

*Minutes of the Mulberry  
Gap  
Association of United Baptist*







## **MINUTES OF THE MULBERRY GAP ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS 1838 – 1859**

The minutes book of the Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists from 1838 through 1859 was found many years ago. It is in terrible, incomplete, and much abused condition.

We have scanned what is still left of the pages in this mid-nineteenth century church record. Because the pages are not numbered, we don't know exactly how many pages have been removed by vandalism, accident, or mishandling by persons who had it in their possession before we obtained it. Some pages have heavy damage, corners torn off, and stains from non-archival cellophane tape repairs.

In spite of the pitiful condition of the book, it still contains a lot of interesting and historical information that can be of value to readers, historians and/or genealogists researching the early history of the Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists.

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## Abstract of principles Continued

11th. we believe that baptism and the Lords supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and that the true mode of Baptism is by Immersion

12th. we believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment

13th. we believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and that the joys of the Righteous will be Eternal

14th. we believe that no Minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and comes under the Imposition of hands by a presbtery

15th. we believe it is necessary to associate in council in order to give Council to the respective Churches that compose this association and to maintain our christian fellowship not as a legislative body to impose laws or exercise any supremacy each church being an independent body by her delegates freely chosen whereas churches are constituted Externally by the parties entering in to a mutual agreement in writing to maintain the worship of god according to gospel order referring to the articles of their <sup>faith</sup> so churches by their delegates constitute themselves an association by the confession of their faith maintained to Each other

then adjourned with prayer till saturday, 10. o'clock

Saturday met according to adjournment prayer by the Moderator, 1st. agreed that this association shall be called by the name of the Mulberry gap association

2nd. our association now being formed we consider ourselves empowered to correspond with our sister associations viz pawels Vally Holachucky South union and Holston. with all of which we do agree to correspond

3d Brother R. W. Whitaker to write to the pawels Vally association Brethren R. W. Whitaker Wm. Gideons and Moses <sup>McGinnis</sup> ~~Hefingers~~ Messengers

4th. Brother John Clark to write to the South union association

Brethren John Shoemaker John Colson messengers

5th. Brother Daniel Howery to write to the Holston association

Brethren Daniel Howery Jonathan Bishop and John Day



6th. Brother M. McGinnis to write to the Holachucky association  
 Brethren James Gilbert Thomas Murriel and Thomas Frost Mess,  
 7th. Brethren Daniel Howery and Isaac Chrisman a committee of  
 Finance who report twelve dollars and twenty five cents  
 8th, ordered that the clerk be our treasurer  
 9th, agreed that our first association be held at Black Water  
 Meeting house Hawkins County Tenn the first Friday in September  
 1836 and following days Elder James Gilbert to preach the introduc-  
 tory sermon and Daniel Howery his alternate  
 10th. ordered that 200 copies of our Minutes be printed and that  
 the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the same  
 and that ~~that~~ he agrees to gratis his services  
 Sabbath morning met prayer by the Moderator then called for the  
 Corresponding letters which were adopted  
 11th, we agree to furnish each correspondent association with  
 ten copies of our Minutes then adjourned with prayer by the  
 Moderator signed by order of the Convention  
 Moses McGinnis Clerk James Gilbert Moderator  
 200 copies - price, eight Dollars  
 Bunker and Chase printers New Market Tennessee

### Minutes

of the Mulberry Gap association of baptists this association convened at  
 Blackwater Meeting House Hawkins County Tennessee the first Friday  
 in September, 1836 and following days Elder James Gilbert according to  
 appointment delivered the Introductory sermon from the prophecy of  
 the prophet Daniel. 7th. ch. and latter clause of. the. 22d v  
 and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom  
 After worship Elder Daniel Howery was chosen Moderator and  
 Moses McGinnis Clerk then letters from nine churches were read  
 and the following accounts taken



# Churches Delegates

		Experienc	Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Recommunit.	Deceased	Total	Set of Meetings
I. Settlement	J Bishop R Clark Wm Jesse &								
	John Clark.....	3	4	3	6	4	1	128	1
M. Gap,	Thomas Vandeventer L Have Rial Rogers & William Edwards.....	3	3	0	*74	16	1	80	4
Hickory flat	Johnsman & Lindsay Wm Garrison.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	27	3
Blackwater	Wm Walling, E Herd & C Roberts.....	23	1	1	35	1	1	96	2
Rich Creek	J Maddox, A Trent & J Cope.....	2	1	0	1	1	0	70	3
Newfound	Daniel Howery John Robeson.....	0	2	0	1	0	0	42	2
Gap Creek	Elisha Walling, Wm Tinkins.....	5	2	0	4	2	1	36	4
Cedarfork	Joseph Baker Joseph Whiteaker.....	3	1	0	6	2	2	79	1
War Creek	J Day, Wm. Mitchell & M McGinnis.....	6	1	1	2	4	0	76	1
G. Rock	J Frost James Hicks Henry Byrd Joseph Garland James Gilbert....	2	8	0	7	3	0	71	2
Zion	Joseph Bloomer Wm Tery and Anderson England.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	38	4
Hickory Cove	Arden Sanders Joseph Pilent.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	4
	(* for Constitution)								

