association be held with Providence Church near Lightsville Dark Co Ohio commencing Friday before the 1st Sunday in September 1886 at 10 Oclock A. M.

14th " Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld A, B, Brees and F. P. Peters alternate

15th " Brother Ira Adamson to write the circular letter for the Association next year

16th " Moved that the Moderator and Clerk superintend the publishing and distributing the minutes

17th " Moved that Brother F. C Sine write the corresponding letter for next Association

18th " appointed messengers to Madriver Association Elders A. B. Brees F. P. Peters Brethren

P. C Line and Ira Adamson

19th " Moved that we adjourn until to morrow morr
ow morning at nine O'clock Ministers on the
Stand for afternoon Elder Uriah Trumbo and
F. G. Ford

Satur Sep 5th

1st association met persuant to adjournment and
organized in order

2d " called the roll

3d " for the reading of the circular letter was read and
ordered printed with the minutes

4th " called for corresponding letter was read Received
and ordered printed with the Minutes

5th " Moved that we adjourn to the time and place
of holding the Association next year Ministers
on the Stand Saturday forenoon Brother P C Line
Elder A. B. Brees Afternoon Elders F. G. Ford Uriah
Trumbo Sunday Forenoon Elds. F. G. Ford
J. P. Peters Afternoon Elder A. B. Brees and
Moderator to close

N. B. There will be a yearly Meeting held with Darby
ron Church in Galloway Franklin Co Ohio comm
encing at 10 O'clock on Saturday before the
fourth Sunday June 1886 Elders Uriah Trumbo
and Samuel Seitz to attend

Elder J. P. Peters Moderator
Ira Adamson Clk

Minutes

of the Sixty first Anniversary of the Greenville Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Providence Church near Lightsville Darke County Ohio on the 3d 4th and 5th days of September 1886

1st Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eleder Geo Cottrell the Subject Jehovah in counsil Resolved to fulfil

2d called for Letters from different churches which were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messenger Names	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total number	Contributions	Meeting days
Stilwater	Geo Cottrell, P.S York							7	,50	3
Harmony	David & John J. C. Line							13	1,00	4
Providence	Jesse Ellis Ambrose Peters									
	Ira Adamson Newton Peters							28	11.25	2
London	D. Bashor							8	,50	3
Ebenezer	F. P. Peters							7	2,00	1
Refuge	Wm Court L. N. Hollaway							12	2,25	1
Darby Run	F. F. Myers							71	50	4
								95		

3d After fore noon Services the Association met at one and half oclock opened with Singing and prayer by Eld Uriah Trumbo

4th called the roll messengers present

5th Moderator and Clerk chosen by Ballot Eld F. P. Peters Mod Ira Adamson Clerk

6th Door opened for the reception of churches

7th Brethren of Sister associations invited to a seat with us

8th " Called for Corresponding letter from Mad River Association was read and received and their Messengers invited to a seat with us Elds Uriah Trumbo F. G. Ford Samuel Seitz and Brethren J. R. Miller and P Rymer

9th " Called for the Reading of the Circular letter which was read and placed in the hands of a committee of Eld Geo Cottrell N. S. York and the writer Isa Adamson

10th " Introductory Sermon to be delivered by Eld F. P. Peters and Bro F. C. Sine alternate at the Association on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1887 at ten O clock

11th " Moved that Brother Newton Peters write the Circular letter for the next Association

12th " Moved that the Moderator and Clerk Superintend the Publishing and distributing of the Minutes

13th " Moved that Elder F. P. Peters write the Corresponding letter for the next Association

14th " Called for the corresponding letter which was read and placed in the hands of a committee of Eld Geo Cottrell N. S. York and the writer F. C. Sine

15th " Appointed as Messengers to Mad River Association Elders A. B. Brees F. P. Peters Brethren F. F. Myers F C Sine Wm Court N Holloway F P Site and Isa Adamson

16th " Moved that N. S. York F. F. Myers and Newton Peters be appointed as a committee to fill the Stand with ministering Brethren During this Association

17th " Moved that we adjourn until to morrow morning at nine Oclock

Ministers on the Stand for afternoon services Eld F. G. Ford Brother J. R Miller adjourned with singing and prayer by Eld Geo Cottrell

Saturday September 4th 1886

1st Association met and organized in order with Singing and prayer by Eld A.B Brees

2d called the Roll Messengers present

3d called for the rereading of the circular letter which was read received and ordered printed with the minutes with the writers Signed to it

4th called for the corresponding letter was read and ordered printed with the Minutes

5th Moved that the next Association be held with Refuge Church in Spencerville Allen County Ohio also appointed Brethren Jesse Ellis Elias Peters and J.P Site to Receive Contributions and disbure the same

6th called for visitation meeting with Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin Co Ohio commencing on Saturday at 10 Oclock before the fourth Sunday in June 1887 Elds J.P. Peters A.B. Brees and Brother J.C. Sine apointed to attend to all a general invitation

7th Moved that we adjourn to the time and place of holding the Association next year to commence at ten oclock on Friday before the first in Sunday in September 1887 Ministers on the stand to day were Brother J.R. Miller and Eld Joseph Ford In the morning Elders Uriah Trumbo J.G. Ford, P.M Sunday A.M. Elders Joseph Ford Uriah Trumbo in afternoon Elder J.G. Ford and Moderator to close

Elder J.P. Peters Mod

Isa Adamson Clerk

Minutes of the

Sixty Second Anniversary of the Greenville Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association Held with Refuge Church Spencerville Allen County Ohio September 2d 3d 4th 1887

1st Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder L. P. Peters from Matthew 1st chapter and 21st verse

2d called for letters from the different churches which were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messengr Names.	Baptized	Restored	Recd by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Number	Contributions	Meetings days
Stilwater	Geo Cottrell	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	0,50	3
Harmony	J C Line Stephen Thompson	"	"	"	"	"	1	12	1,00	4
Providence	L P Light S Skinner									
	L. P. Peters Ira Adamson	"	"	1	"	1	"	28	2,75	2
Ebenezer	L. P. Peters	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	1,44	1
Refuge	Wm Court A.B Brees (Holloway)	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	1,34	1
Darby Run	F. F. Myers	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	,40	4

3d called the Roll and appointed Bro J. C. Line and Elder Uriah Trumbo to occupy the Stand in the Stand in the afternoon

4th Moved by the Association that Bro F. F. Myers act as Messenger for Darby Run Church and Elder Geo Cottrell for Stilwater

5th Moved by the Association to Suspend the Rules and Retain the old Moderator and Clerk

6th Door opened for the Reception of churches

7th Brethren of Sister Associations invited to a Seat with us in counsel

8th " Called for Corresponding Letter from Mad River Association which was Read by Elder Uriah Trumbo. Received. as Messengers invited to a Seat with us Elders Uriah Trumbo I.G. Ford Brethren I.R. Miller I.R. Miller M. Weaver Levi Line Jacob Rymer Gilbert Miller Henry Morris David Seitz Jacob Blosser Joseph Clevenger

9th " Called for the Circular letter was read and placed in the hands of a committee of A.B. Brees L.P Light and the writer Newton Peters

10th " Moved that Elder Geo Cottrell Preach the Introductory at the nex Association and Bro I.C Line Alternate

11th " Moved that I.P. Peters write the circular letter for next Association

12th Moved that Bro Isa Aglamson Superintend the Publishing and distribution of the Minutes

13th " Moved that Bro L.P. Light write the corresponding for nex Association

14th " called for corresponding for Madriver which was read and placed in the of the committee on the circular letter

15th " Messengers to Mad River Association Elders A.B Brees Geo Cottrell Brethren I.C Line and Wm " Court

16th " Appointed a committee of John P Light Salathiel Skinner and J.F Myers to fill the Stand with ministering Brethren during the Association

17th " on Motion to adjourn to 9 Oclock to morrow morning

Saturday September 3d "

1st " the Association met and organized in by Singing and prayer by Elder I.G. Ford

2d " called the Roll Messengers present

3d " called for the Reading of the Circular letter
was read and ordered Printed with the Minutes
4th " Called for the Rereading of the corresponding
letter Read and ordered printed with the Minutes
5th " moved that the next Association Be held
with Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin
County Ohio Commencing on Friday before the
first Sunday in September 1888 at 10,0 Clock
A, M.
6th " appointed J, P, Light and S, Skinner to
Receive contributions and Disburse the Same
7th " Moved that we adjourn until time and place
of holding the Association next year
8th " Ministers on the stand to day are Elders Geo
Cottrell and L, G, Ford, A, M, and A, B, Brees
Bro L, C, Line, P, M,
Ministers Sunday Elders Geo Cottrell and
L, G, Ford A, M, and Uriah Trumbo in
afternoon Moderator to close /
There will be a visitation meeting held with
Providence church near Lightsville Darke Co
Ohio commencing on Saturday at 10 Oclock
before the Second Sunday in June 1888
A general invitation is extended to the Ministering Brethren of Granville and Madriver
Associations and all of like Precious faith

Elders John P. Peters Mod
" Ira Adamson Clerk

Minutes of the Sixty third aniversary of the Greenville Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Darby run Church Galloway Franklin. Co. O August 31st and September 1st and 2d 1838

1st Introductory Sermon delivered by Bro Jesse C Line from John 5th Chapter 39th verse

2d Called for letters from different churches were read and recorded as follows

Churches	Messengers	Baptized	Restored	Recd. letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	contributions	Meetin days
Stilwater	no Intelligence									
Harmony	J. C Line							12	1,00	4
Providence	Eld J. P. Peters and Ira Adamson							27	,35	2
Ebeneezer	J. P. Peters							7		1
Refuge	A Brees						1	9	1,00	1
Darby Run	F. F. Myers Mrs M M J Brelim						2	6	1,50	4

Minutes of the Sixty Fourth Anniversary of the Old School Predestinarian Baptist Association, Held with the Providence Church, near Lightsville Darke Co. Ohio Aug 30 and 31st and Sep. 1st 1889

Providence Church Aug 30th 1889

The Association met in regular session at 10 Oclock A.M. Introductory Sermon delivered by Eld J. P. Peters from 1st Corinthians 1st Chap. and 1st and 2nd verses

The letters from the several Churches were called for and read from which the following Statistics were compiled:

Churches	Messengers	Baptized	Restored	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Preaching days	$
Stillwater	Geo Cotteral							7		
Harmony	J. P. Peters J. C. Line									
	Rebecca Rhinehart						1	11	4	
Providence	Ambrose Peters J. P. Light									
	J. P. Peters A. Skinner						1	26	2	
Refuge	J. F. Ford, A. B. Breece									
	S. Holloway						1	9	1	
Darby Run	C. B. Myers F. F. Myers									
	Ella Davis Martha Myers		1					7	4	

Amount of Contributions $11.45

Roll was called and messengers present

On motion the rules were suspended and Eld J. P. Peters retained as Moderator, J. P. Light was elected Clerk

On Motion Bro Ford was invited to seat in Council with us The Circular Letter was called for and read and received without pleasing in the hands of a committee

On motion Spencerville Allen County Ohio was selected as the place for holding the next association Commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1880.

On motion Bro J. C. Sine was chosen to Preach the introductory Sermon next year and Eld J. P. Peters alternate

It was moved that Bro A. Skiner write the Circular letter for next association

On motion Brothers F. F. Myers Wm Courts and S. Skinner were appointed to fill the stand with ministering Brethren during the association

It was moved that the above committee receive contributions and disburse the same

Moved that there be a yearly meeting with Providence Church near Lightsville Darke County Ohio Second Sunday in June 1880

On motion it was ordered that J. P. Light and J. P. Peters superintend the publishing and distribution of the minutes

On motion the association adjourned to the time and place appointed to meet next year

Ministers on the stand Friday afternoon Elder Geo Cottrell and Bro J. C. Sine; Saturday forenoon Bro Ira Adamson. Eld J. S. Ford: Afternoon Geo. Cotrell. J. C. Sine; Sunday forenoon Eld J. S. Ford. A. B. Breece afternoon Eld Geo Cottrell

Eld J. P. Peters Moderator

J. P. Light. Clerk

Minutes

Of the sixty fifth anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Refuge church Allen County Ohio on the 5th 6th and 7th days of September 1890

1st An introductory sermon was delivered by J. C. Line from 2nd Timothy 4th chapter 2nd verse

2nd Letters from the churches composing the association called for presented read and their messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Relation	Excluded	Dismissed	Deaths	No of members	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	George Cottrell							1	6	10	3
Harmony	J. C. Line, Wm Hance							1	10	1,00	4
Providence	J. P. Peters. Oscar Peters								26	2,30	2
	S. Skinner. A. A. Skinner										
Ebenezer	No intelligence										
Darby Plain	F. F. Myers							1	6	1,00	4
Refuge	A. B. Brees. Wm Courts								8	2,00	
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford										

3rd Received George Cottrell as a messenger from the Stillwater Church

4th The Association organized by choosing Elder J. P. Peters Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk

5th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in Counsel with us.

6th Opened a door for the Reception of Churches when the Sugar Creek Putnam County Ohio. presented a letter asking admission received and right hand of fellowship given and the messengers names enrolled on the minutes

7th After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and after prais and prayer by J. G. Ford proceeded with the business

8th Called for the Circular Letter presented read and reffered to a committee composed of J. G. Ford, J. C. Line and the writer.

9th Appointed a committee consisting of Wm Coarts. F. F. Myers. and Oscar Peters to fill the stand during the meeting

10th The next Association to be held with the Sugar Creek church near Kushmore Putnam County Ohio commencing on friday before the first sunday in September 1890

11th Chose A. B. Brees to preach the Introductory Sermon next year and J. G. Ford in case of failure

12th Chose J. G. Ford to prepare a Circular Letter for next year

13th Appointed a committee consisting of Wm Coarts F. F. Myers and Oscar Peters to receive contributions and disburse the same

14th Adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine oclock

Saturday morning Sept 6th 1890

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer proceeded with the business

1st Called the roll

2nd Called for the Circular Letter which was again read received and ordered printed with the minutes

3rd Called for contributions

4th Chose the Clerk to superinteng the printing and distribution of the minutes

5th Apointed a yearly meeting to be held with the Providence Church near Lightsville Bare County Ohio on second sunday in June 1891. all ministering brethren of our faith and order are invited to attend

6th After reading the minute adjourned to to time and place above mentioned

J. P. Pettis Moderator

Wm Hance Clerk

Minutes

Of the Sixty Sixth Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Association held with the Sugar Creek Church Putnam County Ohio on the 4th 5th and 6th days of September 1891.

1st Introductory Sermon preached by Elder A. B. Bred from the 133 Psalm

2nd Letters from the churches composing the Association called for presented and read and the Messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed	No of members	Days of meeting Contribution	
Stillwater	George Cottrell				1		5		
Harmony	J. C. Line Wm Hance				1		9	1,25	4
Providence	Ira Adamson A. M. Peters								
	J. P. Light S. Skinner			1	1		24	3.00	2
Ebenezer	No Intelligence								
Darby Run	F. F. Myers G. B. Myers				6		6	1.75	
Refuge	A. B. Bres Wm Court								
	J. L. Ford						8	1,25	
Sugar Creek	J. L. Ford David Buckles								
	C. C. Miller Jacob Kumer	2			1		20	3.00	

3rd Received George Cottrell as messenger from Stillwater

4th Chose J. P. Peters Moderator and Wm Hance Clerk

5th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us

6th Opened a door for the reception of churches

7th Called for the Circular Letter presented read and adopted without going into the hands of a committee and ordered to be printed with the minutes

8th Appointed a committee consisting of Wm Court A. M. Peters and S. Skinner to fill the stand with ministers during the Association

9th The next Association to be held with the Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock A. M. on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1892.

10th Chose Elder J. G. Ford to preach the introductory sermon and B. F. Hutchinson in case of failure.

11th chose C. G. Miller to write the circular letter for next year.

12th Appointed a committee consisting of Wm Court. S. Skinner and A. M. Peters to receive contribution and disburse the same.

13th Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

14th Appointed a yearly meeting with the Providence Church near Lightsville Darke County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock A.M. on Saturday before the second Sunday in June 1892 A. B. Brees J. G. Ford B. F. Hutchinson and J. C. Line to attend

15th Read the minutes

16th Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year.

J. P. Peters Moderator

Wm Hance Clerk

Minutes

Of the sixty seventh anniversary of the Grenville Regular Predestinaria Baptist Association held with the Darby Run church Franklin County Ohio on the 2nd 3rd and 4th days of September 1892.

1st An Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Ford from 8th chapter 2nd and 3rd verses

2nd Chose Elder J. G. Ford temporary moderator.

3rd Letter from the churches composing the Association called for presented, read and the messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Baptism	Restored by Letter	Received by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No of Members	Days of meeting Contributions
Stillwater	No Intetigence								
Harmony	J. L. Line and Wm Hance							9	1,25-4
Providence	S. Skinner					1		23	2,00 2
Ebenezer	No Intetigence								
Darby Run	G. B. Myers F. F. Myers							6	1,25-4
Refuge	A. B. Rees	1						9	1,00 1
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford. L. G. Miller								
	David B. Buckles	6				2	1	23	1,80 2
	Totals	7				2	2	70	7,30

4th Chose Elder J. G. Ford permanent Moderator and Wm Hance clerk

5th Invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in council with us
6th Opened the door for the reception of churches.
7th Called for the Circular Letter presented read, received and ordered printed with the minutes.
8 Appointed a committee consisting of S. Skinner F. F. Myers and David B. Buckles to fill the stand with ministers during the association.
9th After an intermission of one hour the messengers assemble togather and after praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Rees proceeded with the business.
10th Appointed the next association to be held with the Refuge church near Spencerville Allen County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock A. M. on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1895.
11th Chose B. F. Hutchinson to preach the Introductory sermon next year and J. P. Peters in case of failure.
12th Chose Elder A. B. Rees to write the circular letter for next year.
13th Apointed a committee consisting of F. F. Myers David B. Buckles and S. Skinner to receive contributions and disburs the same.
14th Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes
15th Appointed a yearly meeting with the Providence church near Lightsville Darke County Ohio commencing at 10 oclock a m

on saturday before the second sunday in June 1893 J. G. Ford A. B. Brees J. C. Line and B. F. Hutchinson to attend.

16th Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year

J. G. Ford Moderator

Wm Hance Clerk

Minutes

Of the Sixty Eighth Aniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association Held with the Refuge Church Allen County Ohio on the first Second and Third days of September 1893
Friday September 1st 1893

The introductory Sermon was Preached by Eld Frank Hutchinson. The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for presented and Read and the Messengers' names enrolled as follows

Churches	Messengers names	Baptized	Received by letter	Died	Members	Contributions	Meeting days
Stillwater	No Intelligence						
Harmony	J. C. Line			1	8	1.00	4
Providence	J P. Light - S. Skinner O. Peters N. Peters			1	22	2.50	2
Ebenezer	No Intelligence						
Darby Run	S. B. Myers F. F. Myers Ella Davis		1		7	1.70	4
Refuge	J. S. Ford A. B. Bruce C. G. Miller D. Mouser				11	2.05	1
Sugar Creek	D B. Buckles B. S. Ford	2			25	3.00	2

Chose Elder J S Ford Moderator and J P. Light Clerk
1st Invited Brethren of the same faith and order to seats in council with us
2nd Opened the door for the reception of Churches
3rd Called for the Circular letter which was presented read and received and ordered printed with the Minutes
4th Appointed a committee consisting of S. Skinner F. F. Myers and D B. Buckles to fill the Stand with ministers during the Association
5th Apointed the next Association to be held with the Providence Church near Lightsville Darke Co Ohio

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m on Friday before
the first Sunday in September 1884
6th Chose J. G Ford to Preach the introductory Sermon
next year and J. C. Line in case of failure
7th Chose Brother Newton Peters to write the
Corresponding Letter
8th Appointed a committee consisting of F. F. Myers
D B. Buckles and S. Skinner to receive contributions
and disburse the same
9th Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing
and distributing of the Minutes
10th Appointed a Yearly Meeting with the Providence
Church near Lightsville Darke Co. Ohio commencing
at 10 o'clock. a. m on Saturday before the second
Sunday in June 1884 J. G Ford A. B. Reece J. C. Line
and B. F. Hutchison to attend
11th Adjourned to the time and place of meeting
next year

J. G. Ford. Moderator
J. P. Light. Clerk

Minutes

Of the Sixty ninth anniversary of the Regular predestinarian Baptist association held with Providence church near Lightsville Ohio on the thirty first day of August and the first and second days of Sept A.D. 54

1st The Intreductory sermon was preached by Eld J. S. Ford

2nd The letters from the different churches composeing the association were called for presented and read and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Churches	Messengers' names	Received by Baptism	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	No. of Members	Contributions	days of meeting
Harmony	S D. Peters Wm Hones J C. Line	2					10	2,00	
Providence	C. Peters A. Peters N. Peters, Jno Adamson	1					29	3.00	2
Darby Run	T. T. Myers						7	1.25	
Refuge	Wm Court C G. Miller A B. Breece	2						2.00	1
Sugar Creek	D B. Buckles J S. Ford R T. Ford	2					25	4.40	2
Stillwater	No Intelligence							2.35	
	Total	7					73	12,40	

3rd Chose J S. Ford Modesator and J P. Light. Clerk

4th Invited Brethren of the same faith and order to a seat in council with us

5th Opened the Door for the reception of Churches

6th Called for the circular letter presented read and received and ordered printed with minutes

7th Appointed a committee consisting of Wm Hance L F. Myers and Wm Coutts to fill the stand with ministers during the Association

8th Appointed our next Association to be held with the Sugar creek Church Putnam County Ohio commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in sept of the year 1885

9th Chose Eld A B. Breece to preach the introductory sermon next year and B F. Hutchenson in case of failure

10th Chose B F. Hutchison to write the circular letter for next year

11th Appointed a committee consisting of O. Peters B S. Ford and C S. Miller to receive contributions and disburse the same

12th Chose N. Peters to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same

13th Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with the Sugar creek Church near Rimer Putnam County Ohio commencing at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the second Sunday in June 1885 Brethren A B. Breece B F Hutchison Newton Peters J P. Peters to attend

14th Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year

B S. Ford Moderator
J P. Light Clerk

Minutes

Of The Seventieth Anniversary Of The Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association. held with the Sugar Creek Church, in Putnam Co. Ohio on the 30th and 31st days of August and the first day of September 1895.

