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FRIDAY SESSION

In session assembled with Maggie Home Church, Dundas, Venton County, Ohio, July 31st, and August 1st and 2nd, 1959. After soul inspiring remarks, Elder Willie Collins offered a prayer that touched the heart of every little child of God assembled there. Then Elder Stephen Osborne came forward and being possessed with the spirit of wisdom, he preached the introductory sermon, using the following text: "For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead." 1st Cor., 15 chapter, and verse 21.

Following the introductory sermon the delegates were dismissed from the stand, and assembled themselves at the meeting house. After some worthy remarks and prayer by Elder Olas Baldrige of the Indian Bottom Association, the second annual session of the Northern New Salem Association was called to order by our beloved Moderator, and proceeded to do business in the following way.

1. Letters from the several churches called for and noted. By a move and a second the letter from Maggie Home Church was read. After reading the letter, the delegates and their letters were received and seated in order. By the same motion, all queries, and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator; Elder H. N. Vanderpool, Assistant Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; and Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches. Received one by the name of LITTLE EDNA, located at Loraine, Ohio. After reading their letter they were found to be of the same faith as our other churches. By a move and a second they were cordially received, and invited to take a seat with us.

4. By a move and a second the reading of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution were omitted.

5. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up a Godly correspondence with us and received the following: (a) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: represented by the following delegates. Elders: M. C. Wright, Banner Manns, Sidney Hudson, Jesse Osborne, Virgill Caudill, Grover Adkins, Grady Adkins, Wiley Coffee, and Herschell Huff, and Brother Delmar Ratliff. Letter in the hands of Elder Grady Adkins. Their letter was read, and their delegates with their letter was cordially received and invited to a seat with us. (b) UNION ASSOCIATION: represented by the following delegates. Elders: George Perrigan, John Hess, and M. A. Music, and Brothers: John M. Mullins, Rufus Parrigan, and Jesse Bryant. Letter in the hands of Brother John M. Mullins. Their letter was read, and their delegates with their letter was cordially received and invited to take a seat with us. (c) INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: represented by the following delegates. Elders: Hillis Reedy, Alonzo Watts, Olas Baldrige, and Alonzo Allen. Letter in the hands of Elder Alonzo Allen. Their letter

was read and their delegates with their letter was cordially received and invited to take a seat with us.

(d) SARDIS ASSOCIATION: represented by the following delegates. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Ireland Harrison, Emmitt Case, Tracy Hatfield, and Cecil Evans, and Brothers: Harold Varney, George Fraley, and W. M. Canterbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Emmitt Case. Their letter was read, and their delegates with their letter were cordially received and invited to take a seat with us.

(e) MUD RIVER: represented by the following delegate. Elder: Wetzel Ball. Letter in the hand of same. The letter was read and the delegate with his letter was cordially received and invited to take a seat with us.

(f) PHILADELPHIA: represented by the following delegates. Elders: Jesse Boggs, John Moore, and Brothers: George Woods, Wes Woods, John Griffith, David Gilliam, John Smith, Tom Johnson, Elmer Rayburn, Shady Smith, Perry Johnson, and Ralph Reed. Letter in the hands of Brother David Gilliam. Their letter was read, and their delegates were cordially received and invited to take a seat with us.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and received the following: (a) NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION — Elder Willie Collins. (b) NEW SALEM — Elders: Virgill Caudill and Anthony Hamilton, and Brothers: Homer Combs and Mil-lard Allen. (c) UNION — Lonnie Mounts and Caudill Williamson. (d) INDIAN BOTTOM — Elder John Bentley, and Brothers: Ira Honeycut, John Fields, and John Smith. (e) SARDIS — Elder Jonah Ester Williamson.

7. By a move and a second the Moderator was chosen to make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed a Committee on Ministry consisting of

one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation from Maggie Home Shurch to arrange the preaching for Friday night, and Saturday to-wit:

(1) Hershell Huff, (2) John Hess, (3) Grover Adkins, to close. Saturday: (1) Alonzo Allen, (2) M. C. Wright, (3) Ester Hopkins, (4) Banner Manns to close.

9. By a move and a second Elder Roy B. Akers was appointed to write letters of correspondence to the following sister Associations to-wit: New Salem, Union, Indian Bottom, Sardis, Mud River, and Philadelphia.

10. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church, with the Moderator and Clerk, together with the delegates from our corresponding Associations, and transients, to arrange the business for Saturday.

11. By a move and a second the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 1, 1959

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing some of Zion's songs, remarks and prayer was made by Elder Sidney Hudson, after which the Association was called to order by our beloved Moderator.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the Bill of Arrangements, and discharged the committee.
3. Reading of the Circular Letter written by Elder H. N. Vanderpool. By a move and second the letter was received and ordered printed in the minutes. By the same motion Elder Roy B. Akers was chosen to write the Circular Letter for next year — 1960.

4. Appointed a Committee on Finance who reported the sum of \$240.00 contributed by all the churches. Mitchall Chaffins and Banner Collins were the committee.

5. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Received from Churches Last Year — 1958.....	\$340.00
Cost of Printing 1500 Copies of the Minutes...	195.00
Cost of Printing Form Letters	18.00
Purchased Record Book, less 10 per cent	51.75
Total Money on Hand August 1, 1959	80.25
Collected from Churches This Year — 1959.....	240.00
Grand Total	\$320.25

6. By a move and a second the Treasurer's report was received.

7. By a move and a second the Clerk was appointed to supervise the printing of the minutes, and that he have 2,000 copies printed. By the same motion the printer's fee is to appear on the cover of the minutes, and the addresses of the churches, and the officers of each church, together with those of ordained ministers and delegates be noted.

8. It was moved and seconded that we print obituaries of deceased members of our faith in our minutes. Pictures can be had by any member desiring them at the member's expense.

9. Resolved that requests for Union Meetings be published in our minutes, and that communion time of each church be noted.

10. Called on the brethren who were appointed to attend Union Meetings and Associations to report. The faithful were commended, and the failures were excused, by a move and a second.

11. By a move and a second the following brethren volunteered to attend the following sister Associations this year — 1959.

(a) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION, to be held with the Little Rosa Church at McDowell, Floyd County, Ky., on Route 122, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1959, and continuing the two following days. Elders: Delmar Williams, Joshua Hicks, Mitchall Chaffins, Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, and Brothers: Webster Bartley, Shade Meeks, Jubal Music, Alonzo Tackitt, and John Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Steve Osborne and Elder Parris Tackitt.

(b) UNION, to be held with the Bold Camp Church, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1959, and continuing the two following days. Elders: Steve Osborne, Parris Tackitt, R. B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, and Mitchall Chaffins; Brothers: Jubal Music, John Mullins, Wm. Deal, Alonzo Tackitt, and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

(c) INDIAN BOTTOM, to be held with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie, Letcher County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1959, and continuing the two following days. Elders: Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Sollie Miller; Brothers: Hershall Sturgill, Wm. P. Deal, Banner Collins, Webster Bartley, and Forrest Osborne, and Elder Parris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy B. Akers.

(d) SARDIS, To be held with the Elkfork Church, at Delbarton, W. Va., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1959. Elders: H. N. Vanderpool, Willie Collins, Delmar Williams, Baxter Osborne, Parris Tackitt, Steve Osborne, and Roy B.

Akers; Brothers: John Mullins, Banner Collins, Shade Meeks, and Jubal Music. Letter in the hands of Brother John Mullins.

(e) MUD RIVER, to be held with the Provident Church, St. Albans, Kanawha County, W. Va., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1959. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, and Roy B. Akers; Brothers: Jubel Music, John Mullins, and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne and Elder Parris Tackitt.

(f) PHILADELPHIA, to be held with the Little Mary Church, Ashland, Boyd County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1959. Elders: Roy B. Akers, Claude Ousley, Baxter Osborne, Sollie Miller, Anthony Hamilton, and Steve Osborne; Brothers: Forrest Osborne, Hershall Sturgill, V. B. Hall, Alonzo Tackitt, Jubel Music, Roy Hamilton, John Mulline, Raymond Hamilton, and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Brother Forrest Osborne and Elder Parris Tackitt.

12. Appointed a Committee on Ministry to arrange preaching for Saturday night and Sunday, to-wit Saturday Night — Brother Sam Collins, 1st, Elders George Perrigan, 2nd, John Moore, 3rd, and Tracy Hatfield to close. Sunday — Elders: Anthony Hamilton to open, Mitchall Chaffins, 2nd, Jonah Ester Williamson, 3rd, and our beloved Moderator, Baxter Osborne, to close.