1st. New constituted viz Greasy Rock and Zion petitioned for admittance in this union granted association

2nd. Received a correspondent letter from the growels valley, by the hands of her delegate Elder John Kidwell who was invited to a seat with us Elder John Day to write to them Elders James Gilbert and Moses McGinnis bearers

3rd. Received a correspondent letter from the Holston association By the hands of brethren Arden Sanders & Joseph Pilent who were invited to seats with us Elder Daniel Howery to write to them Elders D Howery and J Day Bearers

4th Brother John Clark to write to Kolachucky association

Brothers Daniel Howery James Gilbert and



5th Brother Claibourn Roberts to write to the south union association  
Brethren John Colson and Elisha Walling bearers

6 Brethren John Day and Thomas Frost a committee of finances  
who report ten dollars twelve and an half cents with four<sup>also</sup> twenty five  
cents in the hands of the clerk the pious Sally donated one dollar  
eighty seven and an half cents making in all the sum of sixteen  
dollars and twenty five cents

7th Brethren James Gilbert John Ridwell and Jesse Cope  
with the moderator and clerk a select committee to arrange  
the business to be attended to on tomorrow then adjourned till  
Saturday morning ten o'clock Saturday met according to adjourn-  
ment prayer by the moderator Elders John Ridwell Daniel  
Duff Jonathan Bishop and James Bishop to preach at the  
stand on Saturday & Elders Daniel Howery William Anderson  
and James Gilbert to preach on Sabbath

1st the arrangement of the select committee called for read  
Received and the committee discharged

2nd all ordained preachers of our order were invited to seats with us  
3rd ordered that the names of the delegates who have not attended  
be erased

4th The Hickory cove Church by her delegates Arden Sanders and  
Joseph Pileant came forward with a letter of dismission from the  
Holston association and petitioned for admittance into this association  
which was granted

5th Richardsans creek and war creek churches jointly petition  
for the next association to be at war creek Thompsons settlement also  
petitioned for the next association to be with them the petition with  
drawn by her delegates our next association will be at war creek mee-  
ting house Hawkins County Tenn. the first Friday in September  
1837 Elder Daniel Howery to preach the introductory sermon  
and Elder Isaac Chrisman his alternate

6th. The correspondent letters called read and approved

7th ordered that 300 copies of minutes be printed and the clerk



Superintend the printing and distributing the same and that he be

Be allowed six dollars for his services

8th agreed to furnish each correspondent association with twenty five copies of our minutes

9th. Elders James Gilbert and John Day to write a circular letter to be handed to our next association for inspection and the subject to be the duty of deacons to their churches and the churches duty to their ministers and deacons then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator signed by order of the association

Daniel Howery Moderator... Moses McGinnis Clerk  
Prs fee \$1.6

Minutes of the  
Mulberry Gap Baptist Association held at War  
Creek Meetinghouse Hawkins County Tennessee the first Friday  
In September 1837 and following days Elder Daniel Howery  
According to appointment delivered the Introductory sermon from Paul  
to the 2d. Corinthians, 13th Chapter and 11th verse Finally brethren fare  
well be perfect be of good comfort be of one mind live in peace and the  
God of love and peace shall be with you  
Then letters from twelve churches were read and the Delegates names  
Enrolled after which Elder James Gilbert was chosen Moderator and  
Moses McGinnis Clerk

Churches	Delegates	Excellence	Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Re-committed	Deceased	Total
Thompsons settlement	James Bishop Robt Clark Wm Jesse John Clark and Benj. Burchett	1	2	0	3	3	0	117
Mulberry Gap	Thos Vandeventer Geo. McNeil J. Jones & Isaac	1	1	2	5	4	0	75
Hickory Flat	Isaac Chrisman & Jonathan Bishop	0	1	0	5	0	0	23
Blackwater	Green Berry Walling & Daniel Bloomer	2	0	0	3	3	0	92
Richardsons Creek	Thos Murrell Thos Madox Jesse Cope	0	2	0	0	6	2	59



Deepford	Daniel Howery J. Rabeson. Christopher Bench	4	1	1	0	4	2	4	4
Gap creek	Elisha Walling and John Colson	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	4
Cedar Fork	Jandy James Mark Hurst and Gideon Brooks	5	10	1	12	6	2	7	5
War Creek	John Day A. McCoy and M. McGinnis	4	1	0	7	1	0	7	4
Greasy Rock	James Gilbert Henry Byrd Thomas Frost Richard Trent and John Gilbert	1	11	0	3	1	0	8	4
Zion	Jacob Manis and Joseph Bloomer	3	4	0	3	3	0	4	1
Hickory Cove	Joseph Sibent & William Hill	0	0	0	5	0	2	5	0
Beans Creek	Isaiah Steel Reuben Coffey John Coffey	1	7	0	0	0	0	3	4
Aggregated		22	40	4	48	31	8	80	2

Beans Creek church petitioned for admission into this association which was granted

Received a corresponding letter from the Holston association by <sup>their</sup> delegates Joshua Edwards & William Pearce <sup>who</sup> were invited and took seats with us

Received a corresponding letter from the Holachucky association by their delegates Jeremiah Hale Hughes W Taylor Andrew Coffman and James Bradly who were invited and took seats with us