First: The introductory was preached by Eld. A.B. Brees on the text, "Preach The Word." (2nd. Timothy iv. 2.)

Second: Letters from the Churches were read, and the messengers names were recorded in the minutes.

Churches	Names of Messengers.	No. Excluded	No. Received by Baptism	No. of Deaths	No. of Members	Monthly Meeting
Harmony.	G.D. Peters and Wm Hance			2	8	4th "
Providence.	Newton Peters and P.P. Peters	1	1	5	18	2nd "
Darby Run.	F.F. Myers and G.B. Myers.			1	6	4th "
Refuge.	C.G. Miller, W.M. Court,					
	D. Meiser and A.B. Brees.	1			13	1st "
Sugar Creek	D. Buckles, Eli Clevenger					
	B.F. Hutchinson and B.G. Ford.				25	2nd "
Stillwater	No intelligence					
	Totals.	2	1	8	70	

Third. Adjourned, one hour and a half for dinner.

1.30, P.m. The association organized with singing, and prayer by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

First: The Moderator appointed Eld. A.B. Brees. Clerk pro. tem.

Second: Moved and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk be chosen by ballot: Carried.

Third: Called for the vote on Moderator and Clerk which resulted in electing Eld. B. F. Hutchinson Moderator and Eld. A.B. Brees. Clerk.

Fourth: Invited brethren and Sisters of the same faith and order to seats in counsel.

Fifth: Called for the circular letter which was read.

Sixth: Moved and seconded that the circular be received and printed with the minutes.

Seventh: A committee, consisted of brethren B.G. Ford, J.F. Meyers, and Wm. Hance, was appointed to fill the stand during the association and to receive and disburse contributions

Eighth: Moved and seconded that our next association be held with the Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin Co., O. to convene on Friday before the first Sunday in September A.D. 1876: Carried.

Ninth: Moved and seconded that Eld. B.F. Hutchinson preach the introductory sermon next year: and Newton Peters, in case of failure. Carried

Tenth. Moved and seconded that the clerk attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes. Carried

Eleventh. A yearly meeting was called for and appointed to be held with the Harmony Church near Sidney, Shelby Co., Ill. on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1896.

Twelfth. Moved and Seconded that Brother G.D. Peters write the circular letter for next year. Carried.

Thirteenth, Motioned, and seconded that the request of the Providence church, reported by her messengers, requesting the ordination of Brother Newton Peters. be appointed for Saturday after dinner. Carried.

Adjourned to time and place appointed for next year.

After adjournment, repaired to the water where Eld. J.P. Peters baptized Sister Sarah Senn of Sanfrancisco Cal.

Saturday, 10. a.m.

Preaching by Eld. J.P. Peters, Newton Peters and the Moderator.

1.30 p.m.

Pursuant to the call ~~of the call~~ of the Providence Church requesting the ordination of brother Newton Peters, a council composed of Elds J.G. Ford and B.F. Hutchinson of the Sugar Creek Church, Eld. J.P. Peters

of the Providence church, and Eld A. B. Brees, of the Refuge church was organized by choosing Eld J. G. Ford Moderator and A. B. Brees, Clerk.

1st Invited brethren ~~of~~ of the same faith and order to seats in counsel.

2 After singing, the candidate was examined as to his experience and call to the ministry and judged to be sent of God to that work.

3. The laying on of the hands of the council was accompanied by a prayer by Eld. A. B. Brees.

4. The Charge was given by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

5 After the ordaination Eld J. G. Ford preach and was followed by Eld. Newton Peters.

Adjourned till ~~to~~ morrow 10 a.m.

Sunday 10. A. M. Opened by Singing and prayer. Preaching by Eld's J. G. Ford and A. B. Brees.

1,30 P. M.

The Moderator preached the closing discourse.

B. F. Hutchinson Mod

A. B. Brees. Clk.

MINUTES.

Of the Seventy First Aniversity of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin County Ohio. on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth days of September A.D. 1896

1st Introductory sermon was preached by Eld B. F. Hutchinson

2nd Letters from the churches were read and the messengers names enrolled on the minutes, viz.

Churches	Pastors	Messengers names	Recd by baptism	Dismissed by letter	Received by letter	Excluded	Deaths	No of members	Monthly meetings
Harmony	J P Peters	George Peters						9	4
Providence	J. P. Peters	John Light J. P. Peters & Newton Peters						18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford.	George Myers & F. F. Myers		1				6	4
Refuge	A. B. Breese	A. B. Breese						13	1
Sugar Creek.	J G Ford.	Eli Clevenger D B Buckles & B. F. Hutchinson			1		1	25	2
		Total No of members						71	

3rd Chose B. F. Hutchinson Moderator and B. G. Ford. clerk.

4th Invited breathren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

5th Called for Circular letter, presented & read.

6 Appointed a committee consisting of Newton Peters A. B. Breese and G D Peters to examine and revise circular letter and present to morrow.

7th Appointed a committee consisting of George Myers Eli Clevenger and G. D. Peters to fill the stand during the Association

8th Appointed the same committee to receive and disburse contributions

9th Appointed our next Association to be held with Refuge Church at Spencerville Allen Co O commencing on Friday before the first sunday in September AD 1897.

10th Chose A. B. Breese to write the circular letter next year.

11th Chose Eld Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year. B. F. Hutchinson Alternate

12th Chose the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes

13th Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with the Providence church on the second Sunday in June 1897 and Saturday before commencing at 10 o'clock A.M. The Ministering brethren of the Association to attend.

14th By motion and second. the Stillwater Church was droped from the Association.

15th Adjourned till tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M.

Saturday September 5th 1896.

Association met persuant to adjournment of yesterday. Opened by singing & prayer by the Moderator

1st Called for the circular letter which presented. read and received and ordered printed with the minutes

2nd Adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned next year

Eld B. F. Hutchinson Moderator

B. E. Ford. clerk.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Seventy Second aniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Refuge Church near Spencerville Allen Co. Ohio. On the 3rd 4th and 5th days of Sep. 1897.

1st Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. B F Hutchinson from Obadiah 1st. 17th

2nd The letters from the Churches was called for and read and the messengers names enrolled as follows.

Churches	Pastors	Messengers names	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	No Members	monthly meetings
Harmony		No Intelligence							
Providence	J. P. Peters	Intelligence by letter						18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford.	G. B. Myers T. F. Myers	1					6	4
Sugar Creek.	J. G. Ford.	Eli Clevenger. Irvin Carter D B Buckles						24	2.
Refuge		C. G. Miller. Alice Hean Mary A Pendy Wm Count		Statistics with held					1
		Total amember members enrolled						49	

3rd Moved and siecnd that A. B. Breese be not received in the association Motion carried

4th Moved and siecnd that the letter presented by bro. C. G. Miller be accepted as the letter from Refuge Church. Motion carried

5th Chose Eld. B. F. Hutchinson Moderater and B. G. Ford clerk.

6th Invited breathren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council

7th Called for the circular letter which was prepared by Eld. Newton Peters and was read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.

8th Appointed a committee consisting of T F Myers D. B. Buckles and C. G. Miller to fill the stand during the association.

9th Appointed the same committee to receive contributions and disburse the same.

10th Appointed our next association to be held with Providence Church near Lightsville Dark Co. O. Commencing at 10 oclock. A.M. on Friday before the First Sunday in Sep. 1898

11th Chose Eld. Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year. Eld B. F. Hutchinson alternate.

12th Chose Eld. B. F. Hutchinson to write the circular letter next year.

13th Chose the clerk to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes.

14th Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with Refuge Church in the first sunday in June 1898 and Saturday before commencing at 10 oclock A.M the ministering breathren of the association to attend

15th Association adjourned to time and place above stated.

B. G. Ford, Clk. B. F. Hutchinson Mod.

Minutes of the Seventy Third Aniversaity of the Greenville Association of the Regular Predestinarian Baptists convened with Providence Church near Lightsville Dark Co. Ohio Sep. 3rd 4th and 5th 1898.

1st The Introductory discourse was delivered by Eld Newton Peters

2nd The letters from the churches composing the Association were called for and read and messengers names enrolled as follows. viz

Churches	Pastors	Messengers names	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by lett.	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	No. meetings
Harmony	J. P. Peters.	G D Peters Wm Hance	0	0	0	0	0	6	4
Providence	J P Peters	L Stevens Ira Adamson J. P Peters.	1	0	0	0	0	17	2
Darby Run	J. E. Ford,	F F Myers E.D. Myers	0	0	0	0	0	7	4
Sugar Creek.	J E Ford.	Eli Clevenger B. E. Ford D. B. Buckles	0	0	0	0	1	24	2
Refuge	B F Hutchinson	Alice Miller Mary Purdy Alice Dean	0	0	0	0	0	6	1

3rd By Motion and vote agreed to continue business before intermission.

4th Chose Eld Newton Peters Mod. and B. E. Ford Clerk

5th Invited brethren and sisters of our faith and order to seats with us in counsel

6th Called for circular letter which was read. received and ordered printed with the minutes

7th. Moderator appointed a committe consisting of L. Stevens F. F. Myers and Irvin Carter to select ministers to fill the stand during Association

8th Appointed same committee to recieve and disburse contributions.

9th Appointed our next association to be held with Sugar Creek Church near Rushmore O. commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in Sep 1899

10th Chose Eld. J. G. Ford to preach the introductory sermon next year. or in case of faiture P. T. Hutchins

11th Chose Eld Newton Peters to write the circular letter next year

12th Chose the clerk to Superintend the printing and distributing the minutes.

13th Yearly meetings are appointed to be held as follows.
Darby Run Church fourth Sunday and Saturday before in Oct A.D. 1898
Providence Church Second Sunday and Saturday before in June A.D. 1899.

14th Adjourned in love and fellowship to time and place appointed.

B. G. Ford clerk

Eld. Newton Peters Mod.

Minuts of The Greenville Assosiation

Minuts of the Seventeh Fourth Anversary of The Greenville Regularlar Predetinarian Baptist Assosiation held with the Sugar-crick Church in Putman Co. Ohio, on 1.2.3. of Sept. 1899.

1st. The Introductary Sermon was Preached by Elder J. G. Ford. from Isa 53-1

2. and Letters of the Different Churches composeing the Assosiation was calld for and read. and the Messingers Names were inrolled as follows

Church	Pastuer	Messengrs Names.	Recd by Bathism	Recd by Experience	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	No Meetings
Harmony	J. P. Peters	G. L. Peters. Wm. Hance	0	0	0	0	1	8	4
Providence	J. P. Peters	Newton Peters Ira Adamson & John P. Light	0	0	0	0	1	18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford	F. F. Myres Martha Myrs	0	0	0	2	0	5	4
Sugar Crick	J. G. Ford	G. B. Myres	0	1	0	0	24		2
Refuge	J. G. Ford	B. F. Hutchison. Harry Schluser. Irven Carter							1
		No Messengers							

3rd. Chosen Elder Newton Peters Moderator & G. L. Peters Clerk

4th Beathren & Sisters of the Same faith and order were invited to a Seat in Consel

5th Called for the Circular Letter wich was read and received and orderd Printed with the minuts

6th Committee appointed Consisting of J. P. Light William Hance and Irwin Carter to Select ministers to fill the Stand dureing the assosiation

7 the Appointed Same Committee to receive contribution and disbuse of Same

8 the Appointed Our next Assosiation to be held with the Darby run Church at Galloway Franklin Co Ohio Commenceing on the Friday before the first Sunday in Sept ~~1900~~ Sund

9 the Appointed Eldr Newton Peters to Preach introductary Sirmon next Yeare. J. G. Ford in case of failure.

10 the Chose Eldr B. F. Hutchison to write the Circular letter for next Yeare.

11 the Chose Clerk and Wm. Hance to Superentend the printing and distribution of the Minuts.

12 the Appointed a Yearly Meeting to be held with the Providence Church near Lightsville Dark Co Ohio on the Seckond Sunday of may 1900. and Satturday before. Also appointed a Yearly meeting to be held with the Sugar Crick Church in Putman County Ohio, on the Seckond Sunday in June 1900. and Satturday before.

13 the Adjurned untill time and place appointed.

G. D. Peters Clerk. Newton Peters moderater

Minutes of the Seventy fifth aniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with Darby Run Church in Galloway Franklin Co O. on Aug 31st & Sep 1st & 2nd 1900.

1st Introductory sermon was preached by Eld Newton Peters

2nd Called for the letters from the Churches which was read and messengers names enrolled as follows

Churches	Pastors	Messengers names	Recd by Baptism	" " Letter	Dism " "	Excluded	Deaths	No of Members	time of meeting
Harmony	J P Peters	G D Peters	0	0	0	0	1	7	4
Providence	J P Peters	Newton Peters	1	0	0	0	1	18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford.	F F Myers G. B. Myers	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
Refuge	J G Ford	C. G. Miller Alice Miller	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
Sugar Creek	J G Ford	J. G. Ford, D B Buckles							
		B. F. Hutchinson Irvin Carter	0	0	0	0	0	24	2
		Totals	1				2	60	

3rd by motion and second Eld Newton Peters was chosen Mod and B. G. Ford Clerk.

4th By motion and second Bro G. D. Peters was received as messengers from Harmony Church.

5th By motion and second Eld Newton Peters was recd. as messenger from Providence Church

6th By motion and second J. G. Ford D. B. Buckles Irvin Carter and B F Hutchinson was received as messengers from Sugar Creek Church.

7th Invited brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

8 Called for the Circular Letter which was read and refered to a committee consisting of J. G. Ford C G Miller and F. F. Myers to be revised if necessary and present the same for reading to morrow.

9th Aponted a committee consisting of S.D. Peters Irvin Carter and T.T. Myers to arrainge the preaching during the association

10th Appointed same committe to receive and disburse contributions

11th Appointed the Association to meet with Refuge church near Spencerville O. begining on Friday before the first Sunday in Sep. 1901

12th Chose Eld J.G. Ford. to Preach the introductory sermon next year, Eld Newton Peters alternate

13th Chose Eld Newton Peters to write the cronlar letter next year.

14th Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with Sugar Creek church on the Second Sunday and Saturday before in May 1901 also with Providence church on the third sunday and saturday before in June 1901.

15th Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 oclock A.M.

Sunday Sep. 2nd met persuant to adjournment.

1st Opened by singing and prayer

2nd Called for the second reading of circuler letter which was read and received and ordered printed with the minutes

3rd Adjourned to time and place next year.

Newton Peters Mod

B.G. Ford. clerk.

Minutes Of the Seventy Sixth university of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Refuge Church neer Spencerville Allen Co. O.

Aug' 30-31- & Sept 1st 1901

1st Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld' Newton Peters From Jermiah Chapter 9 verse 1-2.

Churches	Pastors	Mesengers Names	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Letter dismissed by	Excluded	Died	No of Minutes	Time of Meeting
Harmoney		G D Peters						7	4
Providence		Newton Peters Florence Peters					1	17	2
Darby Run	F. Mc Glade	F F Myers Marth Myers Alice Wein						5	4
Refuge	J G Ford	C G Miller Alice Miller						6	1

2nd By motion and second Eld Frank Mc Glade was chosen Moderator and C G Miller Clerk

3rd Called for the letters from the Churches which was read and mesengers names Enroled as follows

4th Moved and second that the Shugar Creek Church be droped from our minutes

5 Called for the Sircular letter which was read and orded in the hands of the committy Said committy cosisting of C G Miller F F Myers and N. Peters

6th Apointed a committy cosisting of G D Peters F F Myers Wm Cort to arange the Preaching during the meeting

7th Apointed the same committy to recive and disburse Contributions

8th Apointed the association to meet with

the Darby Run Church next year
9th Choose Eld. Frank Mc Glade to preach the Introductory Sermon next year and B F Hutchinson in case of failure
10th Choose C G Miller to write the Circular letter next year
11th Moved and Second that we record on our Minutes the Memorial of Eld. Jno Peters
12th Moved and Second that the Circular letter be printed in the Minutes
13th Moved and second that the Clk see to the printing and distributing of the Minutes
14th Moved and Second that a Memorial of the Late Henry Hole be recorded in our Minutes and extended to the family
15th Moved and Second that we adjourn to time and place next year

Frank Mc Glade Moderator
C G Miller Clerk

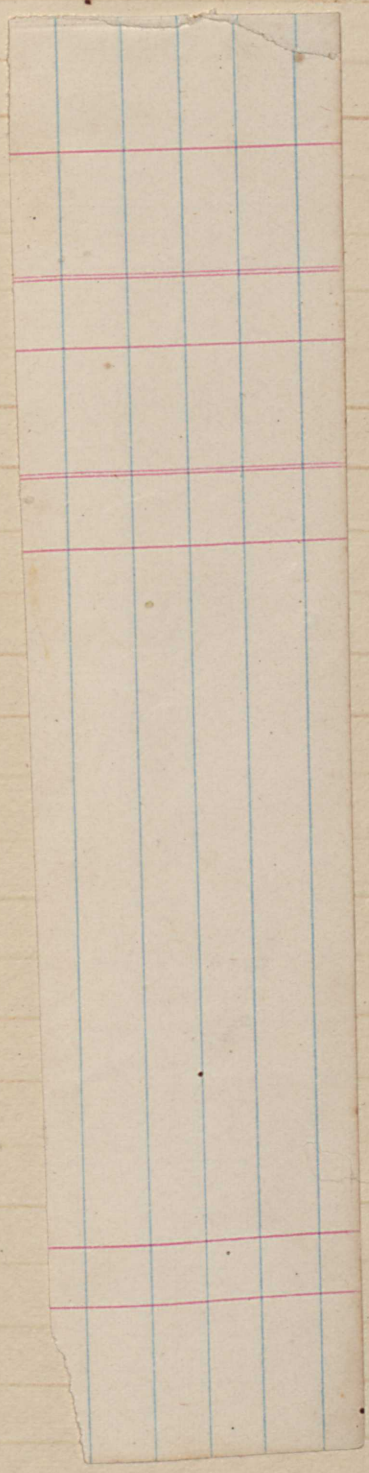
Darby Run Church

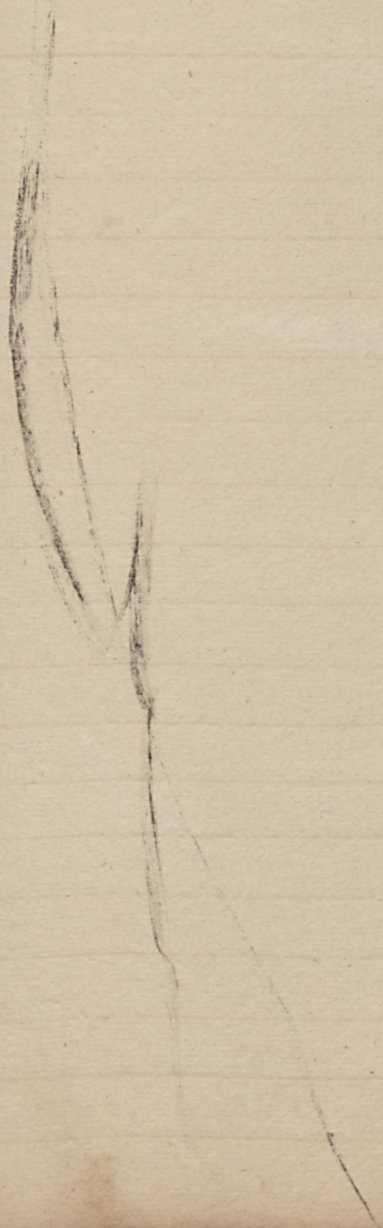
Association Met at F F Myers house
near Galloway Franklin Co. Ohio.
September 5-6-7- 1902.

The Association to meet next year
with The Refuge Church Allen Co. O.
on the first Sunday in September
and Friday & Saturday before.

The Clerk to send a notice to the
Signs of The Times Announcing the
time and plac of said Association
C G Miller Clerk
Frank Mc Glade Mod.

Association Met with Refuge
Church at C G Miller house in
Lima Allen Co. Ohio Sept 3-4-5 1903
The Association to meet at
C. G. Miller House with Refuge Church
next year Sept 1904 commencing
on frida befor the first Sunday
and continue 3 days
The Clerk to send a notice
to the Signs of The Times
next year announcing the
time and place of meting
C. G. Miller Clerk.





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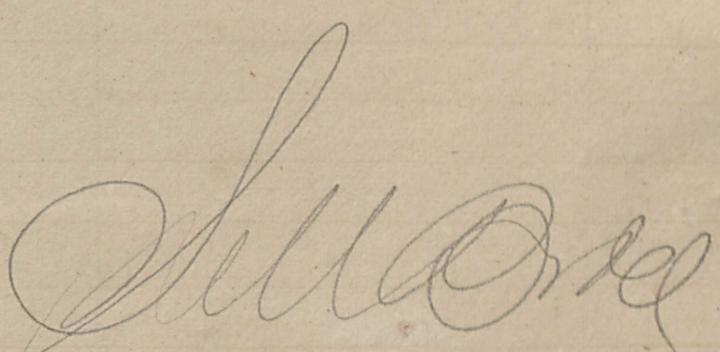
Frank McDade Mod

per order
F. F. Myers Clerk



Expenditures of the Greenville baptist Association

For printing Minutes	$
In the year 1826	3..50
For a Book of Records	8..25
	6 75
For printing Minutes	
in the year 1827	3..50
	10..25
For printing Minutes	
for the year 1828	3..50
	13 75
For printing Minutes	
for the year 1829	3..75
Paid John Stigleman	
for services rendered the Assn.	4..4½
	21..54½
For printing minutes	
for the year 1831 --	4..
Paid John Stigleman	1..28¾
	26 28¾
For printing Minutes	
for the year 1832	4 00
Paid John Stigleman	.. 21¼
	31..04½
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Balance up to 1834	....
John Stigleman	

Middle fork White water	.. 25
Liberty — —	.. 37½
Friendship — —	.. 37½
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The Contributions one in the Table of Minutes

W. H. Rust

Contribution of the Different Churches. G. A.