13. With reference to the question from the Little Jewel Church — "What, if anything, can be done to rescue the orderly members and churches from the Thornton Union Association?" Answer: We the Northern New Salem Association as an advisory council say to all of our churches that we do hereby agree to follow

in the footsteps of our mother, New Salem, and our sister, the Union Associations, in whatever decision that they may make pertinent to this question.

14. Resolved that the question relative to printing a history of the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ brought up on the floor by Brother Rufus Perrigan of the Union Association be as follows: The Moderator of the Northern New Salem Association appointed all the officers of said Association to aid and assist Brother Perrigan in whatever way the committee might deem appropriate.

15. Resolved that our next Association be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1960, and continuing the two following days. And that Elder Roy B. Akers preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Claude Ousley be his alternate.

NOTE: To the brethren from Eastern Kentucky and Virginia; come to Ashland, Ky. Take Route No. 23 to Waldo, Ohio. Take Route No. 98 (right) to Plymouth, Ohio.

SABBATH MORNING — AUGUST 2, 1959

Met at the place that had been arranged for preaching at around 9:00 o'clock Sabbath morning. A large, and seemingly anxious congregation of brothers and sisters together with many friends were found already assembled on the ground. The stand was ideally befitting the occasion, being surrounded on all sides with tall timber which seemed to cry out the praises of God with radiant glory abounding.

All the ministers chosen by the committee were present.

First on the stand was Elder Anthony Hamilton who was wonderfully blessed in the opening.

Second, Elder Mitchell Chaffins, who preached from the Old and New Testament Scriptures — "teaching there is life eternal in a true application of living waters." His manner of expounding the Scriptures was indeed food for a hungry soul.

Third, Elder Jonah Ester Williamson, preaching repentance. He, too, was wonderfully blessed with the spirit of love.

Fourth, Elder Baxter Osborne, our beloved Moderator, who was blessed with a mighty down pouring of the Divine Spirit of Counsel. His theme was "LOVE" — love that edifies the brethren, and magnifies the glory of God. Every one that took part in any way received a double wage for their offering.

Thus did the Second Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association come to an end — amid singing, and shouting, and praising the Lord God Almighty.

The officers and delegates, brethren and sisters, tender their heartfelt thanks to every one for any sacrifice, or contribution that they made toward making this an Association that shall never be forgotten. To every one that bade us welcome in their homes for a place to stay, to the good sisters and friends who spent many tiring hours preparing food that was served on the grounds, to the Ohio State Department of Highways for making their ground available to us for parking cars, and to any other agency, person, or persons that helped in any way to make this occasion a success, and most of all — we want to thank every one for the good and peaceable order for all three days. Surely God was pleased that

we met there. We pray that God's richest blessing be four-fold upon all — bless His great name.

Done and signed by order of the Northern New Salem Association.

ELDER BAXTER OSBORNE,
Moderator.

ELDER NEWTON VANDERPOOL,
Assistant Moderator.

ELDER ROY B. AKERS,
Clerk.

ELDER CLAUDE OUSLEY,
Assistant Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

APRIL

LITTLE JEWEL CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1960. Elders: Burton Howard, John Hess, H. N. Vanderpool, Sidney Hudson, Willie Collins, Sollie Miller, and Milford Adams to attend.

MAY

LITTLE RUTH CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1960. Elders: George Elkins, E. F. Deel, Grady Adkins, John Hess, and Grover Adkins with the Moderator to attend.

LITTLE EDNA CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1960. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Garland Mullins, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Luther Conn, Anthony Hamilton, and Grover Adkins to attend.

LITTLE MEMORY CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1960. Elders: Baxter Osborne, John

Moore, Ellis Moore, Olas Baldrige, Anthony Hamilton, Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Harold, and Steve Osborne to attend.

JUNE

LITTLE MAUDIE CHURCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1960. Elders: H. N. Vanderpool, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Dewey Sexton, Rich Griffie, and Claude Ousley to attend.

LITTLE POLLY CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1960. Elders: Newton Vanderpool, Delmar William, Mitchall Chaffins, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, and Willie Collins to attend.

LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1960. Elders: Roy B. Akers, Virgill Caudill, Olas Baldrige, Grover Adkins, Baxter Osborne, and Steve Osborne to attend.

MAGGIE HOME CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1960. Elders: Orval Tackitt, Banner Manns, Claude Ousley, Boyd Smallwood, Emmitt Case, M. C. Wright, Delmar Williams, and Steve Osborne to attend.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH — Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1960. Elders: Sollie Miller, Sidney Hudson, Rich Griffie, Grover Adkins, Teddy Parker, Parris Tackitt, and John Moore to attend.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found, upon examination, to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative of the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the Asso-

ciation, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of the Association.

10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church to the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Association which shall be by a unanimous vote.

15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty;; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance

and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

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

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming by His believers.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.

11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a con-

gregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the

Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

By request of the brethren of the Northern New Salem Association, I will try and write a circular letter for their approval or rejection.

I pray that God will direct my mind according to his will. I had almost given up, and thought that I wouldn't write this letter because I couldn't seem to get a mind.

First, when I began to examine myself, I couldn't feel worthy even to try and undertake such a task. Feeling my littleness I will try, God being my leader, to write the sentiments of my heart. If God will, I will use the following version of scripture: "Take heed unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." Was he talking to the church or to sinners, when he spake these words? The church is not in darkness, Because she is as a light, as a city sit on the hill which cannot be hid. The phrase "take heed" means to obey or to do. For what-so-ever he sayeth unto you, do it. Then the question is, how many has seen the light. John said: "I am not the light, but am sent to bear witness of the true light that lightheth every man that cometh into the world." Then when does a man come into the world? Not when he is born an infant. For when a babe is born upon this earth, it is under the arc of safety until it grows up into manhood or womanhood, which is the state of mind in which they receive the law of good and evil . . . which is to know right from wrong.

I believe that every man and woman that has reached the place where they feel their condemnation, the Spirit of God has made it manifest to them that they are sinners in the sight and government of God. And at that very time and place they could accept the light and be sealed an heir of heaven. The reason that people go down to hell, is because they will not accept the light. And the light is Jesus Christ. The Bible says: "He came, and in him was life, and that life was the light of men." Some people believe that when the light comes, it brings life. Brethren, that just isn't so!! For when I was just a small boy about the age of 15 years, being a sinner, one day a great fear came upon me. I knew that I was doing the wrong things. If then,

that light had have brought life I would not have gone on in sin for so many years. All the years of my sinful life I was uneasy about the welfare of my soul. Because that reproving light would tell me that I was on the wrong road, the one that led down to destruction. And if I hadn't have stopped, and turned around and begged God to have mercy on my soul, and to forgive me of my sins, I would have died without God and without hope in his dear Son, and have gone down to the world of the lost, out of reach of God's great mercy.

Some people say that just a few people ever receives the light, and for them to just sit still, for there is nothing for them to do. Sinner men, and sinner women, I beg you to not believe those that teach this kind of doctrine. For they that teach such, knows better, and the reason they know better, is because God's Holy Spirit teaches them better. Regardless of what men preach, God will teach you right from wrong. Yes, God teaches all peoples everywhere the dangers of sin. God called men in every land to preach that people can repent if they want to. They also preach that if people don't believe in the light, they are already lost. The Bible says: "Except you repent of your sins, where I am you can't come." So, while you have the light, believe in the light that you may become the children of the light.

I have been asked the question: How can a man or a woman become a child of God? Brethren if the following answer is not true, I have not been saved. Before any man or women can become a child of God, they must be regenerated and born again. Not of a corruptible seed, but by an incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. What does the word "regenerated" mean? It simply means, to work over,

to make something new out of something old — or to endow with new life and vigor (spiritually). In other words a change has taken place in a man's life. The spirit of man has been born of the spirit of God, which makes this Adam man a new creature. His ways of life have been changed — his walks, and conversations have been changed, and most of all — his feelings have been changed. No more will you find men and women that have experienced a change, committing all the abominations, such as whoredom, drunkenness, lying, adultery, fornication, or any other thing that is contrary to the divine spirit of God. For this birth is in Christ, and the Bible says: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away, and behold old things is become new."