No letter nor delegate from the ~~from~~ the south union association being desirous to keep up a correspondence with them we appoint brother John Day to write to them and brother John Colson bearer

Appointed brother John Clark to write to the Holston association and Brethren James Gilbert Daniel Howery Thomas Murrell John Day and Jonathan Bishop bearers

Brother Benjamin Burchett to write to the Holachucky association and brethren Moses McGinnis Thomas Maddox and Jesse Cope Bearers

Brethren Thomas Murrell and Levi have a committee of finance who Report \$12. 22½ cents, \$4 25 cents in the hands of the treasurer making in all the sum of \$16 47½ cents

Brethren Jonathan Bishop Robert Clark Daniel Howery Sandy James and John Jones together with the moderator and clerk a select committee to arrange the business to be attended to on tomorrow then adjourned with prayer by the moderator till tomorrow morning ten o'clock



Saturday met according to adjournment Prayer by the Moderator

1st Elders John Kidwell John Robertson and Pleasant B. Witt being present were invited and took seats with us

2d Elders James Bishop Joshua Edwards, Hughes W. Taylor and Pleasant B. Witt to preach at the stand to day and Andrew Coffman Jeremiah Hale and James Gilbert to preach on sabbath

3d ordered that the roll be called and the names of all the delegates who have not attended be erased

4th, the arrangement of the committee called for read and received and the committee discharged

5th War creek and Rickardsons Creek Churches petition the association to set apart a day of fasting and prayer that God may revive his work of Religion. in answer to which we set apart the first sabbath in November next for that purpose

6th received a letter from the Jewels Valley association by the hands of Brethren John Robertson and Hiram Hurst informing us that she has dropped correspondence with all associations and agrees to revive it again on certain principles

7th, the association agrees to take up the case after having chosen a committee viz one member out of each church who report as follows that we are willing to keep up a friendly correspondence with them on our former principles but cannot accede to the terms annexed in their letter

8th, ordered that the clerk purchase a book for the purpose of recording the acts of this association in and that he pay for the same out of the association's funds

9th. ordered that brother Moses McGinnis be our register

10th. Gap creek and Thompson's settlement Churches petition for the next association to be with them in answer to which we say our next Association will be at Gap Creek meeting house Claiborne County Tennessee the first Friday in September 1838 and following days Elder Isaac Chrisman to preach the introductory sermon and Elder James Bishop his alternate

11th. Elder James Gilbert according to an act of the association of 1836



and article the ninth handed to this association a circular letter with the duties named therein which the association received and ordered to be annexed to the minutes

12th. ordered that 300 copies of the minutes be printed and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of them and that he be allowed six dollars for his services and two dollars for his services as register then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator

Moses McGinnis, Clerk. James Gilbert. Moderator.

### Minutes of the

Mulberry gap Baptist association this association convened at Gap Creek meeting house Claiborne County Tenn the first friday in September 1838 and following days Elder Isaac Chrisman according to appoint delivered the introductory sermon from the gospel of our Lord by st. John the 3<sup>d</sup> Chapter. and 14th and 15th verses and as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted up that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life, then letters from thirteen churches were read and the association formed after which Elder James Gilbert was chosen Moderator and Moses McGinnis Clerk

Churches	Delegates & Names	Ex	Set	Re	Dis	Exc	Sub	Total
Thompsons. Set	James Bishop. John Clark. Wm Tissee	1	2	0	7	2	3	153
<del>Mulberry Gap</del>	and William Payne							
Mulberry Gap	Thomas Vandeventer & Wm McNeil	1	2	0	4	3	0	71
Hickory Flat	Isaac Chrisman	0	0	0	2	0	0	21
Blackwater	Jesse Hord. Jr & Claiborne Roberts	0	0	0	4	1	2	85
Richardsons Creek	Thomas Maddox & James Johnson	0	0	0	9	5	0	45
New Found	Daniel Hoover	1	0	0	1	0	1	112
Gap Creek	Ino Hicks Ino Jenkins Jesse Cecil & Elisha Hicks	0	3	0	11	0	0	25
	Ewalling Peter Clark John Colson & Wilson							
Cedar Fork	Tandy James Mark Hurst & Whiteacer	0	0	0	8	9	0	58
	John Hurst and Enoch Meire							
Car Creek	J Day & Milliken and M McGinnis	0	1	0	10	0	1	61



Greasy Rock	James Gilbert	Thos Murrell	Thomas Frost	28	12	0	12	2	1	10	1
	Alexander Trent	&	James Hicks								
Zion	Henry Fisher			0	2	0	2	1	0	40	
Hickory Cove	David Patterson	<del>Thos Murrell</del>	<del>Thos Murrell</del>	0	1	0	2	2	0	13	
Beans Creek	Winright Adkins	&	Dowel Collins	0	0	0	3	1	1	26	
Deep Spring	Joel Sturgill	Ino Skaggs	&	1	5	0	15	7	0	74	