Still Water Church	$ .. 62½
Dry Fork of Twin	.. 75
Greenville	81¼
Ebenezer	1.50
East Fork of White Water	.75
October Sepion 1826	4.48¾
Dry Fork of Twin, for a book for the records	.. 37½
Ebenezer	.. 75
Still Water	.. 25
East Fork of White Water	.. 18¾
Walands Fork	.. 25
Concord	.. 18¾
Greenville	6¼
August Sepion 1827	6.50
Still Water	.. 50
Dry Fork of Twin	.. 50
Greenville	.. 68¾
Ebenezer	.. 87½
East Fork of White Water	.. 50
Walands Fork	.. 75
Concord	50
[illegible]	10.81¼
Still water	.. 50
Dry fork of Twin	.. 75
Greenville	.. 50
Ebenezer	.. 62
East fork of White Water	.. 68
Walands fork	.. 75
Concord	.. 60
Middle fork of White water	.. 25
August Sepion 1829	15.67
Still Water	.. 75
Dry Fork of Twin	.. 75

Greenville	$ .. 50
Ebenezer	.. 75
East Fork of White water	.. 75
Walands Fork	.. 62½
Middle Fork of White water	.. 25
Concord	1 .. 00
Liberty	.. 50
The contribution for the year 1830 was lost or misplaced nevertheless it was merely sufficient to defray the expences that year	21 .. 54½
August Sepion 1831	
Still water —	.. 50
Dry fork of Twin	.. 50
Greenville —	.. 50
Ebenezer —	.. 62½
East fork of White water	.. 50
Walands fork —	.. 60
Concord —	.. 75
Middle fork of White water	.. 87½
Liberty —	.. 43¾
Friendship —	.. 50
	5. 28¾
	21 54½
August Sepion 1832	26 83¼
Still water —	.. 31¼
Dry fork of Twin	.. 50
Greenville —	.. 40
Ebenezer —	.. 75
East fork White Water	.. 37½
Walana fork	.. 29
Concord	.. 62½

Carried over

Stillwater	0 50
Harmony	1.00
Providence	3.85
Darbyville	3.00
Ebenezer	1.25
Refuge	1.75
	11.35
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Copy of the last Minute of the Mad River Association

Friday September 9-10-11. 1887.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory d... on was p... ...ph. 2.19. ...alled ...ues ...big.

Churches

Harmony no intelligence

Providence

Darby Run

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Refuge Church

2 By motion and second B G Ford was chosen clerk

3 by motion and second Eld Newton Peters was chosen mod

4 Brethren and sisters of the same faith and order invited to an seat in council.

5 adjourned to meet at 1.30 P.M.

Meeting ... Before.

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J. F. Myers

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Harmony no intelligence
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6 Met persuant to adjournment
7 called for the circular letter which was read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.
8 Appointed a committee consisting of G D Peters Irvin Carter & T. T. Myers. to fill the stand with minister during the association
9 The same to receive and distance contributions
10 Appointed the assoc. to meet with Refuge church near Spencerville, begining on friday before the 1st sunday in Sep 1901
11 Appointed Eld J. G. Ford to preach the int. sermon next y. Eld N Peters in case of failure

appoints Eld Newton Peter to write the
cir letter ~~[illegible]~~ next year.
Appoints the clerk, to sup the printing
and dis of the minutes.
Appointed a yearly meeting to be held
at providence on the Third sunday and S
before in June 1901 also with Sugar Creek
on the second sunday and sat before in May
1901

The Church Called Darby. run situated at Galoway Franklin Co. Ohio

Sendeth her Epistle of Love to the Ministers & Messengers Comp the Old School Predestinarian Baptist ass Composing the Greenville Old School Baptists association when met with the Darby Run Church

Dear Brethren we are at peace & Love with Each other. we have Meeting as often as our Pastor Eld J. G. Ford Can meet with us. and acosionably with us.

our number is as we last met you

being 5 members. our Meeting days are on the 4th Sunday of Each Month and Saturday before.

T. F. Myers
G. B. Myers } Messengers

History of the Committees investigation of the matter called for by the Refuge Church concerning Eld. A.B. Brees and the Jenning Creek Church.

Spencerville, O. June 14th 1887

Opend by singing and prayer by Eld. George Cottrell. Committee organized by choosing Eld J. P. Peters Moderater and Uriah Trumbo Clerk. Messengers present. Mad River Association viz Jenning Creek church. J. R. Miller. John. R. Miller. M. Weaver. and Jerusa Ann. Weaver Sugar Creek Church J. Rinner. G. Miller. Uriah Trumbo and J. G. Ford. Tompson Church. David Seitz and Samuel Seitz Greenville Association Refuge Church. Susanna Place. Mary Ann Purdy L. N. Holowa. K. L. Brees Hariet Brees A B Brees and Nancy A Covalt Still Water Church. George. Cottrell. Harmony Church. Jessie C. Line. Providence Church J. P. Reeters.

Eld. J. G. Ford the Moderator of the Refuge Church. Stated the object of the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the Church relative to the matter

Wharenpon the Clerk of the Church (Protemn) read the minuts of April 30th 1887.

Brother Ford. Stated That he had presented the letter of Refuge Church the Jennings Creek Church. Stated that Jenning Creek Church took no notice of the case

Resolve That as the Jenning Creek Church has refused to heed the call of the Refuge Church asking for a statement of the reason of droping fellowship with one of our members. That we as a church call for the several Churches of the Greenville and Mad River Association. to send messengers to hear what evidence can be brought before them from bothe sides and invite Jenning Creek Church to send such evidence as shall be in their possession in the case. The said Churches to deside the case at their meeting following said hearing.

Said meeting to be held on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in June next.

Carried. Resolve That Brother J G Ford send the request to the Churches. Carried

J G Ford Moderator

A B Breck Clerk (Protemn)

Joseph R. Miller. Then presented and read a manuscript of charges against A B Breck which he ~~requested as the general agreement of the members of the Church.~~

members of the Church.
A.B. Brees called for them to prove the items read in the charge.

Moderator ruled that the reports from Jenning Creek be received as the general agreement of the Church but not the act.

Motion and second that we Adjourn for dinner carried.

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After taking some refreshments the house was called to order. The above manuscript was read which are as follows.

Evidences for not heeding the call of the Refuge Church. When A.B. Brees came from Michigan we were all in peace and fellowship. And he clamined that we were all in fellowship except the Mount Moriah Church. which was a recognized Church. And he caused a devision among them and such as would be baptised again. he constituted in to the Refuge Church: and we helped him so their would be fellowship. And he preached for us and broke bread. and communed with us. He then wanted the Refuge and the Jenning Creek Church to unite but he found they were all opposed to it so he droped that. Then he wanted to trade two of their members for Brother John R. Miller. and Sister Miller: Brother Miller was opposed to it he said if he could not a home with Jenning Creek Church he would ~~not~~ have

one home at all. A. B. Brees. would tell us to watch over him. We then took Brother Sisty back for our Paster. A.B. Brees. said that was all right but we done wrong in having a preferance for preacher. Now the fifth Sunday meeting were established with the four Churches because they were all in fellowship next he began at Brother Miller because he absented himself at communion at the Refuge Church. Brother Miller. said he was to unworthy and he had nothing against him neither the order of the Church and he begged at him to say no more about it and he would make no trouble about it. He told some of the others members of the Jenning Creek Church that he would bring a charge against him. we begged at him not to do so for he sometimes did not commune with us and we found no fault with him. And we admonished him to let it alone as it would make trouble but he would tell us to watch over him. Then he presented a long manuscript to read but the Church refused to hear it and begged at him to drop it and come and preach Christ to us and we would receive you. He coaxed and begged at us to hear it saying their is something more than you know of. He was back at the next meeting and presented the the same to be read the Church gave him

lief which was a charge against Brother Miller for not communing with the Refuge Church and for prefering the Deming Creek Church.

the. Church refused to have any thing to do with it. He would not submit to our decision but he would be back nearly every meeting a medleing about it and wanted to have a rehearing untill our meeting became almost a dread to us for he charged us of wilfully rejecting the order of Gods house and he charged us of being out of order

(3)

when he came from Mishigan. Now if this is so the Wad. River. and Greenville Association are both out of order. If the Ark does better we had better not tutch it there he brought a manuscript. Conditions for us to comply with one was if we over in fellowship with the Refuge Church we must state it in writing but if their is any member that we do not fellowship we must deal with that member (This we have done) (by droping A.B Breer) He charges Brother Seitz of stigmatizing the brotherhood for preaching the Absalute Predestination of all things and he requires of us to stop him. He charges him with other things. Reffrence to A Seitz long letter also demands of us to give him an assurance that Elder Seitz will hereafter observe the law of Christ and try to have peace and fellowship with the brotherhood. We will do no sutch a thing for that would then make us liars. Is a servent in

his place when he is always hunting up jobs for his boss to do And he charged same of us of being liars and hypocrits. The objects to be tried at the Jennings Creek Church. he said They will not give him justice. Did the Church authorize A.B.Brees. to bring That charge against John R. Miller. in the first place so he could get up a dession and strife among the Churches.

After reading and discusing four items Joseph R. Miller stated That all this writing was not the charge against Eld. A.B.Brees but that he had a coppie of The Charges as recorded on the Church book

The Committee therefore ruled out all of the manuscript presented. And the Jenning Creek Church wer called for and a coppy read by Joseph R Miller.

Records of the Jennings Creek Church

October 16th 1886

Church meet as usual Preaching by Samuel Seitz our Pastor and moderator (1st) Business of the Church called for. The minuts of the last was Read. Reffearnce was taken up concerning A.B.Brees: Charges against bro John R Miller which he brought in June and July 1885 which the Chirch thought not voted to would would

worthy of action so they unanimously have nothing to do with it. But he not submit to the dessision but be back meeting after meeting to have

a rehearing and charged the Church of knowing that they was out of order and some of them of leeing and brought charges against Eld. Seitz He also charges the church of being out of order ever since he come from Michigan.

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2nd Joseph. R. Miller. was chosen Moderator Protem. A motion and second was made that we drop fellowship with A. B. Brees with some remarks the vote was taken which was ~~taken~~ unanimous. No other buisness closed in order Joseph R Miller Moderator and Clerk. Protem.

Eld. Uriah Trumbo asked if the Church had labord with Bro Brees and give a hearing Joseph. R. Miller. Stated he was not labored. But cut off as an offence not considering it nessarry to deal with him.

Eld Trumbo Spoke on the nesesity of the true order to be observed under all circumstances.

Eld Samuel Seitz spoke on their believing in Church rights stating that Eld Trumbo believed the same thing To which Eld Trumbo replied only in local affairs when it did not involve fellowship To which Eld Seitz agreed.

Eld A. B. Brees then spoke on the items in the charges against him.

Claiming that as he felt that he had just and certain grounds for a charge a gainst Bro. John R. Miller. That he could not conciencously refuse to act faithfully in discharging of his duty to preserve the fellowship of the brotherhood. He explained that as it was claimed that John R. Miller had refused to commune with the Jenning Creek Church for a good many years - many times that they knew that they had him out of order by allowing it with out trying to remove the cause.

Eld A B Brees asked bro Miller why he did not commune with the Jenning Creek Church. He said he had trouble with a member there (perhaps ment himself) He said he did not blame Eld Brees for what he had done. Indicating a good felling toward him. He. (Eld Brees) also defended his right and property in laboring with Eld Samuel Seitz for he had departed from his true authority as a moderator to rule and counsel in an unlawful and unjust manner against him and had derided his faith in Predestination of all things. As to the charge that he had accused some of them of lieing. He explained during the Council that. He had not charged them at Jenning Creek of lieing but acknowledge that whether purpesly or ignorantly they had misrepresented him. And as it was said during the council that he had accused them of being hypocrits and liars. he explained that when Eld E M Rees was hear he refered at his own

house that Bro John R. Miller.

said at his surprise Well I have a good many friends or else there are a good many hypocrits

Eld Brees claimed that he said in refference to that remarck that if there wer wer not so many hypocrits and liars there would not be so much trouble. this was at his own house.

He testifies that he had ben misrepresented but stated that he would be glad to feel that they wer mistaken and not wollfull.

Copy of letter from Deacon Wm Court stating that Eld A. B. Brees had labored with John R. Miller.

Day. Co. Ind June the 5th 1887.

Bro Brees I received yours a few days a go and was glad to hear from you. As you requested I will state that you took me with you to see bro John R. Miller and inquired of him as to his not communing with the Refuge Church. When asked by you the (reason) for his none communing with the Refuge Church bro Miller said that he did not wish to give his reason for so doeing. He said that he did not think that he ever would give reason for so dooing he told you that it was nothing that he had against you

The above is according to my recolection I may have forgotten something that was said I hope that I have made no mistatement. As to my comeing to the council I dont think I can. We are all well. Yours Truly

Wm Covert

Copy of charge against John R. Miller

Spencerville. Allen. Co. Ohio
Saturday June 20th 1885

Memorial to the Jenning Creek. Old Scool Predestinarian Baptist Church

Dear Breathren in the Lord

It is with feeling of mingled greif and reluctance that I feel to present to you the case of brother John R Miller. for whom I feel and have always felt the greatest regard as an aged brother in Christ. The relation however in which he is held by you as a member of your body and the relation that exist between us as Churches in fellowship requires of us as all in obedience to the laws of Christ to watch over one an other in love and in obedience to which I desire also to be in subjection. Therefore I humbly desire of you to bear with me while I present my grievance and then judge as to the propriety of hearing my further defence in regard to the points involved in the case.

First I charge upon brother John R. Miller. a violation of the covenant of faithfullness enjoined upon the desciples in regard to the partaking of the Holy Communion by refusing to partake of the same see Matt. 26:27 and he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them saying drink ye all of it" Also Mark 14-23 And he took the cup and when he had given thanks he gave it to them and they all drank of it."

Second. Brother John R. Miller has in violation of the laws of Jesus recorded in the 18th Chapter of Matthew refused to labor with the Church or the members there of as the case may be to the end that all bar to communion should be removed (If sutch bar does exist between him and the Church or any member of it)

Third. We have both privatly and in the presants of two witness (one of our own Church (Refuge) and one of your Church (Jenning Creek) labored in love with our esteemed brother John R. Miller to try to gain his consent to try and obtain a better feeling by faithfullness to our Church or the members (if there exist any cause for his state of mind.)

Fourth. Therefore feeling as I do that the future state of fellowship so much to be desired depends under the grace of God preparing our heart with love upon the true and faithfull hearing to the laws of Christ.

in all our Holy relationship one with another.
And I therefore beseech you breathren to exert the
same watchcare over our brother that I ask you
to faithfully bestow upon me and labor for the
restoration of that fellowship between our brother
and the Refuge Church that I had thought to
exist at the first. Knowing that if our brother
has not sufficient grounds upon which to
refuse to commune with us such refusal
subjects him as an offender against us: Since he
has signified that he feels a difference between the
two Churches which feeling in its self is an
actual violation of the bonds of brotherhood
As Paul admonished Timothy saying.
"I charge the before God and the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the Elect Angels that thou observe
these things without prefering one before another
doeing nothing by partiality." 1 Tim 5-21.
James also says "but if ye have respect of per-
sons ye commit sin and are convinced of the
law as Transgressers." Jas. 2-9. Thus dear brother
I feel to say to you that if brother John R. Miller.
or any other brother in the Deming Creek Church
has any grievance against the Refuge Church or
any member of it, I trust they will be glaly
heard. for it is my desire to cultivate that spirit
of brotherly faithfulness that shall tend to remove
all obsticles out of the way of perfect fellowship.
let all things be done decently and in order.
1st Cor 14-40. Praying that you as a Church call
upon brother Miller to appear and answer to the charges

herein set forth to you I subscribe myself your humble brother in hope. A. B. Brees.

In order to show that the Jenning Creek Church or its Clerk misrepsented Eld A. B. Brees. charge against John R. Miller. Eld Brees read a coppy of the Jenning Creek Church record which stated that he labord with brother John R. Miller. For having a prefferance for the Jenning. Creek Church (for a home) the words (for a home) in perenthasis were crossed out at Eld Breses request and correction afterwards.

Eld J. G. Ford. stated that he had labored with brother John R. Miller. and knew that the cause of his not communing was not on account of his unworthyness.

The charge against Eld A. B. Brees. for bringing charges against Eld A. Seity was answerd by Eld A. B. Brees. by stating that he had tried to labor with him but was not heard. David Seity said that he did not know what was said when Eld Brees went to him alone but when he came with his witnesses he (David) being in company with Eld Seity at the time they met said that Eld. Brees failed to tell Eld Seity any thing. and when he come to the Church he also failed to tell any thing there. Then Eld Toombs was called upon who was one of the witnesses in the case after explaining how he come to be present at that meeting having no knowledge

of what was wanted of him until called upon
Stated that when they went to meet Eld Seitz who
was on his way to the Scool house. meet in the
some distance from the house and Eld Seitz
hurried past giving no opurtunity for Eld Brees
to talk with him then Eld Brees called to him
saying he would like to have a little interview
with him. to which he replied that "I do no
want any thing to do with you" Then after
walking a few paces further turned and said
You are allways meddling yourself about that
which is none of your business causing
trouble wheare ever you go And you now
have arreigned an inocent old brother in the
Jenning Creek Church to screen a disorderly
member in your Church. To which Eld
Brees said to us I will not offer railing
for railing. After returning to the house some
one propsed to sing a hymn Eld Seitz refused
to preach so their was no preaching neither
did they organize but David Seitz Interogated
Eld A. B. Brees. Concerning the diffaculty
to which he replied that it did not involve
the Jenning Creek Church but was
personal between him and Eld Seitz. who
immediatly commanded him to shut
up he would not have it and a second time
he commanded him by saying I have
nothing against you so shut up" Not deeming
it properly laid before the Church So Eld. Brees
attended their next meeting and tried To lay
The matter befor the Church and was Ruled down

by Eld Seitz who was moderator

The following is a letter sent to Eld Seitz by A.B. Brue. containing greivences.

Eld A.B. Brue. to Eld Samuel. Seitz.

Spencerville. O. May 16th 1886.

Eld Samuel Seitz Dear brother In addressing you. on a matter relating to our mutual welfare and fellowship I desire first of all to be in a right fraime of mind with true and disentirested zeal and love for the truth only and a love for the general wellfare of all with whome we have so long bin in fellowship and while I desire in true brotherly love to call your attention to a few of your errors I wish also to remember my own frailty and liability to err in like manner and perhaps worse I feel also to ask you to be faithful towords me and withhold nothing that may disturb your mind in relation to true fellowship I wish to be as brief as posible and therefore will only say That the reason I write to you is because of lack of time to com before the last of this week and then I may be hindred from coming as I have of late failed to do as I had expected to before and I esire now not only to [illegible] wish of the Sugar Creek Church but also [illegible] desire to have as early

an understanding with my brethren as I possibly can I therefore hope you will answer my letter as soon as you can or if you can come and see me and I would trust that the Lord will guide us to a brotherly consideration of all matters relating to our better feeling. Dear brother I am aware that there are some things in which I may have misunderstood you but I have thought that there were some things in which you have had no regard for my feelings as a brother,

1st, You was the first one as moderator to oppose the hearing of my complaint against Brother John R. Miller. on the near grounds of it being in writing in relation to which I have only to say that I had only two motives in doing so first because I aught to be held responsible for all my acts and second because it was the only way to preserve an exact record of the business.

2 I felt grieved at the lightenous of certain remarks that you made at Sister Berry's in relation to the doctrin of Predestination of all things saying if it was Predestinated that any body should act disorderly" (or to that effect) "I aught not to labor with them for they could not help it" Now Dear brother I wish to ask if you think it brotherly to deride my faith in that manner since you know that has bin a long established article of belief among the old Scotch Baptist long before either of us were members and that it is [illegible]

not to make it a subject of confusion
amongst the brotherhood but while I feel the
full spirit of gospel liberty to proclaim it yet
as I have always felt in my heart to bear
with those who are weak in the faith I can-
not but feel greived when one of our minister-
ing brethren for whom I had always cherished
such kind regards as for you and from
whome I had hoped to receive the sweet suport
and cooperation in the gospel truth and
order can make light of my faith when
I am allready in deep distress and rather need a
brotherly word of counsil and suport in the truth.
Dear brother while I have been trying in my weak
way to call the attention of the brethren and sisters
to the need of Gospel order for true fellowship,
This doctrin has most sweetly come to my heart
with solace and while I have had to mourn over
present sorrow I have bin made to rejoice
that God worketh all things after the counsel of
his own will. And ler desired to know what the
will of the Lord is concerning me.
If I am not desieved I wish not to have my
own will only as it is made obedient to the
will of my blessed master,
3rd, I have understood the principle drift-
of your remarks on order to convey the idea that
it made but little or no difference about
how often the Church communed or whether
all of the members did or not I also
understood you to refer to the order of the Church
when you preached here (at Spencer's)

In a figure about walking on the Railrode saying you thought it better to walk a little one side than to walk in the center in the mud.

Dear Brother ought we not to remember that our blessed master has said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least commandments and teach men so shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 5-19 Again "I said unto you that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharisee ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven" Now If Jesus ever instituted his supper for the Church it is evident that He designed it to be repeatedly observed for "He said as oft as ye do it" This shows that it was oft to be done and that there was more to be expected

He said "Drink ye all of it" matt. 26-27. This is his commandment and they all obeyed for "They all drank of it" mark 14-23, Dear brother now what shall we teach shall we teach that the Church can step a side with impunity and walk out side of the path that jesus laid down? or shall we be faithfull and exort entreat reprove and if need be rebuke the Dear saints in love for their departure from the Lord's commandments instead of allowing that they may walk aside from them? I know Dear brother

that mud sometimes gets in the path of the brotherhood but we never find it in the Lord highway unless they carry it in on their dirty feet by stepping a side from his commandments and when they try to substitute some excuse or plea or work that Jesus never gave them

Dear brother I do not wish to weary you but I do wish for your colabs of love in trying to have the Churches walk as becometh saints in all the ordinances of the Lords house blameless and in seeing that the brotherhood are endevering to walk together in the spirit of unity and in the bond of peace. Watching over them as stewards that must give an account to the master for our faithfullness.

Dear brother I have but few words to say of what I have done. I know that I have wished well for zion. And when I saw facts that proved that there was a barr of fellowship between brother Miller and one member at least of Refuge Church and after years of effort to have the dear old brother persue an orderly course for restoration of fellowship I could not after sutch long suffering do otherwise. but as to the Jenning creek Church I would wish to still cherish their fellowship if it can be done in honor to our blessed masters commandments however sutch they may see me I wish them no ill

I only marvel that you and they made me an enemy for the truth sake.
But dear brother if you are sincere the time will come when you will only be glad that I have had no respect for my own life.