Here is one more scripture that I want to quote. "He lifted my feet out of the mire and the clay, and set them on a ROCK." When I had suffered for every sin that I had committed to satisfy the wrath of God, He lifted my feet out of the horrible pit that I was in, and set them upon a ROCK, and that rock was Jesus Christ. He established my goings, He put a new song in my mouth, and set me on a run for Heaven. His consuming fire burned out every desire of deadly sin in me, root, stock, and branch, and closed the door forever between me and the world, and I have never wanted to look back so as to desire to go back into the world.

So dear brethren of the Old Regular Baptist, this may be our last meeting of the Northern New Salem Association. If I never meet with you again on this earth, I believe with my whole heart that I will meet with you around the dazzling throne of God. So farewell brethren and sisters. Don't forget to fight the good fight of faith together as good soldiers of the cross of Christ. Keep on the firing line, and don't ever let sympathy overrule faithfulness.

Written by your unworthy brother in hope,
ELDER H. N. VANDERPOOL.
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Obituaries

ARNIE ROARK

I hope and pray that the Lord will be my guide as I try to write an obituary of a dear sister in the Lord, to-wit: Sister Arnie Roark. She answered the death summons May 26, 1959. She was the wife of Brother Lew Roark. Unto this union was born (13) children, (6) boys, and (7) girls. The boys' names are: Harley, Carmel, Joe, James, and Mark. They together with three girls, Eula, Bonnie, and Thelma, are still at home. Three girls are married. Oma Mae Ahouse, Versailles, Ind., Danafay Craig, Milan, Ind., and Ola Fay Simon, Osgood, Ind.

Sister Arnie was the daughter of Jep and Eva Caudill. She was born April 17, 1916, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus May 26, 1959, making her stay here on earth a short 43 years, one month, and nine days. Sister Arnie joined the Little Memory Church of Old Regular Baptist at the October meeting, 1958. Although her seat in the Little Memory Church will be empty, we feel that she has gained a more excellent seat in Heaven. I want to say to Brother Lew, that I know it is a lonesome time for you, and your little children. No doubt your heart is heavy, and the burden seems almost unbearable, but press on — the grace of God is sufficient to make you strong. In that sweet hope that you have, you have the assurance that you will meet Sister Arnie again in a land where you will not have to say farewell any more but will reign together throughout all eternity.

Children, let me say to you from the depths of my heart, you must fall out with sin, and put your faith

in the same God that your blessed mother had faith in, if you ever see mother again. Her God is our God, the father of us all. Depend on no man to save you, but seek the true and living God, before whom we must stand and give an account for our own deeds, and not those of another. So while life and opportunity affords you time, get Jesus on your bond. Brother Lew, I know that you miss Sister Arnie, and as the days go by you will miss her more. She was a true and faithful wife, and a kind and considerate mother toward her children. I am glad, and I feel that you are also glad, that God fixed it so that you and all the children can see her again. As the prophet said: "She can't come to us, but by the grace of God we can go to her." Let me beg you all to not be the one to break a circle that has started in heaven. Live as the men of old lived — "Let others do as they may, but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

I feel that the spirit of God hovered over me as I wrote. There is much more that I could say, but space will not permit. So may God bless and save every one of you is my prayer.

Written by an unworthy brother in hope,

ELDER SOLLIE MILLER



STEVE COLLINS

By request I will try in my weakness and by the will of the good Lord to write an obituary of a beloved brother and father in the Lord, to-wit: Brother Steve Collins. He was born January 22nd, 1866, deceased this life May 8th, 1959, making his stay on earth 93 years, 4 months, and 16 days.

Brother Steve was the son of the late L. B. Collins and Kattie Collins, born and raised in Flyod County, Ky. He was first united in Holy Matrimony to Oma Oney. Unto this union was born 10 children, namely: Fred and Howard Collins preceded him in death; Leck Collins, Columbus, Ohio; Banner Collins, Plymouth, Ohio;

Tip Collins, LaGrange, Ohio; Ted Collins, Grafton, Ohio; Rudie Collins, Plymouth, Ohio; Claudie Parks, Louisville, Ky.; Melcine Bailey, Warner Robin, Ga.; and Fleddie Cole, Dayton, Ohio.

On April 30, 1918, the death angel came and took from him and his children his dear companion. In April, 1922, again he was united in marriage to Sallie Bailey. Unto this union was born one girl, Wilma Mc-Lot, now living in Alabama.