1 Deep Spring Church petitioned for admission into this union granted  
2 received a corresponding letter from the Holston association by Delegate Jesse Riggs William Pearce & Hiter Crouch who were invited to seats with us Brother John Clark to write to them and brethren John Day James T Gilbert Thomas Vandeventer and James Bishop bearers  
3 received a corresponding letter from the South union association by their delegate James T Smith who was invited to a seat with us Brother John Day to write to them brethren John Colson John Jenkins & Thomas Murrell bearers  
4th received a corresponding letter from the Watauga association by their delegates Thomas Hill and Andrew Coffman who were invited to seats with us Brother Claiborne Roberts to write to them and brethren David Patterson and Thos Madox bearers  
5th brethren John Day and William McNeil a committee to receive and ascertain the churches bounty who report as follows Thompson settlement \$ 1.50 Mulberry Gap 1.50 Hickory Flat 50 cts  
Black water 1.50 Richardsons Creek 1.50 New Ground. 1.00  
Gap Creek. 1.00 Cedarfork. 1 war Creek 1.32½ Greasy Rock 2.00  
Zion. 75 cts Hickory Cove 62½ cts Beans Creek 96¼  
Deep Spring. 1.50 making in the whole the sum of sixteen dollars eighty six and a half cts taking out three dollars and fifty cents for arrearages leaves thirteen dollars thirty six and an half cents  
6th Brethren Daniel Hawery John Colson James Bishop Mark Hurst and Thomas Murrell with the moderator and clerk a committee of arrangement to arrange the business to be attended to on tomorrow and invite all the corresponding delegates to sit with us



then adjourned with prayer by Elder Daniel Howery till sat morning

10 o'clock sat met according to adjournment prayer by the moderator  
7th Brethren Thomas Hill James Bishop Jesse Riggs & John Day  
to preach at the stand to day Moses McGinnis Andrew Coffin  
Daniel Howery and James Gilbert to preach on sabbath  
8th ordered that the roll be called and the names of all the delegates who have not attended be erased

9th all ordained preachers of our order who know themselves to be in good standing in their churches were invited to seats with us

10th the arrangement of the select committee called for read Received and the committee discharged

11th we notice the resolutions from Gap Creek and Cederfork Churches the association refuses to take them up in their present form

12th Thompson settlement church petitioned for the next association to be with them in answer to which our next association will be at Thompson settlement meeting house Lee County Virginia the first Friday in September 1839 and the following days Elder Daniel Howery to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure brother Moses McGinnis to supply

13th called for the corresponding letters which were read and received and the signature of the moderator and clerk to be set to them

14th ordered that three hundred copies of the minutes be printed and the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of them and that he be allowed six dollars for the same then adjourned with prayer by the moderator signed by order of the association

Moses McGinnis Clerk

James Gilbert Moderator



Minutes  
of the

Mulberry Gap association of united Baptists this association convened at Thompson's Settlement meeting house Lee county Virginia the <sup>Friday</sup> first of September 1839 and following days Elder Daniel Hawery according to appointment preached the Introductory sermon from genesis the 45th ch and latter clause of the 24 verse see that ye fall not out by the way then letters from fourteen churches wer read and the following accounts taken

Churches	Delegates Names	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Total
T. Settlement	Jas. Bishop & Burchett W. Payne Jno Clark and						
Peter Parky							2 2 0 2 3 1 113
Mulberry Gap	Thos Vandeventer Jno Jones Wm Edwards						
	and William McNeal						0 2 0 1 0 0 73
Blackwater	Jesse Herd or Peter Levesey Wm Couch						
	John Roller and Claiborne Roberts						1 2 0 2 4 1 82
Richds. Creek	T. Madox J. Cope & John Martain						0 4 1 1 1 1 47
New Found	Daniel Hawery & R. W. Leckie						1 2 0 3 0 1 40
Gap Creek	John Shoemate & Elisha Wallen						1 8 0 2 0 1 25
Cedar fork	Tandy James Jospe Whitaker & Mark Hurst						0 0 0 0 2 1 55
roar creek	Jno Day Joseph Davis & M. McGinnis						0 0 0 3 2 2 56
Greasy Rock	Jas Gilbert T. Frost & Trint & John Gilbert						0 2 0 12 2 0 88
Lion	William Tiry & S. C. Jones						1 2 0 3 0 0 40
Hickory Cove	Manuel Rutledge & Joseph Pilint						2 0 1 2 2 3 39
Beans Creek	London Niel						0 2 0 0 1 0 24
Deep Spring	John Seags & John Zion						0 5 0 2 1 2 66
Hickory Flat	Isaac Chrisman J. Bishop Wm Garrison						
	& Joseph Mcneynolds						0 0 0 2 2 1 19

1st chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & Moses McGinnis Clerk

2d Received a corresponding letter from The Holston association by their Delegates Joshua Edward Jesse Riggs Salentine Bowers Benjamin White & William Pearce who wer



invited and took seats with us Brother John Clark to write to them brethren  
3d Daniel Howery Robert & Leckie Jonathan Bishop and James Bishop bearers

3d received a corresponding letter from the south union association by  
their delegates Henry Wiser Preston Asher and <sup>Thomson</sup> J. J. season who were  
invited and took seats with us Brother John Day to write to them  
Brethren Moses McGinnis and R. & Leckie bearers