With humble sincerity I hope I can subscribe my self your brother in bonds of affliction

= A. B. Brees.

Eld Samuel Seitz enquired why Eld A. B. Brees did not come to him before he did and cast the reflection that there was an understanding with him and the Sugar Creek brethren And David Seitz called it a "Conspiracy" Eld Brees replied it was because there was so much trouble at Jenning Creek that he wished it settled first and also wanted to use long suffering and said there is a time to speak and a time to refrain from speaking but he felt grieved at Eld Seitz usage and could not fell well until it was settled. Eld Seitz denied that his ruling against hearing Eld Brees's writing read being on the mear grounds of its being in writing he said they wanted Eld Brees to tell the substance to the Church first

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but he refused He thought a charge aught to be in writing Eld Seitz admited that he had spoken in a jocular manner about Predestination of all things and said that was a very common fault of his that was his way and seemed to regret it Eld Brees manefested a willingness to forgive but Eld Seitz showed no further care but used indecent and offencive language afterwards Charging Eld Brees with holding that God made men to do wickedly also blamed him for defending the doctrin of Predestination of all things in a Correspondence with Eld Lewis Seitz.

Charged Eld Brees with being jelous Eld Brees called upon Eld Uriah Trumbo. to state the conversation that he had with Eld Seitz at Columbus Grove to show that there was good grounds for jealousy. Eld Trumbo related that Eld Seitz said on his return from Sandusky Association that they good preaching And he could not see why we could not correspond with Sandusky. Eld Trumbo said he labored to show Eld Seitz that the mean Baptist were like foxes they would be very carful till they got brethren amongst them and then begin to work them a gainst preaching the doctrin

referd also to his experiance amongst them Eld Seitz denied it, Eld, Brees. also testified to the treatment that he had received at Jenning Creek by Eld Seitz against the Doctrin to show that he felt that he had cause for jelousy Also referd to his confession at this counsil that he had treated the doctrin of Predestination in a light manner; and that he had left the proper functions of his office to ill treat him. Eld Samuel Seitz claimed that he intended to advocate the necesity and order of all members to commune but if they did not once in a while he thought they aught to be delt with lightly or to that effect. A B Brees said But it should be remembered that this was not the point in ishew but a persistant and manifest disregard of the order of God house that caused him to labor with Brother John R Miller and for which labor he (Brees) was droped from the fellowship of Jenning Creek Church.

Coppy of Eld A.B. Brees. Propoposition of settlement Saturday before the third sunday in September 1886 to the Old scool P. B. Church called Jenning Creek situated in Vanwirt Co) O.. I feel to present you this statement

of grevances that I have against you as a body and as individual members who's acts have bin disordly and publicly manifested against me in the following particulars

1st When I presented a statement of grevances against Bro John R Miller for continuasly refusing to commune with the Refuge C hurch on account of some trouble with some members in the Refuge Church and refusing to take steps to have that cause removed in Gospel order the said Jenning Creek Church refused to hear my humble effort for the peace and fellowship of the two Churches on the ground that my charge was in writing and at the next meeting in course voting to hear it read but after it was read unanimously voted to have nothing to do with the case as they claimed it was not worthey of action thus holding my desire for order and fellowship in contempt even after I had to there knowledge proceeded in Gospel order to labor with Brother John R. Miller, to have him proceed in order for a restoration of his fellowship with the Refuge C hurch or its members so that he could commune

And since Bro John R. Miller has in the presance of three witness stated that caise or trouble was settled between him and a member of the Refuge Church (which ~~this~~ settlement was since my labor and appeal to the Jenning Creek Church) certain members of the Jenning Creek Church have denied That such settlement was affected and there by endeavored to prevent the peacefull restoration of order and have further misrepsented me in relation to the cause of my action in the case by claiming that I labored with Bro John R. Miller in order to get him to join the Refuge Church which I hear by deny and further assert that I have given the Jenning Creek Church no cause to judge in that manner.

2nd Members of Jenning Creek Church took action at the Mad River Association to make public display of there disorder by publishing there dissatisfaction with me when they had not first labored with me for a reconciliation nor had they even preferd a charge against me in the order of Mathew 18 Chapter but sought to privatly injure me in the Association as a Corresponding messenger by secretly instructing the committee or one of them at least to not have me preach on the stand which is only charge as a disregard of the authority and fellowship of the Greenville Association and not me my

own interest as I could gladly regard all orderly objection to my occupying the stand, and if I had felt that the Church had any real cause of grievance against me I should have refused to have preached untill the cause was removed.

Proposition of Settlement

Now as I fel grieved in the foregoing particulars I will propose to the Church that if they will take a vote by a unanimous act of all the members of the Church that they are in full fellowship with all the members of the Refuge Church except myself or in case such fellowship cannot be felt by all the members of the Church that they will proceed in Gospel order to labor with any or all of the members of the Refuge Church for the restoration of such offending members of Refuge Church to their fellowship I will forgive all former acts relative to grievances hear in set forth and will try to give all due satisfaction to the Church in all points relative to any act that I may have done the Church to specify their charges in writing and further say in relation to my charge against Eld Samuel Seitz that all I ask is an assurance that he will hear after endever to promote the peace and

And since Brother John R Miller was in the presence of three witness stated that cause or trouble was settled between him and a member of the Refuge Church which settlement was since my labor and appeal to the Jenning Creek Church)

Certain members of the Jenning Creek Church have denied that such settlement was effected

Fellowship of the Brotherhood by encouraging the faithful observence of the rules of Christ in Church order and peace to oppose or stigmatize the brotherhood for preaching the Absolute Predestination of all things and finley that in the end a statement be inserted in the record of said Church that all barr of fellowship is removed between them and the Refuge Church and all members there of.

The Jenning Creek Church took no notice of this proposition.

By motion and second the Committe adjourned in order. J. P Peters Mod

Uriah Trumbo Clerk

Remarks by the Clerk of the committee. The forgoing report is principly made up of copyed manuscript letters and records which are in the possesion of brethren and Churches and can be compared with this report The testimony That is given in this report is done to the best of our knowledge And is subject to correction.

Uriah Trumbo Clerk

We request of the Churches to send their session to the Clerk. Uriah Trumbo. River Putnam Co, O. and he will compile them together and return each Church a copy

Copy of the last Minute of the Mad River Association

Friday September 9-10-11. 1887.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Uriah Trumbo from Eph. 2.19. The letters from the several churches wer called for and read and their messengers names enroled with the statistics of the Churches viz.

Churches	Counties	Pastors	Messengers Names	Received by Baptism	Received by Relation	Excluded	Died	No of members	Meeting days
Jenning Creek	Van Wert	S. Seitz	Josep R. Miller.				1	11	3
Miami	Shelby		J A Lippencott					14	11
Sugar Creek	Putnam	J G Ford	J Rimer U Trumbo G. Miller & H Morris	2	2		1	20	2
Tompson	Putnam	S Seitz	S Seitz. D Seitz J Blosser				1	9	4
Fairfield	Lenewe		J W Vine			1		9	1

The messengers then repaired to Bro J Rimer house. Singing and prayer by Bro Jesse C Line.
The roll was then called and the messengers resoponded
The propriety of disbanding the Association was discuss and as all of the messengers wer in favor of doing so Eld Uriah Trumbo made the motion to disband. J A Lippencott Second the motion and after some deliberation a vote was taken and carried. The Moderator then declared the Mad River Association disbanded in order

J G Ford Mod
Uriah Trumbo Clk

Jan. 5 1889.

Church met at A B Brees house.

After preaching by Elds I Cot & J. G. Ford, with remarks by Bro proceeded to business

1st Calle Brethren & sister of same faith & order to seats in council

2d Called for members to unite

3d Closed in order

J. G. Ford Mod

A. B. Brees.

April 1890 5 Met at A B Brees' The Moderator being absent on account of sickness, Services opend by Prayer Praise & Preaching By A B Brees. No Business, closed in order

May 3.d Church again, met at the usual place, Preaching by mod: followed by a few remarks by A B Brees. Ab

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Moved that Brother Brees be sustained.

Carried

Report of the Committee of Churches of Greenville & Broad River Associations, called by Regular Opp. was read

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Moved that Bro Brees act as assistant Clk.

June 4. 1898.

Church met as usual. Singing prayer & Preaching by Bro. J. P. Peters Bro. M Peters. and Bro B F Hutchinson. first invited Brethrn & Sisters of the same faith and order to a seats in counsil Door of the Church opend for the reception of Members closed by the Mod.

C G Miller Clk

B F Hutchinson Mod

Aug. 6-1898

Church met as usual opened by singing and prayer by Eld B F Hutchinson and preaching by the same First invited brethren of the same faith and order to a seats in Council Door opend for the receptions of members C. G. Miller chosen to write

the Letter to the association
a motion and second that
all of the members of the Refuge
Church present at the
association to be messengers

DEC 31. 1898.

Church met according
to previous to Arrangement of
last month Meeting opend by
Bro. B. F. Hutchinson with
singing and prayer
(1st) Called Bro. B. F. Hutchinson
Mod. (2nd) Bro. + Sis. Invited
Brethren of the same faith & order
to seats in counsil
3rd) Prayer opend for Resp.
of Members (4th) that there
be a revision of the minut
of last month be made.
the nature of this revision is
this Whereas A B Bree

Feb, 4th 1899

Church met as usual Meeting opend by Bro, B. F. Hutchinson by singing & prayr 1st Chors Bro. B. G. Ford. Moderator 2nd Bro, & sisters invited to seats in counsil 3rd Door opened for reception of Members 4th Minutes called for and read no other buisness closed by singing a hymne

C. G. Miller Clerk
B. G. Ford. Moderator

June 3d 1899

Church met as usual Meeting opened by singing and Prayers by Henry Hole and ~~Pre~~ Preaching By the same, no buysess closed in order

C. G. Miller Clk

August-5-1899-

Church met as usual at Two oclock Preaching by Eld J G Ford

Church called for the Letter to the association The Letter read and recived

C G Miller Clk

J G Ford Mod

Sept-30-1899.

Church met as usual. Church opend by singing and prayer) Preaching by the Mod. Door opend for reception of Members. Minute called for and read. no other business. Breathren & sister invited to seats in counsil

C G Miller Clerk

J G Ford Moderator

Spencerville Ohio

February 6th 1897

At our regular meetion on
Saturday I C. G. Miller
made a confession to the Church
that as I have bin your leader
in calling a buisness meeting
and so forth confess that it
was all wrong And as an
illustration Made use of the
1st chapter of The Acts of the
Apostles. Also in regard
to the Independance of
Churches That we was song

C G Miller

Feb 7th 1897.

To the Refuge Church

Brethren and Sisters it is with great feeling for the benefit of the people of God that I am compelled to be plain and faithfull to you, And as I have bin your leader in getting you in disorder I feel that as I humbly hope that God has revealed to me the injustice of our former and all actions done by the church is not and has not bin in accordence with the divine rule of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I withdraw all the actions that I have done or helped to do and to show you there

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has not bin one step taken in regard to the trouble that is among us in Gospel order quoting Math. 5. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the aulter and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee Leave there thy gift befor the aulter and go thy way first be reconciled to thy Brother and then come and offer thy gift; The savior command is very definet and positive what a brother must do in a case of this kind the savior does not say go and try to be reconciled, but it is a positive command go and be reconciled to thy brother neither does the savior say endevor to be reconciled, no but it is go and be reconciled

Neither does the savior say go and try to get thy brother reconciled to your ways but- the command is go and be reconciled to thy brother I understand that you are to go and be reconciled to your brothers ways as you have offended him it is not for you to try and get him to come to you but- you must conform to him This is the Savior rule and when ever we try to change it we are leaving Jesus and the gospel order of the church

Now we know that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar and we also know that Brother Brees has not been reconciled to Sister Senn as the Savior has commanded. And now the Church has taken it up contrary to the law or command of Christ and have made a motion and second that the Church restore Brother Brees to the liberty of the Church the records will show that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar [I will state here that as far as this is consumed is a step in the right direction but it never was completed] but has never as yet fulfilled the Saviors command and I

consider the Church is out of
place in what she has done
it is not in accordence with
the order of the Church of Christ
Therefore I consider the Church
has left us, if she continues
the course she has started
with. We have ben willing and
are yet willing to bear with the
Church if she will confess to
the wrong she has done to the
order of Gods house and be
willing to be humbled at the
feet of Jesus and let the two
parties that have ought against
each other come to gather
as the Savior has commanded. You know how that I have

confessed to you at both of our last meetings that I had done wrong in regard to this matter

C. S. Miller
Alice Miller

Note: I read as far as a line marked thus ——— and stoped for to make some remarks and after some talk and deliberation was asked to read it a gain as I had stoped for to make some remmarks expecting to read it all but was prohibited by the Church after they had granted me the privilige of reading it

Rushmore O. Feb 2nd 1899.

Brother Miller, I recd your card of Jan 30 yesterday glad to hear from you. We are well. I want to make one request of you. If you have time when you are in Lima, Please enquire for Mrs M. A. Lucas, (or it might be W. A. Lucas) I have an account against her for the Signs of $2.50 If you could see her, She may be a precious sister. I would love to know if there is one Old Baptist in Lima? There is one of a horse and two of a City. Yours to serve, (Lima is her address, She may not live in Lima.) J. G. Ford.

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C. G. Miller.

Spencerville.

Allen Co.

Ohio

Dec. 3 - 1898

Church met as usual by singing and Prayer and Preaching by Bro J G Ford
(2st) (1st) chose Bro J G Ford mod
invited Brethren of the same faith and Order to seats in council (2) Door opened for the Reception of Members
(3rd) Motion and second that the the Church withdraw the hand of fellowship from all thoes that fellowship A B Bruce

(5th) Choes Bro J G Ford Pastor of the Church for six Month

Oct 1st 1898 Church met as usual opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Hutchinson and preaching by the same and Bro. Ford and Hol after which proceded to business
1st Invited. Breatheren and sisters to seat in council
2d Door opened for reseption of members no busines closed by singing a hymn and prayer by Bro. Ford.

Nov. 5th 1898 Church met as usual by preaching by J. G. Ford and closed by sing and prayer by J. G. Ford

has bin walking in disorder and has drawn some ~~followers~~ in disorder with him and in withdrawing fellowship from thoes disordley members was omited in our last m. whoes names are recorded in our last meeting

MINUTES

OF THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REGULAR PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PROVIDENCE
CHURCH, NEAR LIGHTSVILLE, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO, ON THE
THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, AND THE FIRST AND
SECOND DAYS OF SEPTEMBER,

1894.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Ford.

2. The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for, presented and read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by Baptism	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	No. of Members	Contributions	Days of Meeting
Harmony	G. D. Peters, Wm. Hance, J. C. Line	2					10	200	
Providence	O. Peters, A. Peters	1					23		2
	N. Peters, Ira Adamson							300	
Darby Run	F. F. Meyers						7	125	
Refuge	Wm. Court, C. G. Miller	2							1
	A. B. Breese							200	
Sugar Creek	D. B. Buckles, J. G. Ford	2					25		2
	B. F. Ford							440	
Stillwater	No intelligence							25	
	Total	7					75	1240	5

3. Chose J. G. Ford, Moderator and J. P. Light, Clerk.

4. Invited Brethren of the same faith and order to seats in Council with us.

5. Opened the door for the reception of churches.

6. Called for the Circular Letter; presented, read and received, and ordered printed with the minutes.

7. Appointed a Committee consisting of Wm. Hance, F. F. Meyers and Wm. Courts to fill the stand with ministers during the Association.

8. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Sugar Creek church, Putnam county, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, of the year 1895.

9. Chose Elder A. B. Breese to preach the introductory sermon next year, and B. F. Hutchenson in case of failure.

10. Chose B. F. Hutchenson to write the circular letter for next year.

11. Appointed a committee consisting of O. Peters, B. G. Ford and C. G. Miller, to receive contributions and disburse the same.

12. Chose Newton Peters to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same.

13. Appointed a yearly meeting with the Sugar Creek church near Rimer, Putnam county, Ohio, commencing at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1895, Brethren A. B. Breese, B. F. Hutcherson, Newton Peters and J. P. Peters, to attend.

14. Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year.

J. G. FORD, Moderator.
J. P. LIGHT, Clerk.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Milton Byram, Fremont, Iowa.
J. G. Ford, Rushmore, Putnam Co., Ohio.
A. B. Breese, Spencerville, Ohio.
B. F. Hutchenson, Findley, Ohio.
J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio.

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Line, Sidney, Ohio.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE GREENVILLE ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH COMPOSED HER BODY SENDETH SALUTATION TO ALL THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH.

Brethren, we have great reason to continue steadfast in the love of Christ for we have abundant proof laid down in the Scriptures that our doctrine is the doctrine fully laid down in the inspired record. If the the Lord enables me to set it forth in this short epistle I wish to prove beyond a doubt the fixed predestination of all things. First, in the 15th chapter of Genesis we learn that God made a covenant with one man he selected out of the nations (Abraham) and foretold to him in different chapters, in this connection, that Abraham should have a seed that should become a great nation, though Abraham and Sarah were both stricken in years and was counted as good as dead, also that the nation or seed should be in bondage to another nation and be evilly treated for 400 years and that nation to whom they should be in bondage God would judge and Abraham's seed should be delivered with a great deliverance. All this was foretold before Abraham yet had any seed, hence in this prophecy or promise to Abraham is foretold the seed that should be born, the 400 years of Egyptian bondage, the deliverance by Moses and the overthrow of Pharaoh and his host, for it was foretold they should be delivered with a great deliverance and that nation to whom they should be in bondage will I judge. Hence we see foretold the suffering of the Israelites for said God they shall evil entreat them for 400 years, and the judgments sent upon the Egyptians. First, the many plagues, such as the pest of frogs and lice, the murren of cattle, the hail, the smiting of the first-born of men and stock and the final overthrow of Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea. All this was a fulfillment of the prophecy or promise to Abraham. Hence the time between the beginning of the prophecy and the fulfillment of it was 500 years, yet, it took the combined human efforts of the nations to walk in line and fill that prophecy. Thus, brethren, it is this moving of the nation in line of prophecy that should give us great encouragement to stand steadfast in the doctrine of predestination, for even the going down into Egypt by the children of Abraham foretells another event that should not go unnoticed, and that is they should go and dwell until the iniquity of the Amorites were full, so that while Egypt was fulfilling the prophecy told of her in evil treating Israel 400 years, the Amorites were fulfilling their unalterable course in filling up their cup of iniquity. And when this cup was full the Lord delivered the two Amorite nations (Heshbons and Bashan) over to be destroyed by the Israelites and the land given to Isreal as a fulfillment af the promise God made with Abraham when as yet he had no seed, and it is further to be remembered that when Amalek smote the hindmost ones of Israel by the way, when they were weak and coming into the wilderness from the Red sea, that God then and there made a decree aga nst Amalek, saying to Israel, "Remember that which Amalek did unto thee by the way"

and that they should remember and forget it not, but should blot out the remembrance of Amalek after Israel had rest from their labors in the land of Canaan. This prophecy so positively foretold in Deuteronomy, 25th chapter, was called up by the Lord unto Samuel the prophet, whom the Lord sent to anoint Saul King in Israel, saying, "I remember what Amalek did unto the children of Israel, go destroy the Amalekites and spare neither age or sex." Although this prophecy was not fulfilled for 420 years after it was made, yet, it shows to us the unchangeableness of our God in whom we trust; that the King's heart is in the hands of the Lord and he turneth it whithersoever he will. A man deviseth his way but the Lord directs his steps. The ways of man is not in himself, neither is it in man to direct his steps. He meted out the heavens with a span. He gave the seas their bounds and they cannot pass over for he saith "stay, thou proud waves." He made the earth and created man upon it and all beasts and creeping things had their beginning in God. He raiseth up nations aud overthrows nations. He setteth up kings and removeth kingdoms. Thus, brethren, we have great consolation in the doctrine we believe in, that our God is a universal sovereign. He is of one mind and changeth not. He created all things for a purpose, yea, the wicked for the day of evil. He maketh peace and createth evil. He foretold to Abraham that his seed should drive out the Canaanites and possess their land.