Brother Steve joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year 1920, and lived faithful for 39 years. He also served the church as Deacon. In the year of 1947, I became acquainted with Brother Steve. During this time I have had the pleasure of enjoying his company. His conversation was mostly talking about the goodness of God. Very seldom I visited his home that he usually wanted to sing and have prayer. He seemed to enjoy good meetings so much. You could see the Fruit of the Spirit and tears of joy dripping from his eyes. So to his family and many good friends, I believe I can truthfully say he was a good husband and a devoted father. His sudden passing away came as a shock, leaves a vacant place in the home and in the church, and in our hearts that cannot be filled. The Lord has been good to him and let him stay with us almost 94 years. These words seemed more appropriate to him; Come ye Blessed of My Father, Enter unto the Joys of the Lord. His spirit has entered there amid the shouts of the angels and the glorious ones of Eternity to be forever blessed. Again the Scriptures says: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea sayest the Spirit they do rest from all their labor and their works do follow them.

So dear children, many good things I could go on

and say about your blessed father. Time wouldn't permit to write all the things I could say. I sincerely hope you won't forget the pattern your father laid before you. Again I will say we will miss him, but I believe our loss is Heaven's great gain.

In order not to be too lengthy I will bring this obituary to a close. So may God bless all of you, my weeping friends. Farewell.

Written by his Brother in the Lord,

ELDER CLAUDE OUSLEY.



JOHN D. HOWELL

I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother and loved one, whom I miss so much. John D. Howell was born January 6, 1883, and passed from this life October 26, 1957. He was the son of Geo. Howell. He leaves (10) children, one brother and one sister, together with a host of friends and grandchildren to mourn his loss. I believe that he is now at rest. I was very close to him and I can bear witness that he lived a true Christian life. Children, take heed unto his counsel, and to what I say. If you ever want to see daddy again, you will have to repent of your sins, and live for the Lord. Brother John has visited me in dreams, and he was always dressed in a beautiful white garment. He always loved for his brethren and sisters to come and stay, and eat with him. May the Lord bless you all is my fervent prayers.

Written by a broken hearted sister,

MAGGIE STEWART.

NANCY HOWELL

To my brothers and sisters: I will try to write a short sketch of our mother's life. Nancy Howell was born January 3, 1881, and departed this life November 27, 1958. She joined the Old Bethel Church of Regular Baptist in 1936. She was a strong believer in the Lord. I miss going to church with her so much. Sometimes I can almost feel her by my side. Let me say to you children that have not professed a hope in Christ, the last words that mother said was: "I wouldn't mind to die, if I knew that my children would live for the Lord." So dear brothers and sisters, if you ever want to see mother again, let me persuade you to fall out with sin and live for Jestis, who holds your life in the palm of

his hand. I feel that I will see father and mother again some sweet day. May the good Lord bless and keep you is my never ending prayers.

Written by a broken hearted daughter,

MAGGIE STEWART.



LILLIE SHEPHERD

By the request of her husband and children I will try to write an obituary of a good wife and mother, and a sister in the Lord, to-wit: Sister Lillie Shepherd. She was born June 26, 1906, and departed this life May 31,

1959, making her stay on earth 52 years, 11 months, and 26 days. She was the daughter of Elidge and Zepha Potter. She was married to Johnie Shepherd May 30, 1924. And unto this union was born (10) children, (7) boys and (3) girls. Three sons and one daughter preceded her in death. She joined the United Baptist Church in October, 1933, and lived a faithful member until death. She left a dear husband and six children to mourn her loss. Her passing was a great shock to the family, that will never be forgotten, but I feel that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. I believe that her soul is now at rest in Christ Jesus, and that in the morning of the resurrection her body will come forth out of the grave, purified and changed, and made like the body of our Lord. She enjoyed filling her seat in the Old Baptist Church, and was kind to every one she met. When there was sickness around her, she was always ready to lend help, and tell of the goodness of God. Bless her sweet soul — it's so hard to stay away from her. Let us beg the good Lord to give us the faith, as strong as she had, that when we have to lay down the works of this life, we can go to meet with mother where separations are never known.