4th Received a correspondent letter and packet of minutes from the  
Kolachucky association by their Delegates Andrew Coffman James  
Lacy and Elias Wester who were invited and took seats with us  
Brother Benjamin Burchett to write to them & brethren Daniel  
Howery John Day Alexander Trent & Jesse Cope bearers

5th brethren Benjamin Burchett and Isaac Chrisman a com-  
mittee to receive and ascertain the churches bounties who report  
as follows -- Thompsons settlement \$ 2.05

Mulberry Gap	2 00
Hickory flat	0 50
Black water	1 50
Richardsons Creek	1 18
New found	2 00
Gap Creek	0 95
Cedar Fork	1 00
War Creek	2 00
Greasy Rock	2 00
Zion	1 00
Hickory Cove	1 50
Beans Creek	0 98
Deep spring	1 50

making in all the sum of \$ 20.17

6 Brethren John Day Sandy James Daniel Howery Landon & Isaac  
Chrisman and Jonathan Bishop together with the mo-  
derator and Clerk a committee of arrangement to arrange the  
Buisanys to be attended to on to morrow and invite all the Corris-  
ponding brethren to sit with us then adjourned with prayer  
by the Moderator till Saturday morning ten o'clock sat met



7th the association appointed one member out of each church with

the church at this place to appoint brethren to preach

on today and to morrow who report as follows brethren

Jesse Riggs James Lacy Valentin Bowers & Joshua Edwards

to preach today and Benjamin White James Gilbert &

Andrew Coffman to preach on tomorrow

8th ordered that the roll be called and the names of all the

delegates who have not attended be entered

9th the committees arrangement called for read received and

the committee discharged then read the rules of decorum &

the constitution of this association

10th agreeable to the arrangement of the select committee we

notice the resolutions of Cedar fork and Gap creek churches

who say we have declared an unfellowship to the new institutions

of the day such as the baptist state convention Missionary or

Temperance &c all except the united baptist on their faith

or order also unfellowship the course of any or all members

of the church who have joined them continue in them and

advocate their cause and now brethren we pray you to tell us

whether you think we have erred from the rule laid down in

the gospel by so doing or not which was referred to a committee

chosen out of this association to form an answer viz John Clark

William McRea & Claiborne Roberts who report as follows

we as a committee do most sincerely believe that our much

beloved Brethren have committed an error in declaring an un

fellowship against any or all members who have joined or advoca

the cause of the societies of the day as we believe it not a test

of fellowship and do with love and tenderness request our

much beloved brethren not to offer up such resolutions any

more to our association signed by the committee William McRea

John Clark Claiborne Roberts

11th Query from Hickory flat is it order for a brother havin

g no letter of dis mission from a sister church to preach amo

ng us in answer to which we say that a minister



out of the bounds of his respective church should take a letter of dismission shewing his orderly walk and approved conduct and in refusing to do so in any reasonable time should not be invited to preach

12th Query from Newfound where would be the most proper place to examine and ordain Ministers in answer to which we say in their respective churches as heretofore

13th Newfound Greasy Rock and Richardsons Creek Churches all petition for the next association to be with them in answer to which our next association will be at Newfound Hawkins County Tennessee the first Friday in September 1840 and following days Elder James Gilbert to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure Elder James Bishop to supply

14th the Corresponding letters were read and received and the signature of the moderator and clerk annexed to them

15th ordered that 300 copies of minutes be printed and the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of them and be allowed six dollars for his services then adjourned with prayer by Elder Andrew Coffman signed by order of the association

James Gilbert Moderator

Moses McGinnis Clk

### Minutes of the

Mulberry Gap Association of united Baptists  
This association convened with the Church of Newfound in Rogersville Tennessee the first Friday in September 1840 and following days Elder James Gilbert according to appointment Delivered the Introductory sermon from Paul to the Romans first chapter. 15th & 16th verses. so as much as in me is I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Roan also for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth letters







4th. received a correspondence and packet of minutes from  
 the South union Association by the hand of their delegate  
 John Davis who was invited to a seat with us brother Claiborne  
 Roberts to write to them and failing to get a messenger we sent  
 the letter by other means  
 5th we invite all ordained ministers of our order who know  
 themselves to be in good standing to sit with us  
 6th received a letter but no delegate from the Northern  
 association praying a ~~letter~~ correspondence with us which was  
 granted brother Alexander Montgomery to write to them  
 and brother Montgomery messenger  
 7th a new constituted church at at little sycamore come  
 forward by letter and delegates praying admission into this  
 union which granted  
 8th Head of barren church come forward by letter and delegates  
 praying admission into this union which was granted  
 9th. brethren John Clark and John McCreal a committee of  
 finance who report as follows, Thompsons Settlement \$2.. 00

Mulberry Gap.....	1 50
Hickory flat.....	0 50
Black water.....	1 50
Richardsons Creek.....	1 50
New found.....	2 00
Gap Creek.....	0 50
Cedar fork.....	0 50
Loar Creek.....	2 00
Go easy Rock.....	1 50
Zion.....	1 00
Hickory Cove	2 00
Beans Creek..	1 00
Head of Barren.	1 00
Little Sycamore	0 62½
Deep Spring	1 17½