Men who use natural reason for their judgment against God can see no justice in foretelling centuries beforehand. The evil treatment of Israel by the Egyptians and to pronounce judgment upon Egypt centuries before the men were born that received the plagues, but we brethren have a hope that is sure and steadfast, and judge not God after the reason of the flesh but after the mind of faith in Christ. We thus adjure you not to be blinded by the construction put upon the Scriptures by the enemies of the truth, when they say to you that God set before Israel good and evil, and life and death, and that Israel had thereby a right of choice, and hence they were thereby left free moral agents; but examine the Scriptures and you will find that after God had foretold, by Moses in Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 28, the blessings that should come upon Israel for obedience, and the curses that should come upon them for disobedience; that he positively told Moses and Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 31 and 32, that God knew they would disobey and receive the curses written in the Book. Yea, even before Israel crossed Jordan to possess the Land of Canaan, God foretold he would bring the curses upon them. Even the siege of Samaria and Jerusalem is foretold in Deuteronomy 28, the pestilence and famine, that tender-hearted mothers should eat their own children in the sieges. Examine the chapters above and then turn to the calamity of these sieges, and you will find all came to pass as foretold. Thus we have it. God foretold the curses and blessings, the life and death set before Israel, and foretold at the same time that they would choose the evil and receive the curses; hence the Saints of God who stay themselves upon their God, not being moved by earthly commotions,

have great reason for steadfastness in their doctrines: that in every age —even in our own time, men and nations with their Kings and Rulers, are only marching in line with prophecy. In the 6th chap. of Joshua it is foretold the curse that should befall the man that should rebuild Jericho: that he should lay the foundation in his first son and set up the gates in his second son. This was fulfilled by Ahab over 500 years after (1st King, 6 chap. 34 verse) it was fortold by the man of God that came out of Judah and cried against Jeroboam. After saying, behold a child shall he born unto the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall offer the Priests of the high places that burn incense upon that altar, and burn men's bones: even that he should cleanse Judah of Idols. This was fulfilled 351 years after Jeroboam built the altar and 351 years after the man of God proclaimed it. See 1st Kings 13 chap., and fulfilled in 2d Kings, 22–23 chapts. Hence the word of God standeth sure. The division of the twelve tribes into the houses of Israel and Judah was foretold by the Prophet that took the new garment of Jeroboam, and divided it into twelve pieces, giving ten pieces to Jeroboam saying, the Lord made thee king over ten tribes. This division was final, and is typical of divisions among the antitype that national Israel was a type of. The keeping of the house of Judah from departing after Idols with the ten tribes was a thing God did because of his oath to David; for that, a Christ should be born, and the scattering of the tribes among the nations to be remembered no more was fortold in the curses pronounced against Israel in the 28th of Deuteronomy: and the Babylonian captivity of the part of the two tribes, the remnant of the house of Judah, was likewise foretold in the same chapters. The four Hebrew children, Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednigo, that were kept in Nebuchadnezzar's palace, was foretold in 2d Kings, 20. Thus we have great reason to stand steadfast in our doctrine, seeing that the walk of men and nations from Abraham's day down to the coming of Christ was foretold, also the virtues and vices of kings. It was foretold to Samuel when Israel desired a king that God would give them a wicked king: and Solomon's righteous, peaceful reign was foretold to David: and that he should bui'd the house of God at Jerusalem: also God's delivering Israel over as captives and servants to other nations for their sins, is foretold in Deuteronomy 31 and 32: and the delivering them when they cried is also foretold in the same chapters: also the deceived and the deceiver is the Lord's, and if the Prophet be deceived I, the Lord deceived that Prophet. And can there be evil in a city and I, the Lord have not done it? Israel shall cry, and that they would cry he foretold as certain. Thus, brethren, you have ample proof to stand firm in our doctrine. And the Scriptures furnish us ample proof that our God rules in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. The Lord bringing Nebuchadnezzar's army and besieging Jerusalem is first foretold in Deuteronomy 28 and 31, and then in many chapters of Isaiah and Jeremiah, as the king of the north country, as all the families of the north country: a strange language, a language that Israel knew

not. Isaiah cried unto Israel that God would bring Nebuchadnezzar his sword, his battle-ax, and destroy the Lord of Judah, and also that all the kings of the different nations should bow their necks under the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar. Then we have the 70 years' war of the Babylonian Kingdom foretold in the Books of Isaiah and Jeremiah, that he should fill the hills and valleys of the different nations with the dead. This, however solemn, is true, and it all came to pass. The Lord foretold 175 years before it came to pass, in Isaiah 45, that King Cyrus by name, should liberate the Babylonian captives and rebuild the City of Jerusalem. And this was foretold long before Cyrus was born, yet it took kings, men and nations to all march in line of Prophecy to fill God's decrees; and also it is foretold in Deuteronomy how the Lord would bring back the remnant of the captivity and renew his covenant, hence it is with much assurance and earnestness we thus adjure you all to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made his people free, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for his people, and that as the world hath moved for ages in the line of Prophecy, and the sure promises God hath made known to his people; therefore the sure mercies of David are decreed, to rest and abide upon the true Israel of God, upon the vessels of Meroz he hath afore prepared unto glory. In Daniel's Prophecy we have a wonderful decree made known unto the sons of men. After God had broken down all the nations by proud Nebuchadnezzar, he then breaks the pride of that mighty king in sending him a dream, a vision, which Daniel interpreted. He saw an image of four different metals. Daniel said those different metals meant four mighty kingdoms to arise out of the earth. And Daniel, in a vision, saw four different beasts, which the angel interpreted as being four different kingdoms, and the first was to be overthrown by the second, and the second by the third and the third by the fourth. These, brethren, were as follows: The first, Daniel said, was the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. This he interpreted by the hand-wrighting on the wall, was given to the Medes and Persians the two arms and breast of silver; and the Medes and Persians were overthrown by the kingdom of Greece. As interpreted by the two-horned ram and the one-horned goat the brass kingdom, and the third or Greece, was overthrown by the next, fourth, or iron kingdom, that breaketh in pieces all other kingdoms, which was so done by the only kingdoms that arose to overthrow Greece, which is commonly accepted as the Caesar or Roman kingdom. Here we have about 400 years' time to be taken up by the coming up and existence and overthrow of the first kingdom, hence man only acted in the line marked out for him. All of the efforts of the Babylonians to subdue the nations were made by them as though they were following their own free will, yet their will, desire, and their course were all laid out before them in Moses and Isaiah and Jeremiah and Daniel and Ezekiel; and the coming up of the Medes and Persians was with great pomp and splendor, and men ran to and fro and followed their hearts' desire; but perhaps did not know that man only deviseth his way, but the Lord directs his steps, and

the way of man is not within himself The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing is of the Lord. Even it is to be remembered that the King's heart is in the hands of the Lord; he turneth it whithersoever he will, so the Lord turned the heart of Alexander to fulfill Daniel's prophecy, and push at the two-horned ram. the Medes and Persians, and overthrow them though it had been about 200 years after Daniel foretold it. And now we come to the fourth great kingdom, the iron kingdom, that was to be terrible and dreadful and divorced from all other kingdoms before it—it should wear out the saints of the most high. Here it is foretold the martyrdom of the saints. Daniel said this kingdom had seven heads and ten horns; and he looked and he saw a little horn come up after the ten and plucked three of the first ten up, and that little horn was a terrible persecuting power. Daniel saw this beast with ten horns and then another came up and took three of the first. Now brethren, if we are not mistaken in the true interpretation these two kingdoms, connected out of one, first the beast of ten horns and then another coming after and taking his start by taking away three first, and then after this little horn waxed great even to casting down the host of heaven. This we understand to be the same first ten-horned dragon by John, and the beast that came up out of the sea or people, that the dragon gave his power to be the same two-horned beast or kingdom in one that Daniel saw. We now understand the first ten-horned beast of Daniel to be the ten-horned dragon of John, and the little horn of Daniel that came up ont behind the first ten horns, to be the ten-horned beast of John that the draggon gave his power to. The first of these powers to be Pagan Rome, the dragon that stood before the woman to devour her man child as soon as he was born, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed. And the second power we believe to be Papal Rome, that the dragon or Pagan Rome gave his power to, for Papal Rome it seems has been wearing out the saints of the Most High and cast down many ten-thousand and stamped the residue with the feet of it. But while all the world combined in all their wild and mad career in following their hearts corruption and desires have not in the least got ahead of prophecy nor went beyond the wisdom of God in any way. Then let us remember that it was also foretold by Daniel to all the prophets, that in the days of these Kings, that the God of heaven should set up a kingdom that should never be destroyed, and to it shall the Gentiles seek, for Isiaah foretold his coming over 700 years beforehand. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. The government shall be upon his shoulders. His name shall be called wonderful counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace, and of the increase of his kingdom there shall be no end. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was wounded in the house of His friend. By His stripes we are healed. He hath laid upon him the iniquity of His people. He was made sin for us who knew no sin. For the iniquity of my people was He stricken. He was led* as a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb dumb before

his shearers, so opened he not his mouth. So, brethren, we have ample testimony that God foretold that Christ should come and die for the sins of His people; that no other offering was acceptible unto God; and that He should be betrayed by Judas, and even the thirty pieces of silver was foretold as the price of blood; and the casting of lots for his raiment was foretold, and as Peter says, I perceive of a truth that both Pontas, Pilate and the Chief rulers, and the Scribes were gathered together to do whatsoever thy hand and thy council hath determined beforehand should be done. And Peter said, men and brethren, the scripture must needs be fulfilled. Ye have by wicked hands taken and crucified the Lord; Him being delivered by the determined council and foreknowledge of God. Having much assurance that the scripture abounds with ample proof that in all ages men and nations combined have only followed in line of prophecy and has only fulfilled what prophecy has laid out for them. And now, brethren, it is our belief we are living in the latter part of the reign of the two-horned beast of John and the toes of the feet of two legs of Iron, which was part of iron and clay mixed. It shows the kingdom is now partly weak and partly strong. As this kingdom should mix with the people but should not cleave to each other. So Rome to-day is mixing with the people, but they don't cleave together. Romans are Romans, even if some of them are mixed in every city. In them is the strength of the iron, but as there is clay to keep them from consolidationg, so they are only partly weak or partly strong, and the two horned beasts of John, that spoke as a dragon, yet had horns like a lamb. This brethren is, as we believe, the two ruling elements that now causeth all, both small and great, to worship the beast, as all the world seems to be drifting back to Romanism under the two horned dilema: First striving for power in numbers; second, the united acknowledged free agency believed in by all religious creeds, thereby setting aside from their faith the line of prophecy marked out in the scriptures. for prophecy and free agency will not work together; for while prophecy fortells the certainty of events from the acts of men and nations, free agency makes nothing certain. Neither is it accepted that man's bounds are set, that he cannot pass. Prophecy is Predestination. Free agency renders nothing fixed, and brethren, it is the calling of the Gentiles from nature to grace. The breaking down of the middle walls or partition between Jew and Gentile, that is so readily mistaken for universal salvation, or for free agency, they seem to overlook the prophecy that the Jews were to be blinded and their understanding deadened to the truth upon the bringing in of the Gentile. The words all men used by these men should be compared with the declarations of Paul when he said he was to make all men see the fellowship of the ministry, and by his mouth all should hear the gospel, and that he was to preach the gospel to every creature. The calling of the Gentiles is what was alluded to, so stand fast. All men marvelled at the miracles at one time, and all men were amazed at another time, and all men, it is said, were seeking Christ at time he and Peter

and John went up into the mountain, when Moses and Elias were transfigured before them. Thus the word all men was a limited word in the scripture, for Paul could not make all men universally see the mistery as millions had died before Paul's day; but the scriptures that are commonly mistaken as applying to each individual of all men only apply as Christ applied them when he gave the Apostles their charge to go into all nations and preach my gospel and he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. And he also declared that as Moses lifted up the seppent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. And Paul said to the Jews, seeing you judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo! I turn unto the Gentiles, and it is here declared that as many as were ordained to eternal life believed; hence, brethren, even the belief is ordained, for with the heart man believeth; and the preparation of the heart in man and the answer of the tongue is of the Lord. Thus it is God first and God last. Having abundance of proof that all things are fixed—even it is decreed that satan shall be chained a thousand years, and that to the angel was given the keys of the bottomless pit. So brethren, the keys of satan's pit was given to the angel by a fixed prophecy; and that he should go and deceive the nations is foretold in the same prophecy that foretold the deliverance of the saints; so, then, we thus judge, that all things were Predestinated, if not the unpredestinated might conflict with the predestinated things; and if some things are predestinated and others not, each then, have their fixed place. One the decreed and fixed predestinated things and the other decreed fixed and set apart unpredestinated things. If one is decreed and the other not, the things undecreed must be fixed the predestinated unpredestinated things, so that the theory or hersey that is sowed abroad that God decreed some fixed predestinated things and left the rest as the certain unpredestinated things. I say this theory is dissolved by the very same theory that it is sought to be established by. And now brethren, the line of prophecy from Abraham until Christ proves that the evil, as well as the good, is fixed, and the travels of the children of grace was typified by the whole line of prophecy. After Moses had led the Children of Israel 40 years in the wilderness, and they had been eye-witnesses to the miracles, and themselves the recipients of the many blessings, such as being fed direct from heaven with manna in the morning and quails in the evening, and their raiment wore not out, even the Lord slaying the 24 thousand with the plague to prove they must trust in God. Yet Moses summed it all up and told them, in the face of all they had seen, they yet had not learned anything about God, for that God had not given them hearts to perceive, nor eyes to see, or ears to hear the sending of the prophets. The Lord said he continued sending them, rising up early, yet they learned not, but slew the prophets, proving that from Moses' times, or at the beginning of the law, until God gave men hearts to believe and perceive, they could not know him: the 1500

years' trial of law, proved without the operation of the spirit, man knew nothing; so now the unregenerated reject the truth. The revealed law of God condemns all: man has trusted in the law of Moses was not understood only by those God gave hearts to perceive, and these wept because they understood that the law was a witness against them; even so the law of God when it is understood by the children of grace, worked death. There is no law given that giveth life, but it is clearly of faith that it might be by grace, to the end that the promise might be sure to all the seed—that no doubt could arise but sure to all the seed. So by grace salvation is sure to all the seed.

Seeing the affliction of Israel was appointed unto them by the hands of Egypt, and Egypt's appointed destruction, declared centuries before it came. We then conclude the predes ination of all things is proven by such prophesy or declarations. Also the declaration that the Amorites should fill up their cup of iniquity and then be destroyed by the Israelites centuries before the Lord done it. and also destroying the Amalekites centuries after it was declared strengthens the proof. Also the certain failure of Israel to keep the law, declared as above cited, and also their turning and serving other gods, and provoking God to anger until he should destroy many of them by sword, famine and pestilence, as cited above, which God not only said he knew but declared it, which established it as certain. Also Saul's cruelty to Israel as their wicked king, still proves that God's decrees did not confine themselves to Israel, but to all the nations of the world. Wicked kings had their evil courses declared as well as the righteous king. The dividing of the twelve tribes was declared and fulfilled, even the scattering them among the nations to be remembered no more, was declared centuries before hand. The Assyrians was declared to be the rod of God's anger and the staff in their hand was God's indignation. I will send him (2 Kings 19-25, Isiaah 10,) against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge to take the spoil and to take the prey, to tread them down like the mire of the streets. And the Assyrians boasted that they had done all this by their own strength. The Lord says shall the ax boast against him that heweth therewith or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it, as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up or as the staff should lift up itself. The Lord declares unto Assyria, dost thou not know a long time ago how I have done it, and from ancient times how I have formed it, and now I bring it to pass, that thou should be, for to lay fenced cities in ruinous heaps. The Lord declares he had appointed the Assyrians from ancient times to destroy nations and calls them the rod of his anger. It is to be remembered that while God declared he would establish his covenant with Isaac and make his people a great nation he decreed at the same time he would make of Ishmael a great nation. So his decrees went farther than just with his chosen people. Also while he gave the children of Jacob Canaan for a possession he also gave Esau and his seed Mount Seer for possession. He also gave the Moabites and the Ammonites, the children

of Lot, the land of Or for a possession. By his decree Josiah's reign was declared 351 years before he performed it. So while God creates peace he also creates evil. While he formed light it must not be forgotten that he also created the darkness; and while he created Israel a joy he also created the wicked for the day of evil; and while he created the vessels of mercy it should be remembered he also created the vessels of wrath; and while he declares himself to be a God of love he also declares himself to be a God of wrath, and while he declares himself to be a God of mercy, it must not be forgotten he also declares himself to be a God of vengance; and while he created the innocent lamb he also created the vicious lion; and while he created the dove, he also created the cruel vulture; and while he created the butterfly, he also created the crooked serpent; and while he loved Jacob he hated Esau. And the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, even for this same purpose have I raised thee up that I might shew my power In thee. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and whom I will I hardeneth. And while the spirit of truth comes from God, an evil spirit from the Lord come upon King Saul, and repeatedly an evil spirit from the Lord come upon King Saul; also and evil spirit from the Lord come to the gates of Jerusalem; and God sent an evil spirit between Abimaleck and the man of Sheckem; and he sent a lying spirit in the mouth of Ahab's prophet. And the deceived and the deceiver is the Lords; and if the prophet be deceived I, the Lord, hath deceived that prophet; and can there be evil in a city and I, the Lord, hath not done it. Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was declared by Moses, Isiaah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel as being an instrument in God's hands to break down and crumble all the other nations; and in turn the Lord declared Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom should fall by the Medes, and the Medes by the Greek and the Greeks by Pagan Rome, and Pagan Rome by Reformers, and the Reformers by Papal Rome, and Papal Rome by another beast, and so on. All powers that is earthly has their appointed time. All powers had to crumble before Christ and all must crumble at their appointed time, for their is no power but of God; and all the power there be is ordained of God. For by Him all things consist, whether they were thrones, dominions, or powers, or things on earth or thines in heaven, visible or invisible; but all must crumble before God, for God's kingdom shall never be destroyed but shall break in pieces all other kingdoms.

If there is no power but of God, then where is any other power derived from? and if all the powers there be is ordained of God, then all the powers there be is predestinated of God, for to ordain is to predestinate says Webster. Hence the predestination of all things is proven, for by him they all consist in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, and as they include all things, hence our point is proven; for be it remembered Satan being chained a thousand years, is declared by the inspired writer, hence he is brought under by God's angel that he should deceive the nation no more for a thousand years. Hence if God

declared it He appointed it, if He appointed it He ordained it, if He ordained He predestinated it. And be it remembered that after the thousand years is expired God has declared he shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations, which are in the four quarters of the earth, and shall encompass the camp of the saints about and the beloved city; and fire came down from heaven aud devoured them. So all powers being ordained of God hath their appointed time to run, and also hath their appolnted time for destruction, typifying that all fleshly pride in the children of grace must fall; all hatred to God's people must fall; all boasting must be given up and the reign of the beast we are living under will finally come to its appointed end, and the people of God will triumph through their strength which is Christ.

Your humble servant

NEWTON PETERS.

MINUTES

Of the Seventy-First Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association, held with Darby Run Church in Galloway, Franklin County, Ohio, on the 4th, 5th and 6th Days September, 1896.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

2. Letters from the churches were read and the messengers names enrolled on the minutes.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Dismissed by letter	Received by letter.	Excluded.....	Deaths.....	No. of Members.....	Monthly Meetings..
Harmony	J. P. Peters	George D. Peters					9	4
Providence	J. P. Peters	John Light, J. P. Peters & Newton Peters					18	3
Darby Run	J. G. Ford	George Myers, F. F. Myers					6	4
Refuge	A. B. Breese	A. B. Breese	1				13	1
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford	Eli Clevenger, David Buckle and B. F. Hutchinson		1		1	25	2

3. Chose B. F. Hutchinson, Moderator, and B. G. Ford Clerk.

4. Invited brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

5. Called for the circular letter, presented and read.

6. Committee appointed to examine the circular letter consisting of Bro. Newton Peters, A. B. Breese and George Peters, and present the same to-morrow.

7. Appointed a committee consisting of Bro. George Myers, Eli Clevenger and George Peters to fill the stand during the Association.

8. Appointed the same committee to receive and disburse contributions.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with Refuge church, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

10. Chose A. B. Breese to write the circular letter next year.

11. Chose Eld. Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year; B. F. Hutchinson, alternate.

12. Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

13. Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with Providence church on the second Sunday in June, 1897, and Saturday before commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. The Ministering brethren of the Association to attend.

14. By motion and second the Stillwater church was dropped from the association.

15. Adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

Saturday 9:30 a. m. Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, opened by singing and prayer by Moderator.

1. Called for circular letter which was presented, read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.

2. Adjourned to meet at time and place next year.

B. F. HUTCHINSON, Moderator.

B. G. FORD, Clerk.

SERMONS DELIVERED DURING THE ASSOCIATION.

Friday, Sept. 4, 1896, a. m., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

P. M., Eld. J. G. Ford and Newton Peters.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 1896, a. m., Eld. John Peters and A. B. Breese.

P. M., Elds. Newton Peters and B. F. Hutchinson.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1896, a. m. Eld. Newton Peters and J. G. Ford.

P. M., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio.

J. G. Ford, Rushmore, Ohio.

A. B. Breese, Spencerville, Ohio.

B. F. Hutchinson, Kalida, Ohio.

Newton Peters, Portland, Ind.

LICENCIATE.

Ira Adamson, Winchester, Ind.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the messengers and churches composing the Greenville Association:

We will try in our weak way to prepare our circular letter. We wish to say to brethren to get the Scriptures to harmonize. We do see two kinds of salvation set forth; one is eternal, the other is time, or church salvation. Christ says "I lay down my life for my sheep. I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish." But says "By grace are ye saved and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God." And we hope that such is the fact in our experience. Christ says "If ye love me keep my commandments," he says "My commandments are not grevious" but, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Those who have had their sins covered and their iniquities pardoned are the subjects of chastisements; he that is without chastisements is a bastard and not a son. "I will," God says, "visit their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with stripes, nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from them, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." Christ, to John, the revelator, says of certain brethren, if they did not repent He would remove their candlestick, which He says is the church. Now brethren, we find the great stumbling block to the Armenians is to rightly divide the word of God; not keeping the eternal salvation, which is entirely without means, seperate from common salvation; not understanding the temporal chastisements. But wrote to certain brethren that there were some disorder among them, one so bad as to have his father's wife, put such a man away for the distruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. This certifies that God does not entirely withdraw his loving kindness from us, this, brethren, gives us some consolation, yea if we be chastized we still have hope, as the old prophet says, if I take wings and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth thou art there, or if I make my bed in hell thou art there to protect me. Brethren, my prayer is that we, as a church, may walk circumspectly before God, that we may have right to the tree of life which we understand to be the church, and not to mean the eternal salvation, that Christ wrought out: but that we may enjoy the light of the candlestick. We, brethren, attribute nothing to ourselves, if we be found circumspectly in the church: but believe that God hath made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ.

But Christ says "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." We sow, but God giveth the increase. In God we live, move and have our being! Because God is the author and finisher of our faith, let us work to keep in subjection the flesh which so often disturbs our peace as a church; God working in us to will and to do of his own good pleasure: giving us will and wisdom to perform our church duty for the mutual comfort of the church, candlestick, or tree of life: preserving the doctrine, order and fellowship. One thing we feel to rejoice in: we do not make it a bar of fellowship against a brother for not seeing into the predestination of all things as some of us do; we do not want to despise him because he is weak in the faith. We are glad that we, who believe in the eternal sovereignty of God over all things, do not make God the author of sin. God raises up the author of everything his purpose in wisdom designs, for holy ends; harmonizing every unrighteous act to a righteous end; according to the ancient line of Baptists faith. We feel that the preaching of all points of doctrine, just as they are in the Scriptures, is calculated to strengthen instead of weakening the brethren. When preachers come to the care of churches, keeping silent on any point of doctrine, there is where we find so many that can not discern between old and new school. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous into life eternal, and the wicked into everlasting punishment. We believe those who are cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are, remain there forever; the Scriptures being entirely silent as to any ever coming out of it.

G. D. PETERS.
Zanesfield,
Logan County,
Ohio

MINUTES

Of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association Held With Refuge Church Near Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Days of September, 1897.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson, from Obadiah, 1, 17th.