Let me say to you children, if we ever see mother again, we will have to fall out with sin and walk in the footsteps of Jesus as mother did. To bear her part of the cross was joy to her. Please, children, heed my counsel — fall out with sin and be assured of being with mother and your brothers and sisters around the great throne of God. I hope to meet you all there when it comes my time to go.

Written by her husband,

JOHNIE SHEPHERD, Munith, Mich.

CHURCHES AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca Plymouth, Ohio
 Little Jewell 209 Wheatly Road, Ashland, Ky.
 Maggie Home McArthur, Ohio
 Little Ruth Delaware, Ohio
 Little Polly Stockbridge, Mich.
 Little Maudie McGuffy, Ohio
 Little Flock Jackson, Ohio
 Little Memory Sunman, Indiana
 Little Edna Lorain, Ohio

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, 103 East Main St.,
 Plymouth, Ohio.
 Little Jewell—Alonzo Tackett, 160 McKnight St., Ash-
 land, Ky.
 Maggie Home—John Mullins, Route 1, Box 166, Ham-
 den, Ohio.
 Little Ruth—William P. Deal, P. O. Box 113, Dela-
 ware, Ohio.
 Little Polly—James Bartley, 307 Hale St., Eaton Rapids,
 Mich.
 Little Maudie—Delmar Williams, Route 2, Shiloh, Ohio.
 Little Flock—John Mullins, Route No. 1, Box 166, Ham-
 den, Ohio.
 Little Memory—Hershell Sturgill, Route No. 1, Box 135,
 Sunman, Ind.
 Little Edna — Sherman Wright, 4346 Laurel Avenue,
 Lorain, Ohio.

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, G. H. Caudill, and Oscar Holcomb.

Little Jewell—Alonzo Tackett, Forrest Osborne, and Jubel Music.

Maggie Home—Joe Prater, Percy Canterbury, and Joshua Hicks.

Little Ruth—Geo. Hamilton, Webster Bartley, and John A. Mullins.

Little Polly—Hillard Castle, Johnie Shepherd, and James Bartley.

Little Maudie—Delmar Williams, Mitchall Chaffins, and Bog Griffith.

Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, Roy Hamilton, and Ray Hamilton.

Little Memory—Sollie Miller, Van B. Hall, and Hershell Sturgill.

Little Edna—Sherman Wright, Elijah Wright, and Bill Hamilton.

Little Rebecca—Third Sunday in July.
Little Jewell—Fourth Sunday in June.
Maggie Home—Fourth Sunday in July.
Little Ruth—Second Sunday in August.
Little Polly—Second Sunday in July.
Little Maudie—First Sunday in July.
Little Flock—Third Sunday in August.
Little Memory—Second Sunday in July.
Little Edna—Fourth Sunday in June.

H. N. Vanderpool	Plymouth, Ohio
Willie Collins	Tiro, Ohio
Claude Ousley	Plymouth, Ohio
Delmar Williams	R. F. D. No. 2, Shiloh, Ohio
Baxter Osborne	Route 1, Box 346, Ashland, Ky.
Steve Osborne	Route 1, Portsmouth, Ohio
B. J. Moore	12th Street, Ashland, Ky.
Roy B. Akers	408 Christopher Place, Louisville 14, Ky.
Parris Tackitt	Dundas, Ohio
Joshua Hicks	Jackson, Ohio
Pearcy Canterbury	Wellston, Ohio
Woodrow Fuller	Route No. 3, Marysville, Ohio
Wryle Tuttle	Route No. 2, Willard, Ohio
Richard Griffith	Route No. 2, Tekonsha, Mich.
H. B. Ray	300 East Grand Blvd., Detroit 7, Mich.
Sollie Miller	Sunman, Ind.
Walter Parker	3952½ Dunton Rd., Lorain, Ohio
James B. Rowe	1773 East 37th Street, Lorain, Ohio

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Contributed
Little Rebecca	2	7	0	0	15	1	2	57	3	\$ 35.00
Little Jewell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	4	50.00
Maggie Home	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	27	4	25.00
Little Ruth	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	25.00
Little Polly	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	24	2	15.00
Little Maudie	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	12	1	25.00
Little Flock	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	20.00
Little Memory	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	26	2	10.00
Little Edna	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	35.00
TOTAL	21	27	1	0	18	5	4	251		\$240.00
Money for pictures										15.00
GRAND TOTAL										\$255.00