Treasurer

with 22 in the bank then making in all the sum \$23.30



- 10th. Brethren John Clark John McNeal & James Bishop together with the Moderator and Clerk a select committee to arrange the business to be attended to on tomorrow and invite all the corresponding brethren to sit with us then adjourned with prayer by brother Jeremiah Hale till saturday morning saturday met according to adjournment prayer by the moderator then proceeded ~~to~~ business
- 11th. ordered that the roll be called and the names of all the delegates who have not attended be erased
- 12th. Brother Hawery together with one member out of each church composing this association a committee to appoint preaching brethren to preach on to day and to morrow who reported as follows brethren John Day Jonathan Bishop James Bishop and James Bradley to preach on to day and brethren Jeremiah Hale James Gilbert & Andrew Coffman to preach on the sabbath
- 13th. read the rules of decorum and constitution of this association
- 14th. called for the select committee's arrangement which was read received and the committee discharged
- 15th. called for the corresponding letters which were read and the signature of the Moderator and Clerk annexed to them
- 16th. Greasy Rock and Deep Spring churches petitioned the next association to be with them in answer our next association will be held at Greasy Rock Meeting house Hawkins County Tennessee the first Friday in september 1841 and two days following Elder <sup>Bishop</sup> James to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure Elder Jonathan Bishop to supply
- 17th. Hickory Cove church requests us to notice in our minutes that Creton Eidson is excluded from that church and holds a letter of membership in disorder
- 18th. Richardsons creek church also requests us to notice a letter held by sister Nancy Briscoe in disorder and refuses to give it back being excluded for joining another order of people



19th ordered that 400. copies of minutes be printed and

the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of  
of them and be allowed six dollars for his services

20th whereas Mulberry Gap church Requests the association  
to open up some way for the relief of aggrieved members  
who have been excluded for not making the societies of  
the day a test of fellowship in answer we advise the  
several churches composing this association to receive  
them by relationship provided they be other wise orderly  
as their exclusion was a violation of our minutes for  
the years. 1837. and 1839

21st whereas Gap creek and Cedar fork churches came  
up with their remonstrances praying the association to  
reind her former act relation to our former Remonstr  
ances and pass an act of a test of fellowship against all  
the societies of the day and on the refusal of the ass  
ociation said churches withdrew from us and are no more  
of us

we received a letter from some distressed brethren at  
Cedar fork church praying for advice we refer them  
to the answer given to the Mulberry Gap church  
This association returns their humble sincere and hearty  
thanks to the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren  
and all the citizens of Rogersville and its vicinity for  
their kind and affectionate offices done for this  
association signed by order of the association

Elder James Gilbert. Moderator  
Moses McGinnis Clerk



# Minutes

## Of The Mulberry Gap Association Of United Baptists

This association convened at Greasy Rock meeting house  
Hawkins County Tennessee, On the first Friday in September  
1840 - and following days — Elder James Bishop  
according to appointment delivered The Introductory  
sermon, from Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap, and 10<sup>th</sup> verse And the  
Angel said unto them, fear not, for behold I bring you good  
Tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all people.

Letters from fourteen Churches were read and the follow-  
ing account taken

Churches	Delegates Names	Worshipers	Prayers	Religious	Discipline	Deacons	Total
Thompsons settlement	P. Clark and J. Clark A. Montgomery B. Burchett & James Bishop	130	02	52	99		
Mulberry Gap	Thos Vandevanter L. Jones H. A. Burchett & J. Couch	100	01	00	42		
War Creek	John Day and Moses M. Gennis	01	10	10	44		
Greasy Rock	J. Gilbert A. Trent J. Frost J. Hicks & J. Dewett	01	20	21	78		
Black Water	P. Levisy G. B. Walker & C. Roberts	00	00	00	27		
Richardsons Creek	J. Martin J. Coppe & J. Madox	130	03	00	46		
New-found	D. Hewery & J. Flora	60	00	01	34		
Gion	Joseph Bloomer						
Hickory Cove	M. Rutledge & D. Patterson	31	00	13	49		
Beens Creek	D. Collins & J. Malicoot	15	10	02	03		
Deep Spring	J. Bishop J. Gion & Levi Pennington	03	00	31	67		
Hickory Flat	Isaac Christman & Wm Garrison	04	00	10	39		
Little Sycamore	J. Fleming Wm M. Hill Sr. Neal J. Hill J. Bartlett & J. M. Hill	31	06	00	36		
Head of Barren	J. Hodges W. W. Holmworth & George Linck	52	22	31	00		
		351	66	87	236	672	

P.S. we leave Brother Bloomers total blank in  
consequence of his Church being divided and await the result



1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & William McNeil

Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> Received a corresponding letter from the Northern Association by her Delegates C. H. Bootright together with a packet of minutes who were invited and took a seat with us. We appoint Brother Benjamin Burchett to write to them - and Elders James Gilbert and Moses McGinnis & Brethren James Hodges & Thomas Frost to hear the same -

3<sup>rd</sup> Received a correspondance from Noly Chucky and a packet of Minutes by their Delegates Elders Andrew Coffman and James Bradley who being invited took seats with us. Brother Claiborne Roberts to write to them - and Brethren Jesse Cope Alexander Trent Thomas Madox & Thomas Frost to hear the same

4<sup>th</sup> Received a correspondance from Holston Association together with a packet of Minutes, by the hand of her delegates Elders Joshua Edwards & Jesse Riggs - Brethren J. H. Crouch & William Pearce - who being invited took seats with us. Brother John McNeil to write to them, Elders James Gilbert, Jonathan Bishop and Brethren John Clark and Thomas Frost to hear the same.