2. The letters from the churches was called for and read and the messengers names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd. by baptism.	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	No. of Members	Monthly meetings.
Harmony		No Intelligence							
Providence	J. P. Peters	By Letter							
Darby Run	J. G. Ford	G. B. Myers, F. P. Myers						18	2
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford	Eli Clevenger, Irwin Carter, D. B. Buckles	1	*				6	2
Refuge		C. G. Miller, Alice Wean, M. A. Purdy and Wm. Court						25	1

3. Moved and seconded that A. B. Breese be not received in the Association. Motion carried.

4. Moved and seconded that the letter presented by C. G. Miller be accepted as the letter from Refuge Church. Motion carried.

5, Chose Eld. B. F. Hutchinson, Moderator, and B. G. Ford, Clerk.

6. Invited brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

7. Called for the circular letter, which was read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.

8. Appointed a committee consisting of F. F. Myers, D. B. Buckles and C. G. Miller to fill the stand during the Association.

9. Appointed the same committee to receive and disburse contributions.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with Providence Church near Lightsville, Darke County, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1898.

11. Chose Eld. Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year. Eld. B. F. Hutchinson, alternate.

12. Chose Eld. B. F. Hutchinson to write the circular letter next year.

13. Chose the Clerk to Superintend the printing and distributing the minutes.

14. Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with the Refuge Church on the first Sunday in June, 1898, and Saturday before commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. The ministering brethren of the Association to attend.

15. Association adjourned to time and place above stated.

B. F. HUTCHINSON, Moderator.

B. G. FORD, Clerk.

SERMONS DELIVERED DURING THE ASSOCIATION.

Friday, September 3rd, a. m., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.
P. M., Eld. M. W. Byram.

Saturday, Sept. 4th, a. m., Elds. B. F Hutchinson and J. G. Ford.
P. M., Elds. J. G. Ford and M. W. Byram.

Sunday, Sept, 5th, a. m. M. W. Byram and J. G. Ford.
P. M., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

ELD. B. F. HUTCHINSON,.....Celina, Ohio.
ELD. J. G. FORD.....Rushmore, Ohio.
ELD. M. W. BYRAM,.....Fremont, Iowa.

Eld. J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio, and Eld. Newton Peters, Portland, Indiana, was providentially hindered from being with us, which was deeply regreted by all concerned, but we hope to humbly submit to God's dealings with us and say, "Thy Will be Done."

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Unto the Churches composing our Body:

Very Dear Brethren in the Lord. We have no other Epistle to write unto you than that recorded by the Apostle John, that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. We have beheld with sorrow, an attempt sometimes to hold the brethren together by law, or as some have termed it order, and we have beheld a failure in this where such attempts were not accompanied with a good degree of brotherly love and brotherly forbearance. And we have often beheld a lack of true brotherly spirit in those who have strove the most for law or order. If we never undertook to pluck the mote out of our brother's eye until we could see clearly the beam in our own eye, we would scarcely ever find ourselves in condition to properly judge our brother's wrong; hence we would admonish all our brethren to walk in love, for the scriptures declare it is not possible to love God and hate a brother at the same time. This rule is final, for upon this hang all the law and the prophets, namely: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself." We think good sound order is very good and necessary, but love and meekness and a disposition to forbear one another sburdens and so fulfill the law of Christ is better, and unless the true spirit of brotherly love is uppermost, law and order are of but little use among brethren. We do not thus wish to make light of true order nor advise carelessness in the order of God's House; for a disorder in any church or brother is a constant grief to the brethren, but a lack of love and a disposition to force upon brethren the observance of certain forms of order, regardless of consequences, sacrificing love, forbearance and charity to establish cherished forms. We believe is emanated from an eager like spirit and a foreign spirit void of love. Law knows no mercy, and he who deals with brethren only according to the strict letter of law, only has a law love; but love casteth out fear, love is the fulfilling of law. Israel seemed to follow law but sacrificed to Idols. They sacrificed because it was their law, but not to God. The Gentiles had not the law, but had the spirit of love and meekness. Hence brethren, unless love and meekness and forbearance binds us together in union, law and order will suffice us nothing. Therefore, let brotherly love continue as the chief things and sound order second. The first is of God and emanates from a holy fountain, but orderly walks have man missed in it all, and is liable to be imperfect; hence brethren, unless we love how can we prosper and build up. Law never built a church, but love has. Each have their proper place, and as law has been held by some to be the chief thing to be followed, let us put love and meekness and forbearance as the first and chiefest fruits to be looked for and order next, and thus hope for a stronger union than the forms of order have brought among us for they have failed.

NEWTON PETERS, Portland, Ind.

Friday A.M.

A Peters

P.M.

H Hole

J G Tood

J. P. Peters

Saturday

A.M.

J. P. Peters

Robert Spears

P.M.

M A Byram

B. F. Hutchinson

Sunday

A.M.

Rob. Spears

M. A. Byram

P M

A. Peters

MINUTES

Of the Seventy-First Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association, held with Darby Run Church in Galloway, Franklin County, Ohio, on the 4th, 5th and 6th Days September, 1896.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

2. Letters from the churches were read and the messengers names enrolled on the minutes.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Dismissed by letter.	Received by letter.	Excluded.....	Deaths.....	No. of Members.....	Monthly Meetings..
Harmony	J. P. Peters	George D. Peters					9	4
Providence	J. P. Peters	John Light, J. P. Peters & Newton Peters					18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford	George Myers, F. F. Myers	1				6	4
Refuge	A. B. Breese	A. B. Breese					13	1
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford	Eli Clevenger, David Buckle and B. F. Hutchinson		1		1	25	2

3. Chose B. F. Hutchinson, Moderator, and B. G. Ford Clerk.

4. Invited brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

5. Called for the circular letter, presented and read.

6. Committee appointed to examine the circular letter consisting of Bro. Newton Peters, A. B. Breese and George Peters, and present the same to-morrow.

7. Appointed a committee consisting of Bro. George Myers, Eli Clevenger and George Peters to fill the stand during the Association.

8. Appointed the same committee to receive and disburse contributions.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with Refuge church, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

10. Chose A. B. Breese to write the circular letter next year.

11. Chose Eld. Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year; B. F. Hutchinson, alternate.

12. Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

13. Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with Providence church on the second Sunday in June, 1897, and Saturday before commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. The Ministering brethren of the Association to attend.

14. By motion and second the Stillwater church was dropped from the association.

15. Adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

Saturday 9:30 a. m. Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, opened by singing and prayer by Moderator.

1. Called for circular letter which was presented, read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.

2. Adjourned to meet at time and place next year.

B. F. HUTCHINSON, Moderator.

B. G. FORD, Clerk.

SERMONS DELIVERED DURING THE ASSOCIATION.

Friday, Sept. 4, 1896, a. m., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

P. M., Eld. J. G. Ford and Newton Peters.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 1896, a. m., Eld. John Peters and A. B. Breese.

P. M., Elds. Newton Peters and B. F. Hutchinson.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1896, a. m. Eld. Newton Peters and J. G. Ford.

P. M., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio.

J. G. Ford, Rushmore, Ohio.

A. B. Breese, Spencerville, Ohio.

B. F. Hutchinson, Kalida, Ohio.

Newton Peters, Portland, Ind.

LICENCIATE.

Ira Adamson, Winchester, Ind.

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G. D. PETERS.
Zanesfield,
Logan County,
Ohio

MINUTES

OF THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REGULAR PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PROVIDENCE
CHURCH, NEAR LIGHTSVILLE, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO, ON THE
THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, AND THE FIRST AND
SECOND DAYS OF SEPTEMBER,

1894.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Ford.

2. The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for, presented and read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by Baptism	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	No. of Members	Contributions	Days of Meeting
Harmony	G. D. Peters, Wm. Hance, J. C. Line	2					10	200	
Providence	O. Peters, A. Peters	1					23		2
	N. Peters, Ira Adamson							300	
Darby Run	F. F. Meyers						7	125	
Refuge	Wm. Court, C. G. Miller	2							1
	A. B. Breese							200	
Sugar Creek	D. B. Buckles, J. G. Ford	2					25		2
	B. F. Ford							440	
Stillwater	No intelligence							25	
	Total	7					75	1240	5

3. Chose J. G. Ford, Moderator and J. P. Light, Clerk.

4. Invited Brethren of the same faith and order to seats in Council with us.

5. Opened the door for the reception of churches.

6. Called for the Circular Letter; presented, read and received, and ordered printed with the minutes.

7. Appointed a Committee consisting of Wm. Hance, F. F. Meyers and Wm. Courts to fill the stand with ministers during the Association.

8. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Sugar Creek church, Putnam county, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, of the year 1895.

9. Chose Elder A. B. Breese to preach the introductory sermon next year, and B. F. Hutchenson in case of failure.

10. Chose B. F. Hutchenson to write the circular letter for next year.

11. Appointed a committee consisting of O. Peters, B. G. Ford and C. G. Miller, to receive contributions and disburse the same.

12. Chose Newton Peters to superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same.

13. Appointed a yearly meeting with the Sugar Creek church near Rimer, Putnam county, Ohio, commencing at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1895, Brethren A. B. Breese, B. F. Hutcherson, Newton Peters and J. P. Peters, to attend.

14. Adjourned to time and place of meeting next year.

J. G. FORD, Moderator.
J. P. LIGHT, Clerk.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Milton Byram, Fremont, Iowa.
J. G. Ford, Rushmore, Putnam Co., Ohio.
A. B. Breese, Spencerville, Ohio.
B. F. Hutchenson, Findley, Ohio.
J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio.

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Line, Sidney, Ohio.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE GREENVILLE ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF THE MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH COMPOSED HER BODY SENDETH SALUTATION TO ALL THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH.

Brethren, we have great reason to continue steadfast in the love of Christ for we have abundant proof laid down in the Scriptures that our doctrine is the doctrine fully laid down in the inspired record. If the the Lord enables me to set it forth in this short epistle I wish to prove beyond a doubt the fixed predestination of all things. First, in the 15th chapter of Genesis we learn that God made a covenant with one man he selected out of the nations (Abraham) and foretold to him in different chapters, in this connection, that Abraham should have a seed that should become a great nation, though Abraham and Sarah were both stricken in years and was counted as good as dead, also that the nation or seed should be in bondage to another nation and be evilly treated for 400 years and that nation to whom they should be in bondage God would judge and Abraham's seed should be delivered with a great deliverance. All this was foretold before Abraham yet had any seed, hence in this prophecy or promise to Abraham is foretold the seed that should be born, the 400 years of Egyptian bondage, the deliverance by Moses and the overthrow of Pharaoh and his host, for it was foretold they should be delivered with a great deliverance and that nation to whom they should be in bondage will I judge. Hence we see foretold the suffering of the Israelites for said God they shall evil entreat them for 400 years, and the judgments sent upon the Egyptians. First, the many plagues, such as the pest of frogs and lice, the murren of cattle, the hail, the smiting of the first-born of men and stock and the final overthrow of Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea. All this was a fulfillment of the prophecy or promise to Abraham. Hence the time between the beginning of the prophecy and the fulfillment of it was 500 years, yet, it took the combined human efforts of the nations to walk in line and fill that prophecy. Thus, brethren, it is this moving of the nation in line of prophecy that should give us great encouragement to stand steadfast in the doctrine of predestination, for even the going down into Egypt by the children of Abraham foretells another event that should not go unnoticed, and that is they should go and dwell until the iniquity of the Amorites were full, so that while Egypt was fulfilling the prophecy told of her in evil treating Israel 400 years, the Amorites were fulfilling their unalterable course in filling up their cup of iniquity. And when this cup was full the Lord delivered the two Amorite nations (Heshbons and Bashan) over to be destroyed by the Israelites and the land given to Isreal as a fulfillment af the promise God made with Abraham when as yet he had no seed, and it is further to be remembered that when Amalek smote the hindmost ones of Israel by the way, when they were weak and coming into the wilderness from the Red sea, that God then and there made a decree against Amalek, saying to Israel, "Remember that which Amalek did unto thee by the way"

and that they should remember and forget it not, but should blot out the remembrance of Amalek after Israel had rest from their labors in the land of Canaan. This prophecy so positively foretold in Deuteronomy, 25th chapter, was called up by the Lord unto Samuel the prophet, whom the Lord sent to anoint Saul King in Israel, saying, "I remember what Amalek did unto the children of Israel, go destroy the Amalekites and spare neither age or sex." Although this prophecy was not fulfilled for 420 years after it was made, yet, it shows to us the unchangeableness of our God in whom we trust; that the King's heart is in the hands of the Lord and he turneth it whithersoever he will. A man deviseth his way but the Lord directs his steps. The ways of man is not in himself, neither is it in man to direct his steps. He meted out the heavens with a span. He gave the seas their bounds and they cannot pass over for he saith "stay, thou proud waves." He made the earth and created man upon it and all beasts and creeping things had their beginning in God. He raiseth up nations aud overthrows nations. He setteth up kings and removeth kingdoms. Thus, brethren, we have great consolation in the doctrine we believe in, that our God is a universal sovereign. He is of one mind and changeth not. He created all things for a purpose, yea, the wicked for the day of evil. He maketh peace and createth evil. He foretold to Abraham that his seed should drive out the Canaanites and possess their land.

Men who use natural reason for their judgment against God can see no justice in foretelling centuries beforehand. The evil treatment of Israel by the Egyptians and to pronounce judgment upon Egypt centuries before the men were born that received the plagues, but we brethren have a hope that is sure and steadfast, and judge not God after the reason of the flesh but after the mind of faith in Christ. We thus adjure you not to be blinded by the construction put upon the Scriptures by the enemies of the truth, when they say to you that God set before Israel good and evil, and life and death, and that Israel had thereby a right of choice, and hence they were thereby left free moral agents; but examine the Scriptures and you will find that after God had foretold, by Moses in Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 28, the blessings that should come upon Israel for obedience, and the curses that should come upon them for disobedience; that he positively told Moses and Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 31 and 32, that God knew they would disobey and receive the curses written in the Book. Yea, even before Israel crossed Jordan to possess the Land of Canaan, God foretold he would bring the curses upon them. Even the siege of Samaria and Jerusalem is foretold in Deuteronomy 28, the pestilence and famine, that tender-hearted mothers should eat their own children in the sieges. Examine the chapters above and then turn to the calamity of these sieges, and you will find all came to pass as foretold. Thus we have it. God foretold the curses and blessings, the life and death set before Israel, and foretold at the same time that they would choose the evil and receive the curses; hence the Saints of God who stay themselves upon their God, not being moved by earthly commotions,

have great reason for steadfastness in their doctrines; that in every age —even in our own time, men and nations with their Kings and Rulers, are only marching in line with prophecy. In the 6th chap. of Joshua it is foretold the curse that should befall the man that should rebuild Jericho; that he should lay the foundation in his first son and set up the gates in his second son. This was fulfilled by Ahab over 500 years after (1st King, 6 chap. 34 verse) it was fortold by the man of God that came out of Judah and cried against Jeroboam. After saying, behold a child shall he born unto the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall offer the Priests of the high places that burn incense upon that altar, and burn men's bones; even that he should cleanse Judah of Idols. This was fulfilled 351 years after Jeroboam built the altar and 351 years after the man of God proclaimed it. See 1st Kings 13 chap., and fulfilled in 2d Kings, 22-23 chapts. Hence the word of God standeth sure. The division of the twelve tribes into the houses of Israel and Judah was foretold by the Prophet that took the new garment of Jeroboam, and divided it into twelve pieces, giving ten pieces to Jeroboam saying, the Lord made thee king over ten tribes. This division was final, and is typical of divisions among the antitype that national Israel was a type of. The keeping of the house of Judah from departing after Idols with the ten tribes was a thing God did because of his oath to David; for that, a Christ should be born, and the scattering of the tribes among the nations to be remembered no more was fortold in the curses pronounced against Israel in the 28th of Deuteronomy; and the Babylonian captivity of the part of the two tribes, the remnant of the house of Judah, was likewise foretold in the same chapters. The four Hebrew children, Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednigo, that were kept in Nebuchadnezzar's palace, was foretold in 2d Kings, 20. Thus we have great reason to stand steadfast in our doctrine, seeing that the walk of men and nations from Abraham's day down to the coming of Christ was foretold, also the virtues and vices of kings. It was foretold to Samuel when Israel desired a king that God would give them a wicked king; and Solomon's righteous, peaceful reign was foretold to David; and that he should bui'd the house of God at Jerusalem; also God's delivering Israel over as captives and servants to other nations for their sins, is foretold in Deuteronomy 31 and 32; and the delivering them when they cried is also foretold in the same chapters: also the deceived and the deceiver is the Lord's, and if the Prophet be deceived I, the Lord deceived that Prophet. And can there be evil in a city and I, the Lord have not done it? Israel shall cry, and that they would cry he foretold as certain. Thus, brethren, you have ample proof to stand firm in our dectrine. And the Scriptures furnish us ample proof that our God rules in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. The Lord bringing Nebuchadnezzar's army and besieging Jerusalem is first foretold in Deuteronomy 28 and 31, and then in many chapters of Isaiah and Jeremiah, as the king of the north country, as all the families of the north country; a strange language, a language that Israel knew

not. Isaiah cried unto Israel that God would bring Nebuchadnezzar his sword, his battle-ax, and destroy the Lord of Judah, and also that all the kings of the different nations should bow their necks under the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar. Then we have the 70 years' war of the Babylonian Kingdom foretold in the Books of Isaiah and Jeremiah, that he should fill the hills and valleys of the different nations with the dead. This, however solemn, is true, and it all came to pass. The Lord foretold 175 years before it came to pass, in Isaiah 45, that King Cyrus by name, should liberate the Babylonian captives and rebuild the City of Jerusalem. And this was foretold long before Cyrus was born, yet it took kings, men and nations to all march in line of Prophecy to fill God's decrees; and also it is foretold in Deuteronomy how the Lord would bring back the remnant of the captivity and renew his covenant, hence it is with much assurance and earnestness we thus adjure you all to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made his people free, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for his people, and that as the world hath moved for ages in the line of Prophecy, and the sure promises God hath made known to his people; therefore the sure mercies of David are decreed, to rest and abide upon the true Israel of God, upon the vessels of Meroz he hath afore prepared unto glory. In Daniel's Prophecy we have a wonderful decree made known unto the sons of men. After God had broken down all the nations by proud Nebuchadnezzar, he then breaks the pride of that mighty king in sending him a dream, a vision, which Daniel interpreted. He saw an image of four different metals. Daniel said those different metals meant four mighty kingdoms to arise out of the earth. And Daniel, in a vision, saw four different beasts, which the angel interpreted as being four different kingdoms, and the first was to be overthrown by the second, and the second by the third and the third by the fourth. These, brethren, were as follows: The first, Daniel said, was the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. This he interpreted by the hand-wrighting on the wall, was given to the Medes and Persians the two arms and breast of silver; and the Medes and Persians were overthrown by the kingdom of Greece. As interpreted by the two-horned ram and the one-horned goat the brass kingdom, and the third or Greece, was overthrown by the next, fourth, or iron kingdom, that breaketh in pieces all other kingdoms, which was so done by the only kingdoms that arose to overthrow Greece, which is commonly accepted as the Caesar or Roman kingdom. Here we have about 400 years' time to be taken up by the coming up and existence and overthrow of the first kingdom, hence man only acted in the line marked out for him. All of the efforts of the Babylonians to subdue the nations were made by them as though they were following their own free will, yet their will, desire, and their course were all laid out before them in Moses and Isaiah and Jeremiah and Daniel and Ezekiel; and the coming up of the Medes and Persians was with great pomp and splendor, and men ran to and fro and followed their hearts' desire; but perhaps did not know that man only deviseth his way, but the Lord directs his steps, and

the way of man is not within himself The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing is of the Lord. Even it is to be remembered that the King's heart is in the hands of the Lord; he turneth it whithersoever he will, so the Lord turned the heart of Alexander to fulfill Daniel's prophecy, and push at the two-horned ram. the Medes and Persians, and overthrow them though it had been about 200 years after Daniel foretold it. And now we come to the fourth great kingdom, the iron kingdom, that was to be terrible and dreadful and divorced from all other kingdoms before it—it should wear out the saints of the most high. Here it is foretold the martyrdom of the saints. Daniel said this kingdom had seven heads and ten horns; and he looked and he saw a little horn come up after the ten and plucked three of the first ten up, and that little horn was a terrible persecuting power. Daniel saw this beast with ten horns and then another came up and took three of the first. Now brethren. if we are not mistaken in the true interpretation these two kingdoms, connected out of one, first the beast of ten horns and then another coming after and taking his start by taking away three first, and then after this little horn waxed great even to casting down the host of heaven. This we understand to be the same first ten-horned dragon by John, and the beast that came up out of the sea or people, that the dragon gave his power to be the same two-horned beast or kingdom in one that Daniel saw. We now understand the first ten-horned beast of Daniel to be the ten-horned dragon of John, and the little horn of Daniel that came up ont behind the first ten horns, to be the ten-horned beast of John that the draggon gave his power to. The first of these powers to be Pagan Rome, the dragon that stood before the woman to devour her man child as soon as he was born, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed. And the second power we believe to be Papal Rome, that the dragon or Pagan Rome gave his power to, for Papal Rome it seems has been wearing out the saints of the Most High and cast down many ten-thousand and stamped the residue with the feet of it. But while all the world combined in all their wild and mad career in following their hearts corruption and desires have not in the least got ahead of prophecy nor went beyond the wisdom of God in any way. Then let us remember that it was also foretold by Daniel to all the prophets, that in the days of these Kings, that the God of heaven should set up a kingdom that should never be destroyed, and to it shall the Gentiles seek, for Isiaah foretold his coming over 700 years beforehand. Unto us a child is born. unto us a son is given. The government shall be upon his shoulders. His name shall be called wonderful counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace, and of the increase of his kingdom there shall be no end. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was wounded in the house of His friend. By His stripes we are healed. He hath laid upon him the iniquity of His people. He was made sin for us who knew no sin. For the iniquity of my people was He stricken. He was led* as a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb dumb before