5<sup>th</sup> We invite all our preaching Brethren who are present to take seats with us -

6<sup>th</sup> We appoint Brethren John Hill and John W. Holensworth a committee of finance who report \$15.58 cents and \$7.40 in the hands of the former Treasurer making \$22.98 cents.

7<sup>th</sup> We appoint Brethren James Hodges Jonathan Bishop Joseph Bloomer Daniel Hovory and James Bishop together with the moderator and Clerk a select committee to arrange the business to be attended to on tomorrow



We invite all the corresponding brethren to sit with us

Then adjourned with prayer, by Elder Jonathan Bishop till Saturday Morning - Saturday met according to adjournment - Prayer by the Moderator then proceeded to business

8<sup>th</sup> Ordered that the roll be called and the names of all the Delegates who have not attended be erased.

9<sup>th</sup> Brother Thomas Frost together with one member out of each church composing this Association - a Committee to appoint preaching Brethren to preach today & tomorrow who report as follows - Elders Moses M. Ginn's Jonathan Bishop John Day & Jesse Riggs to fill the stand on today Elders C. W. Bootright Joshua Edwards James Gilbert & Andrew Coffman on the Sabbath who addressed large and respectable Congregations of well ordered and attentive hearers -

10<sup>th</sup> Called for the select Committee's arrangement which was read and received and the Committee discharged

11<sup>th</sup> Agreeable to the arrangement of the select Committee we noticed two letters from the Church of Zion each purporting to represent the true Church, but after Brother Smith who brought forward a letter of remonstrance against the Societies of the day, and hearing them fully explained to his satisfaction he therefore withdrew his letter for further Consideration and we received Brother Bloomers letter as representing the true Church

12<sup>th</sup> After considerable attication on the subject of a letter from Hickory flat by their Delegate Isaac Crisman - they have withdrawn from us because we would not declare nonfellowship against what is called the Societies of the day Temperance and Bible Societies &c and are no more of us.

13<sup>th</sup> We noticed the request of Mulberry Gap Church wishing our next association to continue four days in answer to which we say our next Association will continue four days



14<sup>th</sup> Agreeable to the request of Thompsons Settlement we agree

to spread the Constitution and rules of Decorum on our minutes.

15<sup>th</sup> We appoint Elder Jonathan Bishop to preach the introductory sermon - Elder Moses McGinnis his Alternate.

16<sup>th</sup> A motion made by Elder James Gilbert to extend the provision of the Association in 1840 Article 20<sup>th</sup> we would say all members in good standing who have applied to their respective Anti Churches for letters of dismission and said Churches refusing to grant the same we advise the several Churches of this Association to receive them by relationship.

17<sup>th</sup> Called for the Corresponding letters which was read and the signature of the Moderator & Clerk annexed to them.

18<sup>th</sup> Ordered that 400 ~~3~~ Copies of our minutes be printed and that the Clerk Superintend the printing of the same and be allowed \$8.00 for his services.

19<sup>th</sup> Our next Association will be held at Little Sycamore Meeting House Claiborne County E. Tennessee to commence the first Friday in September next and three following days. We return our sincere thanks to the neighbourhood and friends within the vicinity of Greasy Rock for kind offices done to us and the Community. Then adjourned with prayer by Elder C. H. Postright.

Signed by order of the Association

William M. Nicol  
Clerk

James Gilbert  
Moderator



# Minutes 1863

Of The Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists

This Association Convened at Little Sycamore Meeting House, Claiborne County Tennessee on the first Friday in September 1862 and following days

Elder Jonathan Bishop according to appointment delivered the introductory sermon from Joel the 2nd Chap and 1st verse, Blow ye the trumpet in Zion sound an alarm in my holy mountain

Then letters from 12 churches were read and the following account taken

Churches	Delegates	Exp	Sal	Rest	Relat	Bism	Green	deced	Total
Richardson Creek	J. Cope, L. Madon	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	50
Deep spring	Jonathan Bishop & John Zion	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	57
Mulberry Gap	Thos Vandeventer Wm Edward & E. Bishop	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	33
Zion	William Bloomer	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	13
Little Sycamore	Jos Niel, Jm. McNeil & S. Fleming & M. McNeil	4	2	0	5	2	1	2	48
Head Barren	James Hedges & Huddleston G. England								
Greasy Rock	D. M. Hedges and Wm W. Hadenworth	57	1	0	2	3	1	0	97
Greasy Rock	Jas Gilbert A Trent & R Trent	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	72
War Creek	L. Day, L. Davis & M. McGinnis	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	48
Been Creek	B. Coffey & Hays & J. Hays Jr	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
Hickory Cove	M. Rutledge & J. Rouse	11	1	0	0	2	1	0	48
Thos Settlement	James Bishop R. Clark son Peter								
	Parkey & Robert Clark Jr	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	99
Black Water	George Heird & G. Roberts	7	1	1	0	2	0	1	41

1st Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & Wm. McNeil Clerk  
2nd Recd a corresponding letter and packet of minutes from Holy Churchy Association by her delegates Elders H. W. Taylor & Jas Lacy & Brother John Ham to whom was given the right hand.