his shearers, so opened he not his mouth. So, brethren, we have ample testimony that God foretold that Christ should come and die for the sins of His people; that no other offering was acceptible unto God; and that He should be betrayed by Judas, and even the thirty pieces of silver was foretold as the price of blood; and the casting of lots for his raiment was foretold, and as Peter says, I perceive of a truth that both Pontas, Pilate and the Chief rulers, and the Scribes were gathered together to do whatsoever thy hand and thy council hath determined beforehand should be done. And Peter said, men and brethren, the scripture must needs be fulfilled. Ye have by wicked hands taken and crucified the Lord; Him being delivered by the determined council and foreknowledge of God. Having much assurance that the scripture abounds with ample proof that in all ages men and nations combined have only followed in line of prophecy and has only fulfilled what prophecy has laid out for them. And now, brethren, it is our belief we are living in the latter part of the reign of the two-horned beast of John and the toes of the feet of two legs of Iron, which was part of iron and clay mixed. It shows the kingdom is now partly weak and partly strong. As this kingdom should mix with the people but should not cleave to each other. So Rome to-day is mixing with the people, but they don't cleave together. Romans are Romans, even if some of them are mixed in every city. In them is the strength of the iron, but as there is clay to keep them from consolidationg, so they are only partly weak or partly strong, and the two horned beasts of John, that spoke as a dragon, yet had horns like a lamb. This brethren is, as we believe, the two ruling elements that now causeth all, both small and great, to worship the beast, as all the world seems to be drifting back to Romanism under the two horned dilema: First striving for power in numbers; second, the united acknowledged free agency believed in by all religious creeds, thereby setting aside from their faith the line of prophecy marked out in the scriptures. for prophecy and free agency will not work together; for while prophecy fortells the certainty of events from the acts of men and nations, free agency makes nothing certain. Neither is it accepted that man's bounds are set, that he cannot pass. Prophecy is Predestination. Free agency renders nothing fixed, and brethren, it is the calling of the Gentiles from nature to grace. The breaking down of the middle walls or partition between Jew and Gentile, that is so readily mistaken for universal salvation, or for free agency, they seem to overlook the prophecy that the Jews were to be blinded and their understanding deadened to the truth upon the bringing in of the Gentile. The words all men used by these men should be compared with the declarations of Paul when he said he was to make all men see the fellowship of the ministry, and by his mouth all should hear the gospel, and that he was to preach the gospel to every creature. The calling of the Gentiles is what was alluded to, so stand fast. All men marvelled at the miracles at one time, and all men were amazed at another time, and all men, it is said, were seeking Christ at time he and Peter

and John went up into the mountain, when Moses and Elias were transfigured before them. Thus the word all men was a limited word in the scripture, for Paul could not make all men universally see the mistery as millions had died before Paul's day; but the scriptures that are commonly mistaken as applying to each individual of all men only apply as Christ applied them when he gave the Apostles their charge to go into all nations and preach my gospel and he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. And he also declared that as Moses lifted up the seppent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. And Paul said to the Jews, seeing you judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo! I turn unto the Gentiles, and it is here declared that as many as were ordained to eternal life believed; hence, brethren, even the belief is ordained, for with the heart man believeth; and the preparation of the heart in man and the answer of the tongue is of the Lord. Thus it is God first and God last. Having abundance of proof that all things are fixed—even it is decreed that satan shall be chained a thousand years, and that to the angel was given the keys of the bottomless pit. So brethren, the keys of satan's pit was given to the angel by a fixed prophecy; and that he should go and deceive the nations is foretold in the same prophecy that foretold the deliverance of the saints; so, then, we thus judge, that all things were Predestinated, if not the unpredestinated might conflict with the predestinated things; and if some things are predestinated and others not, each then, have their fixed place. One the decreed and fixed predestinated things and the other decreed fixed and set apart unpredestinated things. If one is decreed and the other not, the things undecreed must be fixed the predestinated unpredestinated things, so that the theory or hersey that is sowed abroad that God decreed some fixed predestinated things and left the rest as the certain unpredestinated things. I say this theory is dissolved by the very same theory that it is sought to be established by. And now brethren, the line of prophecy from Abraham until Christ proves that the evil, as well as the good, is fixed, and the travels of the children of grace was typified by the whole line of prophecy. After Moses had led the Children of Israel 40 years in the wilderness, and they had been eye-witnesses to the miracles, and themselves the recipients of the many blessings, such as being fed direct from heaven with manna in the morning and quails in the evening, and their raiment wore not out, even the Lord slaying the 24 thousand with the plague to prove they must trust in God. Yet Moses summed it all up and told them, in the face of all they had seen, they yet had not learned anything about God, for that God had not given them hearts to perceive, nor eyes to see, or ears to hear the sending of the prophets. The Lord said he continued sending them, rising up early, yet they learned not, but slew the prophets, proving that from Moses' times, or at the beginning of the law, until God gave men hearts to believe and perceive, they could not know him; the 1500

years' trial of law, proved without the operation of the spirit, man knew nothing; so now the unregenerated reject the truth. The revealed law of God condemns all; man has trusted in the law of Moses was not understood only by those God gave hearts to perceive, and these wept because they understood that the law was a witness against them; even so the law of God when it is understood by the children of grace, worked death. There is no law given that giveth life, but it is clearly of faith that it might be by grace, to the end that the promise might be sure to all the seed—that no doubt could arise but sure to all the seed. So by grace salvation is sure to all the seed.

Seeing the affliction of Israel was appointed unto them by the hands of Egypt, and Egypt's appointed destruction, declared centuries before it came. We then conclude the predes ination of all things is proven by such prophesy or declarations. Also the declaration that the Amorites should fill up their cup of iniquity and then be destroyed by the Israelites centuries before the Lord done it. and also destroying the Amalekites centuries after it was declared strengthens the proof. Also the certain failure of Israel to keep the law, declared as above cited, and also their turning and serving other gods, and provoking God to anger until he should destroy many of them by sword, famine and pestilence, as cited above, which God not only said he knew but declared it, which established it as certain. Also Saul's cruelty to Israel as their wicked king, still proves that God's decrees did not confine themselves to Israel, but to all the nations of the world. Wicked kings had their evil courses declared as well as the righteous king. The dividing of the twelve tribes was declared and fulfilled, even the scattering them among the nations to be remembered no more, was declared centuries before hand. The Assyrians was declared to be the rod of God's anger and the staff in their hand was God's indignation. I will send him (2 Kings 19-25, Isiaah 10,) against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge to take the spoil and to take the prey, to tread them down like the mire of the streets. And the Assyrians boasted that they had done all this by their own strength. The Lord says shall the ax boast against him that heweth therewith or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it, as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up or as the staff should lift up itself. The Lord declares unto Assyria, dost thou not know a long time ago how I have done it, and from ancient times how I have formed it, and now I bring it to pass, that thou should be, for to lay fenced cities in ruinous heaps. The Lord declares he had appointed the Assyrians from ancient times to destroy nations and calls them the rod of his anger. It is to be remembered that while God declared he would establish his covenant with Isaac and make his people a great nation he decreed at the same time he would make of Ishmael a great nation. So his decrees went farther than just with his chosen people. Also while he gave the children of Jacob Canaan for a possession he also gave Esau and his seed Mount Seer for possession. He also gave the Moabites and the Ammonites, the children

of Lot, the land of Or for a possession. By his decree Josiah's reign was declared 351 years before he performed it. So while God creates peace he also creates evil. While he formed light it must not be forgotten that he also created the darkness; and while he created Israel a joy he also created the wicked for the day of evil; and while he created the vessels of mercy it should be remembered he also created the vessels of wrath; and while he declares himself to be a God of love he also declares himself to be a God of wrath, and while he declares himself to be a God of mercy, it must not be forgotten he also declares himself to be a God of vengance; and while he created the innocent lamb he also created the vicious lion; and while he created the dove, he also created the cruel vulture; and while he created the butterfly, he also created the crooked serpent; and while he loved Jacob he hated Esau. And the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, even for this same purpose have I raised thee up that I might shew my power In thee. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and whom I will I hardeneth. And while the spirit of truth comes from God, an evil spirit from the Lord come upon King Saul, and repeatedly an evil spirit from the Lord come upon King Saul; also and evil spirit from the Lord come to the gates of Jerusalem: and God sent an evil spirit between Abimaleck and the man of Sheckem; and he sent a lying spirit in the mouth of Ahab's prophet. And the deceived and the deceiver is the Lords; and if the prophet be deceived I, the Lord, hath deceived that prophet; and can there be evil in a city and I, the Lord, hath not done it. Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was declared by Moses, Isiaah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel as being an instrument in God's hands to break down and crumble all the other nations; and in turn the Lord declared Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom should fall by the Medes, and the Medes by the Greek and the Greeks by Pagan Rome, and Pagan Rome by Reformers, and the Reformers by Papal Rome, and Papal Rome by another beast, and so on. All powers that is earthly has their appointed time. All powers had to crumble before Christ and all must crumble at their appointed time, for their is no power but of God; and all the power there be is ordained of God. For by Him all things consist, whether they were thrones, dominions, or powers, or things on earth or things in heaven, visible or invisible; but all must crumble before God, for God's kingdom shall never be destroyed but shall break in pieces all other kingdoms.

If there is no power but of God, then where is any other power derived from? and if all the powers there be is ordained of God, then all the powers there be is predestinated of God, for to ordain is to predestinate says Webster. Hence the predestination of all things is proven, for by him they all consist in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, and as they include all things, hence our point is proven; for be it remembered Satan being chained a thousand years, is declared by the inspired writer, hence he is brought under by God's angel that he should deceive the nation no more for a thousand years. Hence if God

declared it He appointed it, if He appointed it He ordained it, if He ordained He predestinated it. And be it remembered that after the thousand years is expired God has declared he shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations, which are in the four quarters of the earth, and shall encompass the camp of the saints about and the beloved city; and fire came down from heaven aud devoured them. So all powers being ordained of God hath their appointed time to run, and also hath their appolnted time for destruction, typifying that all fleshly pride in the children of grace must fall; all hatred to God's people must fall; all boasting must be given up and the reign of the beast we are living under will finally come to its appointed end, and the people of God will triumph through their strength which is Christ.

Your humble servant

NEWTON PETERS.

MINUTES

Of the Seventy-First Anniversary of the Greenville Regular Predestinarian Baptist Association, held with Darby Run Church in Galloway, Franklin County, Ohio, on the 4th, 5th and 6th Days September, 1896.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

2. Letters from the churches were read and the messengers names enrolled on the minutes.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Dismissed by letter	Received by letter..	Excluded.....	Deaths.....	No. of Members.....	Monthly Meetings..
Harmony	J. P. Peters	George D. Peters					9	4
Providence	J. P. Peters	John Light, J. P. Peters & Newton Peters					18	2
Darby Run	J. G. Ford	George Myers, F. F. Myers	1				6	4
Refuge	A. B. Breese	A. B. Breese					13	1
Sugar Creek	J. G. Ford	Eli Clevenger, David Buckle and B. F. Hutchinson		1		1	25	2

3. Chose B. F. Hutchinson, Moderator, and B. G. Ford Clerk.

4. Invited brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to a seat in council.

5. Called for the circular letter, presented and read.

6. Committee appointed to examine the circular letter concisting of Bro. Newton Peters, A. B. Breese and George Peters, and present the same to-morrow.

7. Appointed a committee consisting of Bro. George Myers, Eli Clevenger and George Peters to fill the stand during the Association.

8. Appointed the same committee to receive and disburse contributions.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with Refuge church, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

10. Chose A. B. Breese to write the circular letter next year.

11. Chose Eld. Newton Peters to preach the introductory sermon next year; B. F. Hutchinson, alternate.

12. Chose the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

13. Appointed a yearly meeting to be held with Providence church on the second Sunday in June, 1897, and Saturday before commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. The Ministering brethren of the Association to attend.

14. By motion and second the Stillwater church was dropped from the association.

15. Adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.

Saturday 9:30 a. m. Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, opened by singing and prayer by Moderator.

1. Called for circular letter which was presented, read and received and ordered printed with the minutes.

2. Adjourned to meet at time and place next year.

B. F. HUTCHINSON, Moderator.

B. G. FORD, Clerk.

SERMONS DELIVERED DURING THE ASSOCIATION.

Friday, Sept. 4, 1896, a. m., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

P. M., Eld. J. G. Ford and Newton Peters.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 1896, a. m., Eld. John Peters and A. B. Breese.

P. M., Elds. Newton Peters and B. F. Hutchinson.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1896, a. m. Eld. Newton Peters and J. G. Ford.

P. M., Eld. B. F. Hutchinson.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

J. P. Peters, Lightsville, Ohio.

J. G. Ford, Rushmore, Ohio.

A. B. Breese, Spencerville, Ohio.

B. F. Hutchinson, Kalida, Ohio.

Newton Peters, Portland, Ind.

LICENCIATE.

Ira Adamson, Winchester, Ind.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the messengers and churches composing the Greenville Association:

We will try in our weak way to prepare our circular letter. We wish to say to brethren to get the Scriptures to harmonize. We do see two kinds of salvation set forth; one is eternal, the other is time, or church salvation. Christ says "I lay down my life for my sheep. I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish." But says "By grace are ye saved and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God." And we hope that such is the fact in our experience. Christ says "If ye love me keep my commandments," he says "My commandments are not grevious" but, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Those who have had their sins covered and their iniquities pardoned are the subjects of chastisements; he that is without chastisements is a bastard and not a son. "I will," God says, "visit their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with stripes, nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from them, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." Christ, to John, the revelator, says of certain brethren, if they did not repent He would remove their candlestick, which He says is the church. Now brethren, we find the great stumbling block to the Armenians is to rightly divide the word of God; not keeping the eternal salvation, which is entirely without means, seperate from common salvation; not understanding the temporal chastisements. But wrote to certain brethren that there were some disorder among them, one so bad as to have his father's wife, put such a man away for the distruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. This certifies that God does not entirely withdraw his loving kindness from us, this, brethren, gives us some consolation, yea if we be chastized we still have hope, as the old prophet says, if I take wings and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth thou art there, or if I make my bed in hell thou art there to protect me. Brethren, my prayer is that we, as a church, may walk circumspectly before God, that we may have right to the tree of life which we understand to be the church, and not to mean the eternal salvation, that Christ wrought out: but that we may enjoy the light of the candlestick. We, brethren, attribute nothing to ourselves, if we be found circumspectly in the church: but believe that God hath made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ.

But Christ says "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." We sow, but God giveth the increase. In God we live, move and have our being. Because God is the author and finisher of our faith, let us work to keep in subjection the flesh which so often disturbs our peace as a church; God working in us to will and to do of his own good pleasure: giving us will and wisdom to perform our church duty for the mutual comfort of the church, candlestick, or tree of life: preserving the doctrine, order and fellowship. One thing we feel to rejoice in: we do not make it a bar of fellowship against a brother for not seeing into the predestination of all things as some of us do; we do not want to despise him because he is weak in the faith. We are glad that we, who believe in the eternal sovereignty of God over all things, do not make God the author of sin. God raises up the author of everything his purpose in wisdom designs, for holy ends; harmonizing every unrighteous act to a righteous end; according to the ancient line of Baptists faith. We feel that the preaching of all points of doctrine, just as they are in the Scriptures, is calculated to strengthen instead of weakening the brethren. When preachers come to the care of churches, keeping silent on any point of doctrine, there is where we find so many that can not discern between old and new school. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous into life eternal, and the wicked into everlasting punishment. We believe those who are cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are, remain there forever; the Scriptures being entirely silent as to any ever coming out of it.

G. D. PETERS.
Zanesfield,
Logan County,
Ohio

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then adjourned untill one o clock the
assosiation was called to order & Prayer
by Elder Newton Peters & Preaching
imediately by Elder David Barthy
of Ind then after Payer Singing the
assosiation was Dismissed to one Yeare
at the Darby Run Church in
Gollaway Franklin Co Ohio

Providence Church July 23rd 1888

Dear Brethren. Tis time has come again for us to fix up a letter to our association. We are a little band of brothers & Sisters that try to meet to gather once a month to exchange as we hope greetings of love & fellowship for each other. Trusting in the Lord we hope to still enable us to continue on in faith of his redeeming Power, we still hold to that ~~despised~~ doctrine of Predestination of all things which is so hated by the world. We still hold our meetings on the second Sunday of each month Eld J. P. Peters is still our Pastor but is getting quite feeble, also we have Preaching by Elders Newton Peters & Henry Hale. We are dweling in Peace & harmony with each other. Our present number is eighteen Bro Henry Hinkle has died since our last association. & no additions by baptism or otherwise for further particulars we refer you to our messengers whom we send to sit in counsel with you

Messengers Names Eld Newton Peters
Ira Adamson
John Tite and Oscar Peters

(1)

I have lived among the Baptist kin
Ever since my life in this world began
I am now a half a century old
And I know all that glitters is not gold

And it has proved plain truth to me
For about a half century
That Baptist cannot together long agree
Which is shown by all Baptist history

No other sect can show so many
divisions
No other sect can show so many
Exclusions
No other sect so many doctrines
can show
No other sect is like the Baptist
I know

(2)

''''

Some of them think the spirit is
born a gain
Others think it is the Sinner man
Some think God did all things
Predestinate
Others think this leaves all to some
blind fate

''''

Some think God decrees only the good
The rest comes to pass just as
This we can see} it would
at once at a glance
Would only give us a world of chance

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Some believe a doctrin and do not
consider
Their doctrin would proove the Church
a grass widow

(3)

That Christ hasent come since he
ascended
And will not return untill the
world's ended

"

Some Baptist are like a pot set to
boil
They soon after peace fall into
Turmoil
They soon see mote in Their Brothers
Eye
And at once build a scaffold
Their Brother must die

"

They seem void of mercy forbarence
or love
Or forgiveness or long suffering that
comes from a love

They dont see the beam that covers
their sight
But think others are wrong and they
are just right

"
They claim they only are striving for
peace
And cannot for a moment ther
Brother releas
They are self determined to ~~fast~~
pull out the tares
And root up the wheat all
unewares

"
They cut them off and leave them
a starving
Untill they pay the very last
farthing.

They cast them out from the
Church door
X As thou the Baptist had no use for the poor

"Their concents dont allow them
to fret
For they never will forgive one
debt
They feel they are dooing right
They say
To cut of a brother thats not
able to pay

"
They have a right to do it we know
If they dont intend any mercy
to show
For the Brother has honestly
owned the debt
So what the use for any to fret

"

Now mercy have we ever known
or seen
When strict adheavence was made
to law,
Hence it is hard to know just
which
Stay out with the poor or join with
the rich

"

The law gives a brother a chance
to strike down
A brother that owe them a single
half crown
When business on legal baisis
is done
A brother in debt most always is
shun

(7)

"

The brother in debt no recorse
can expect
If breathren their money alone do
respect
The debter must now leave the
Church door
The Church seams now no place
for the poor

"

A rich man had two debtors
they say
And neither one had a farthing
to pay
This rich man did not a gallows
build
That theas two debtors might
be killed

"

But he lovingly and freely forgive
them the debt
A loving Example for our brother
he set
He did not try to cast bad
reflection
By charging they did not believe
resurrection

"

We remember the savior at one
time forgave
All the transgressions a sinner
did have
And afterwards this sinner whome
God did forgive
Declared those who owed him should
not live

"

And put them in prision the
Savior has said
Untill every farthing they owed him
was paid
Christ met this sinner while
Striving for greed
And said I forgave you of all your
misdeedes

"

Yet you no mercy or forgiveness
have showed
To them a little to you they have
owed
And you no pitty nor mercy have
shown
But proceded at once your brother
to disown

"

Dont you know if I your Savior and
King
Should fail to forgive you of one
little thing
You cetainly would be forever lost
Now think for a minute what your
sins have cost

"

Hence Brethren if God showed no
more mercy than you
What in the world would poor
debtors do
Who are Thousands in debt and
nothing to pay
Now my dear creditor what do
you say

"
Shall it be said of the Baptist
all ore
That the Church has no room
for the poor
When they own every time they ar
asked to say
They owe more money than they
are able to say

"Every new Minister that does
come a long
Seams filled with vengence
hard and strong
And seems very ready and most
awful quick
To give the poor underdog an
awful hard kick

"

But it has been true in every
Country
The under dog draws out the most
Sympathy
Therefore let all who have added
Their kick
And helped to give the under
dog a kick

"

Just take a little lesson from
the saviors own words
And do not believe all that you
have heard
And do not let a revengful bad
Spirit
Tattle around to all that will
hear it

"

For if you use vengance without
mercy shown
The Savior will all such persons
disown
And if you expect a portion in
heaven
You must forgive seventy times
seven

"

And as I am now a half century old
I know all that glitters is not gold
So what the use to worry or fret
The Church wont have a man
Thats in debt

"

I have lived among The Baptist kin
Ever since my life hear below was
be

And if I live to be a hundred
years old
I will find all that glitters is
not gold

Nov. 3d - 1899 Church met as usual. Meeting opened by Singing and prayer by Henry Hole and Preaching by the same no bisness Closed in order.

C. L. Miller Clk

The Refuge old School
Predestinarian Baptist Church
Situated near Spencerville
Allen Co. O. Sendith
greeting to the Members
and Messengers Composing
ing the Greenville Old
School Predestinarian Baptist
Association: when in
session with the Shugar
Creek Church Situated
Near Rimer Putnam Co. O.
on September 1-2-3. 1899.

Brethren we are a little
flock of which some of us
meet once a month for the
purpose of trying to worship
God in a feeble way

Eld: J G Ford serves
us as Pastor and Moderator
We meet on the first sun-
day of each Month and
Saturday before
No: of Members 6
All Members pesant at
the Association is consided
Messengers
For further particulars
enquire of Messengers

Done by order of the Church
July 1st, 1899

The Church of Jesus Christ
at called Sugar creek.
situated in Putnam Co O. To
the Greenville Old school
Predestinarian Baptist Association
when in session with us on
Sep 1st 2nd & 3rd 1899 sendeth
greeting. We still believe in
the doctrin of the Predestination
of all things. Or Election and
salvation by Grace alone.
We are pained to again inform
you that there is not the fellow
ship existing that ought to
exist We have the Gospel
preached to us regular by
our pastor Eld J. G Ford
whome we esteem for the truth

sake. There has been no change in our membership since our last to you. For farther particulars inquire of Brothers B.F. Hutchenson Harvey Schlusser and Irvin Carter whom we send as messengers to carry this and sit with you in council. Done at our regular meeting in Aug 1899

B G Ford Clk J. G Ford Mod

The church of Jesus
Christ called Darby Run.
Situated in Galloway, O.
Franklin Co. Composing
the Greenville Predestinarian
Baptis Association when
convened with Sugar
Creek church Putnam
Co. O. On Friday before
the first Sunday in
September 1898. Sendeth
Christain love. We are
few in number and
are in peace as far as
is known. We still have
preaching by Elder J. S.
Ford and Occasionaly
by others whom we
esteem for the truths'

sake. Since our last to you we have received none, excluded two. So that our present number is five. for farther particulars enquire of F. F. Myers Martha Myers and G. B. Myers whom we send as messngers to carry this and sit with you in counsel done at our called meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. 1897.

Please give us the next Association.

F. F. Myers clerk.

The Regular Predestinarian
Baptist Church called Harmony
To the Greenville Association
when in session with the
Sugar Creek Church in Putnam
County Ohio on the 1st 2nd and
3rd days of September 1899.

Very Dear Brethren an other
year has rolled around and
is numbered with the passed
and we are still spared and
are permitted to occasionly
meet together at which
times we have the gosple
preached to us by some of
the ministering brethren
whom we love for the truth
sake. There are but few
of us only nine in number

three of those have not
met with us for a long
time and it has been a
long time since we have
heard from them, so there
are only six of us that
meet together. Our meetings
are still held on the fourth
Sunday when permited to
meet. We have appointed
our brethren G. D. Peters and
Wm Hance to bear this letter and
it with you while doing
busines, for farther particulars
enquire of them.
Done at our meeting of business
June 24th 1899.

J. G. Ford Moderator
Wm Hance Clerk.

Since this letter was written we
have learned that one those absent
members is dead leaving our
number eight.

August 8th 11 1896 The
Church called Providence of
Dark county Ohio Sendeth
this her epistle of love and
Salutation to the Greenville
Association when the minis-
ters and messengers are in
Session with Darby run
Church of Galloway Fran-
klin county Ohio We still
believe in the doctrine of
Election Predestination
Foreordination of all things
whether finite
or infinate the wicked for
the day of evil that there
is nothing exist without
him we still have preching
by Elder L. P. Peters

The church of Jesus
Christ called Darby
Run situated in
Galloway Franklin Co. Ohio
To the Brethren and sisters
Composing the Greenville
Predestinarian Baptist
Association when convened
with Refuge Church
Spencerville Allen Co.
Ohio. on Friday before
the first Sunday in
September 1901 sendeth
christian love. We are
few in number and
are in peace as far
as is known. we have
preaching by Eld. Frank
McGlade. and occasion-
ally by others, whome we
esteem for the truths
sake. since our last

to you we have received none. so our present number is five in number for farther particulars enquire of F.F. Myers Martha Myers and G.B. Myers. whome we send as Messengers to carry this and set with You in counsel done at our called meeting in Aug. 25- 1901.

F.F. Myers Clerk.

Minutes of the Fifty eighth Anniversary of the Greenville Predestinarian Baptist Association held with the Providence Church in Darke County Ohio on the 31st of August and 1st and 2d days of September 1883

1st Introductory Sermon was delivered by G. M Peters from John 1st chapter and 29th verse

2d called for letters from

4" Appoind Elders G. M. Peters, J. P. Peters, G. Cottrell,
A. B. Rees and brethren Ira Adamson and
J. C. Line messengers to the Mad River Association
5" Read the Minutes of this session
6" Adjourned to time and place of meeting
next year

George Cottrell Moderator

Wm Hance Clerk.

Text - Jeremiah Chapter 9 1-2 verses

Minutes of the Seventy Sixth anniversary of the Greenville Regular Presdestinarian Baptist Association held with Refuge Church near Spencerville Allen Co. O Aug 30-31 & Sept 1 1901

1st Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Newton Peters

~~2nd Called for the letters from the Churches which was read and Messengers names Enrolled as follows~~

2nd Choosed Eld Frank McGlade Moderator and C G Miller Clerk

3rd Called for the letters from the Churches which was read and Messengers names Enrolled as follows

4th Moved & second that the Shugar Church be droped from our Minuts

5th Called for the Circular letter which was read and ordered in the hand of the Committy C G Miller F F Myers N Peters

6" Apot Community Preaching
G D Peters F F Myers Wm Cort-
sam com on Contribution
7" Apoint the Associ to Meet with the
Darby Runn Church next year
8 Choosed Eld Frank McGlade to
preach the Introductory Seromon
next year & B F Hutchinson in case
of failure
9" Choosed C G Miller to write the
Sircular letter next year
10" Moved & Secon that we record on our
Minutes the Memorial of Eld Jno Peters

To the Greenville Old
School Predestinarian Baptist
Association to be held near
Spencerville Allen Co. O. on
Aug. 30 & 31 Sept 1st 1901
when in Sesion. To the Members
and Messengers composing
the same we send greeting
Dearly beloved in the Lord
the time is at hand when
you will expect a letter from
us, as an Annual report, it is
a costom long sice adopted
by the Baptist to meet in our
Associate capasity of the
different Churches to mingle
there worship to gather in
talking and singing songs of
prais to the almighty God

giving credit- to him who
rules all things in the armes
of heaven and a mong the inhabi
tents of earth as he is befor
all things and by him all things
consist and we ar still the
moving monuments of his
mercils goying in and out
as it pleaseth him
our metings is on the first-sunday
and saturday before of each month
Eld. J G Ford is our pastor
but on the account of his old
age and infirmaties he cannot
meet with us regular
we hold and esteem our pastor
higly for the doctrin he declar
es to us we hold it- is nessary
that the doctrin of God our savior
be set forth at this time & so that
we only have preaching when our
pastor and others of like faith
come a mong us

Our conditions since we last met with you are as follows: Died none Dismissed none Baptised none so that our present number is 6.

To the Greenville Old school Predestinarian
baptist Association when in session with
Refuge church near Spencerville Ohio on Aug 30 & 31
and Sep 1st 1901. Beloved brethren and sisters
in the Lord. by the request of the Sugar Creek
church I write you this letter informing you that
the church at her regular meeting in Aug 1901
did by unanimus vote withdraw from the
Association

B. G. Ford. church clerk.

Lima, Ohio.

Jan. 5 - 1904.

1014, W. Spring st.

Brother Peters I will now try another time to write to you and tell you how glad we wer to get your letter. we think think the 5-8-6 verses of Hebr' sets forthe the doctrin of salvation by grace & grace a lo for God will and must have his word performed, he speaks and it is done h commands and it stand fast. Now h created the first Adam with all the p citses of sin in him the flesh is h to all the things of naiture and it lo its element, Now all that is nessar for us to be chasten is for God to with d his parrential care from us for a mon And we will plunge into the depth of si for sin is our element And we love to role it as a sweet morsel under our Brother Peters what is more calculated to hum a child of Grace than to get a glimps of own inbred corruption of his heart it is that manefest the hiden evils of our de ture. Now my mind runn theas

dear of late
good Bro. Peters- And I trust you will
have charity for me while I speak a few word
on this wise we have of late cryed
unto the Lord to give his children more
glimpse of there own natures shurly it will
humble them and cause them to seek the
Brethren interests and not there own
Brother Hutchinson of Findly wer ove to see
mother Christmas and they stayed all
night with us and they are both hungry
for meting Bro Hutchinson said he would
be glad to hear of the Brethren having
meeting. and that he would love to meet
with them and listen to the preaching
but if his presants wer hurtful he would
stay a way from the meting for there has
bin enough trouble and I dont want to
cause any more, And he says tell the
Brethren that my foolish talk hurts
me for I am condemned and I have
read resolution after resolution and
have broken them all and now he askes
the Brethren to assist him in any way
they can.

Request of the Refuge Church

Whearas it has come to the knowledge of the Refuge Church that Elder A. B. Brus and Sister Seinn, Has aught a gainst each other and we know that Elder A. B. Brus. has endevered to bring a bout A reconsillation as is recorded in Math 5th 23-24 also Math 18th 15-16-17 and in as much as Sister Seinn said she would leave the Matter to the Providence Church to deside the case as she is a mem. of the Providence Church. Wharas Eld A. B. Brus. being our Pastor left his gift at the aulter as soon as he positively knew that the Sister had aught a gainst him, untill their could be a reconsillation brought a bout, and went to visit the Sister and if Posible have the matter settled. Also took with him two witness and failed to have the trouble settled. Wharas They both agried to let the Provdence Church

Settle the case

Their was a motion mad that they would not take up the business at present and declared unanimous

Wharas Elder A. B. Brees meet her at the Providence Church at their regular Meeting on Saturday Dec the 12-1896. And attempted to lay the case befor the Providence Church at tip and the Moderator ruled ~~it out~~ against taken the case to the Providence church So that it cut the parties out from bringing a bout any settlement According to the rule lay'd down in the scripturs

We request that the several Churches Composing the Greenville Association Namly Providence. Darby Ruum. Shugar Creek. Harmoney.

Call a meeting and send a committy to give us counsil in love.

At our next regular meeting Saturday Jan-2nd 1897 As we need and desire and our prayer is that you will be faithfull to us as a Church or as a part of the members of Christ body The Church, to bring a bout a speedy reconsillation or settlement

Carried by a minor vot of the church C G Mell

Church Letter

The Predestinarian Baptist Church Called Providence Situated near Lightsville Darke County Ohio Sendeth this her Epistle of love and Salutation to the ministers and Messengers Composing the Greenville association when met with the refuge Church on the 30 & 31 days of August and the 1st day of September 1901. very dear brethren in Christ we are a very few in number but for a long time our God who Keepeth the feet of his Saints hath wonderfuly blessed us with peace and harmony with Each other for this we can only thank and praise him who is the fountain of all righteousness. for if left to our selves we could not stand a day

we deeply mourn the death of our highly Esteemed and dearly beloved Pastor Eld. J. P. Peters who fell asleep in Jesus on Febuary 9th 1901. he served us faithfuly for over thirty years and suffered many privations to do so and bore the weakness and carless disposition of his Brethren with much Christian forbearance

Poetry

Seldom rain or storm prevented his Roam
in serving his Lord abroad or at home
but wandered a pilgrim through heat & Cold
that the Story of Jesus love be told

but his Armor is Laid aside at last
his labor in his Masters Couse is past
not as those who have no hope do we weep
because our pastor in Jesus fell aslap

but who will the Story of Jesus now tell
Since our dear pastor asllp has fell
O Lord send us Shepherds well Ladened with truth
to proclaim thy Gospel to the aged and youth

our Condition since we last met you is
as follows

Recieved none — dismissed none. so that our
present number is 17.

we only have meetings at such times as we
Can have a minister to Come among us and feel
thankful that the Lord Blessed us accasionaly with
Ministers Ladened with the truth as it is in Jesus

for further refferences we refer you to any of
our members that may be permitted to meet with
you. as messengers.

J. P. Light Clerk

The more I think of how we became
seperated the brighter the evidence seems to
me that they have departed from the rules
the Savior laid down for his Church to be
governed by. Now we can see that A B Brees
has not told us the truth has not told
why or what caused the Division in Refuge
Church. The first trouble that was brought
in the Refuge Church was brought on by
A B Brees. the first the Church knew of any
trouble was in Novr 1896 or rather the December
meeting it was at the time that I went
with A. B. Brees. and his wife to Brother Coles.
on our way home A. B. Brees said that a Preacher
should be very careful a bout what he should
do And now seeing that Sister Senn was
hurt at him it will be nessary now
for me to leave my gift at the Altar
untill the matter is settled I thought
that was all right then so he refused to
Preach any more for us untill the trouble
could be settled A. B. Brees asked me one day

if I would go with him to Celina the next Saturday I told him I would like to go very much for I liked to visit with those people there. but that I couldent go for I would be obliged to distribute my sale bills he proposed that he and Perry would help me so that I could go with him I thought it very kind of him to help me so that I could make a visit with him with Brother Hales so I accepted the propisition and went a long with him and wife, so it was not until after we got there that I knew for what purpose he wanted me to go with him. it was then and there manifested that he wanted to use me as a witness and I herd no conversation between A.B.Brees and Sister Senn only that after he and his wife and Sister Senn had bin out and had a talk and after they had come in the room A.B.Brees said to Sister Senn that he wanted to finish up there matter and he wanted his wife and my self to be present, (Now hear is all that I

[illegible] shall not

heard between them A B Brees said he wanted Sister Senn to signe her name to an instrument of writing he had something a bout leaving there trouble to the Providence Church to decide for them and he wanted his wife to signe it as a witness and also myself to signe it as a witness and we all three signed our name to that instrument of writing) This was some time a bout the middle of Nove' 1896 and they wer to met with the Providence Church on there next regular day of meeting which was in Dec' on Saturday before the second Sun' 1896 A. B. Brees and wife went to that meeting also Sister Senn B. F. Hutchinson and others. I did not go although I had promised to go with A. B. Brees on thursday evning before and told my wife that I would go to Dark County tomorrow with A. B. Brees but my wife said no you cant go I said no more a bout it untill the next morning when I said that I had better go will

[illegible] shall not

well she said if you think more of A.B. than you do of me go. I then saw that my wife was sorly hurt by him for some cause that I did not know & then said. Ill not go so that was my reason for not going. (I think a good one to) On Monday morning folowing this I stoped in at A.B Brees house to see Perry not knowing that A.B. Brees was at home but he and wife came home the evining before they would not stay for the meeting next day after driving a bout fifty miles to get to the meeting. so you can see that I was surprised to see A.B Brees at home on monday morning. but I wasent there long until I saw that all was not right so I went on to my work and I had a busy day of it thinking a bout the trouble and I fell on this plan that I would stop and tell the three Brees that if they thought it all right I would call a meeting And we would then call for a council of the different Churches to come [illegible]

or send a committy to settle the trouble betwene A.B. Brees and Sister Senn. I then went around to see all the members of the Church and ask them to come to a meeting on saturday of the same week in Dec. 19-1896. some of the members met at usual place and we organized by choesing C.G. Miller. ~~Clerk~~ Moderator (and he C G Miller), was already the standing Clerk. The Mod. read a request for the several Churches composing the Greenville Association to send committies to help settle our trouble to meet with us at our next meeting on Saturday before the first Sunday in January-1897. None came to to the council but Brother U Carter. The Mod. begin to have some light on the order of the Church of Jesus Christ and the rules that Jesus laid down for his desiples to be governed by. up till this time I had took the advice of the older breathran in the Association as they had bin in the habit of calling councils to settle diffaculties that would come up. between

two breathren And now being fully convinced that the Church was goying rong for every move they Church made was contrary to the Saviors rule. And also being fuly convinced that there is no Scripture authorising any one or a Church to call a counsil of Churches for to settle trouble betwen two breathren. A counsil might deside that one was wrong and the other we can fellowship but that would not settle the trouble the trouble still remains just the same as it did before. Now you can see that A.B. Brees for some cause pretended that he must be very carful what he should do and so left his gift at the altar so he could make it appear that he wanted to be at the feet of the Church or breathren but when ever the breathren would aske him to comply with the Savior Rules that the Savior laid down in the Scriptures he would say no Ill never do it I will not confess nothing. Just read the Saviors language to his deciples his Sermon on the mount in the 5-ch of Math: Ye have heard that it was [illegible] Thou shalt not [illegible]

And whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement: But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say to his brother Raca shall be in danger of the Counsil: But whosoever shall say thou fool shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefor if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there remembrest that thy brother hath ought against thee: Leave there thy gift befor the altar and go thy way: First be reconsiled to thy brother then come and offer thy gift: Now then Jesus has told us why A.B.Brees left his gift at the altar (if he had any) for it is an evident fact that when ever a brother leaves his gift at the altar it is because some one has ought at him and when he comes to the altar he remembers that some one has ought against him. or because he is angry at his brother without a cause &c. otherwise he would not leave his gift at the altar. And A.B.Brees wanted the Refuge Church to help him to try and make a showing that he

had done all he could so it would lay all the blame on Sister Senn. But Jesus has told us in his sermon that A.B.B is the one to go and be reconciled to the Sister. And now the real cause of the division in Refuge Church. was because that A.B.B refused to take the rules that Jesus Laid down for his decples to be governed by theas rules that Jesus laid down wer and are for the Church of Jesus Christ to be governed by and as A.B.B and a few more would not have or be governed by theas Rules the Savior has left for his deciples to be guided by Therfore they have left the Church by thus sitting a side the Saviors Rules and installing Mens Theories in stead of Bibles rules. (Not A.B.B) and some athers would not have any thing to do with any Admonitions from any ~~of the brethren~~ one elsc. but the sujestings that A.B.B would give they would not listen to no one but A.B.B. Every thing must come to his judgement. The faloving is some of the admonitions and confessions made to the Church while we were yit all to gather

Brethren and Sisters it is with great feeling for the benefit of the people of God. that I am compeled to be plain and faithful to you and as I have bin your leader in getting you in disorder I feel as I humbly hope that God has revealed to me the injustices of our former and all actions done by the Church is not and has not bin in accordence with the divine rule of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Therfore I with draw all the actions that I have done or helped to do And to show you there has not bin one step taken in Gospel order in regard to the trouble that is among us quoting Matt 5. Therfore if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there remembrest that thy brother hath ought against thee Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way first be reconsiled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift. The Savior command is very deffinete and positive what a brother must do in a case of this kind, the Savior does not say go and try to be reconsiled, but it is a positive command

go and be reconciled to thy brother neither does the Savior say endevor to be reconciled no but it is go and be reconciled. Neither does the Savior say go and try to get thy brother reconciled to your ways but the command is go and be reconciled to thy brother I understand that you are to go and be reconciled to your brother as you have offended him it is not for you to try and get him to come to you but you must conform to him to him this is the Savior rule and whenever we try to change it we are leaving Jesus and the gospel order of the Church. Now we know that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar and we also know that Brother Brees has not bin reconciled to Sister Senn as the Savior has commanded And now the Church has taken it up contrary to the law or command of Christ. And have made a motion and second that the Church restore Brother Brees to the liberty of the Church. The records will show that Brother Brees left his gift at the altar (I will state here

that as far as this is concerned is a step in the right direction but it never was compleated) but has never as yet fulfiled the Savior command and I consider the Church is out of place in what she has done it is not in accordence with the order of the Church of Christ. Therefore I consider the Church has left us. (or that part that has left the true order of Christ) if she continues the course she has started with. (And they continue right a long in the same corse of disorder) We have bin willing and are yet willing to bare with them* if they will confess to the wrong they have done* to the order of God house and be willing to be humble at the feet of Jesus. And let the two parties that have ought against each other come to gather as the Savior has commanded. You know how that I have confessed to you at both of our last meetings that I had done wrong in regard to this matter. C. G. Miller, (This adinonition ~~was read~~ was read to the Church in March 1897 The Church by Motion and Second ~~received~~ agreed

*-the church or a part of the Church that has left the true order

*-She has done the same disordly part that has left us

to have the forgoing read. Note. I read as far as a line marked thus. —„ and stoped to make some remarks and after some talk and deliberation was asked to read it again as I had stoped for to make some remarks expecting to read it all but was prohibited by the Church after they had granted me the privalige of reading it. (A.B. Brees was the Church that prohibeted me from reading it and I quietedly submitted). There was a few of us that could not rais our hand in a vote to restore A.B. Brees to the full liberty of the Church knowing that he was in bace disorder Because he and some of the rest had departed from the order of the Church of Jesus Christ we felt it better to stand still rather than to do wrong and wait and see the salvadion of the Lord. This we done till we saw the parting of the watters. we felt that it was best to meet to gather and keep up our meetings if it is the Lords will which we have done so far. and we fel to praise God for the many mercies he has bestowed

on us One meet to gather and sing songs of prais and adoration to God in the higest and we fel that we have bin blessed in meeting in meeting to gather for to worship God A.B.B Called for a vote to be taken to see if the Church would accept what I had read to them it was put to a vote by the Mod, only two votes cast and they wer cast by Old Grand Ma Brees. and Harriet Brees to not have any thing to do with the admonition that was just read to them, the rest did not vote. Then A.B.B got up and told them that I had not only brought disonor on him but also had brought disonor on the Church So you can see that they voted themselves out of the Church by not taken the Saviors rules for their guide they voted that they would not have any thing to do with the Saviors Rules as laid down in the Scriptures. During the three meetings (viz) Dec' Jan' and Febuary A.B. Brees talked of being in bonds as he had left his gift at the Altar &c &c Then at the forth meeting March .1897. A.B. Brees got up in meeting and told

the Church that he had never left his gift at the altar denying what he had done willing himself his leaving his gift at the altar. was on record in the Church book, his leaving his gift at the altar went on Record Dec 19-1896. at a called meeting. And then for A.B.B to get up at the forth meeting and denying that he had lef his gift at the altar looks verry foxy and shows the cloven foot verry plainly.

Also A.B.Brees says in his little book of mistakes (for it is a mistake all the way through) that C.S.Miller. by his life of indiscretion has proven himself unworthy of our confidence by taking the Church book in violation of all laws and of drinking to excess. As I have shown you in the forpart of this that A.B.Brees and a few others left the Church and voted themselves out of the Church and as I was the Clerk of Refuge Church in order. so you can see dear readers that the Church book was in lawful hands there could be no such a thing as taking it in violation of law

And now as to my drinking I will cheerfully confess all there is about it as I did to A.B. Brues and family the first time that I saw them and it was in A.B. Brues own house and when I confessed them they willingly forgave me. Now it was this way Mr Fread. Ganbeidel and my self had a job of husking corn and delivering it to one Mr G.F. Henne. we finished our contract on saturday Dec. 12-1896 and it was late when we got the last load delivered Mr Henne told us to drive up town and he would come up and pay us for our work we drove up to the town pump and was watering the team when Mr Henne came a long and told us to hich our team and come up to Sam Crofts so we hitched our team and went to Crofts to get our pay we went in Mr Henne was there as soon as we went in he called out the whiskey I felt timid but I drank with them then we talked about our business and Henne paid us some money then Henne treated again and we all drank the second time then Fred. Ganbeidel treated

I told him I did not want to drink any more but to satisfie him I drank ~~I drank~~ with him I then said I am going home for I felt ashamed of my self to have let them persuade me to drink I felt the effects of what I had drank of course but I dont think any one could tell it on me but of course that is no excuse I felt sorry for what I had done and and do yet And it was through the surrounding circumstances by which I have related to you that got me into it And now to all old ~~Sc~~ School Baptist I beg forgiveness and if my life to you has proven that I am not worthy of your fellowship I dont want to impose on you. but I cannot help but beg for mercies and forgiveness I know that I am a poor sinner and need the grace of God to support me

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