Their next Association will be held at Bethel South to commence

the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in September next, We appoint Elder John Day to write to them, Elders Moses M<sup>c</sup>Ginnis Jas Bishop & John Day & brother James Hedges to hear the same

3<sup>rd</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup>: a corresponding letter and packet of minutes from the Keelston Association by her Delegates M. R. Lion Wm Pearce J. H. Crouch & Wm A. Keen to whom was given the right hand of fellowship & invited them to sit with us. Their next Association will be held at M<sup>c</sup>Pheters Bend to commence the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August next. Brother Claiborne Roberts to write to them & Elders James Gilbert Jonathan Bishop James Bishop Moses M<sup>c</sup>Ginnis John Day & Brother John Clark Jr to hear the same

4<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup>: a corresponding letter but no minutes from the Northern Association by her Delegate Elder Joel Aldridge to whom was given the right hand of fellowship and invited him to a seat. Their next Association will be held at Zion Hill Knox County to commence the Friday before the 2<sup>d</sup> Saturday in October next. Brother John McNeil to write to them. Brethren Samuel Fleming James Hedges Wm McNeil & Elder M<sup>c</sup>Ginnis to hear the same

5<sup>th</sup> We invite all our Preaching brethren who are present to take seats with us

6<sup>th</sup> We appoint Elder James Bishop & brother David M. Hedges a committee of finances who report as follows \$11.53 - and \$6.98 in the hands of the Treasurers making in all \$18.51

7<sup>th</sup> We appoint Brethren Robert Clark and James Hedges Elders Jonathan Bishop & Moses M<sup>c</sup>Ginnis together with the moderator and Clerk a select committee to arrange the business to be attended to on Tomorrow we invite all the corresponding brethren to sit with us

Then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator till Sat. Morning 10. o'clock



Saturday met according to adjournment prayer by the moderator  
-for then proceeded to business

8<sup>th</sup> Ordered that the roll be called and the names of those  
Delegates who are not present be erased.

9<sup>th</sup> Brother Joseph Keile together with one member out  
of each Church composing this Association to appoint  
preaching Brethren to fill the stand on today & tomorrow  
who report as follows Elders John Day James Bishop  
H. M. Lyon and Moses M. Ginnis to fill the stand  
today. Elders Hugh M. Taylor James Lacy Joel Aldridge  
and James Gilbert on Sabbath

10<sup>th</sup> Called for the select Committee arrangement which was  
read & received and the Committee discharged

11<sup>th</sup> Agreeable to the arrangement of the select Committee  
we notice the request of Little Sycamore Church  
relative to union meetings

12<sup>th</sup> This Association Agreeable to the request of the above  
named Church agrees to affect a system of union  
meetings, and proceeded to divide her bounds in two  
Divisions Commencing near Thompson Settlement Church  
Running south Eastwardly so as to include Mulberry Gap  
and Greasy Rock in the western Division and those <sup>Churches</sup> above  
to compose the Eastern Division

13<sup>th</sup> The first union meeting to be held in the Eastern division  
at Blackwater Meeting house Hawkins County to Commence  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May next preaching brethren to attend  
James Bishop Jonathan Bishop & Manuel Rutledge

14<sup>th</sup> The first union meeting to be held in the Western division  
at War Creek meeting house Hawkins County to Commence  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in June next. preaching Brethren to attend  
Elder John Day Moses McGinnis and James Gilbert

15<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Deep Spring Been creek and  
Richardson Creek praying for the next Assn to be with them  
in answer to which we say our next Association will be held



at Deep Spring Meeting House Lee County Va to commence  
the first Friday in September next and three following days  
Elder Moses McGinnis to preach the introductory sermon  
and James Gilbert his alternate

16<sup>th</sup> Ordered that 300 Copies of our minutes be printed and  
that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing them  
and be allowed \$8.00 for his services

17<sup>th</sup> A motion made by Elder Moses McGinnis in the form of  
a query inquiring to know whether the 3<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> articles  
of our abstract of principles are in accordance with the  
word of God deferred till Monday Morning then adjourned  
with prayer by Elder Houghs W Taylor till Monday half  
past 9 o'clock

18<sup>th</sup> Monday morning met according to adjournment prayer  
by the moderator, then proceeded to business

19<sup>th</sup> The Association considered the motion made by Elder  
Moses McGinnis relative to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> articles of our  
abstract of principles and believing the 7<sup>th</sup> article not to be  
in accordance with the word of God we continued the  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and unanimously agreed to erase the 7<sup>th</sup> article from  
said abstract of principles

20<sup>th</sup> The Association Ordered our abstract of principles to be  
annexed to our minutes as amended by our Association

21<sup>st</sup> Called for the Corresponding letters which were read  
and received and the signatures of the moderator  
and Clerk annexed to them

22<sup>nd</sup> A motion made by Brother James Hodge to further  
extend the provision of the ap<sup>e</sup> in 1841 - article 16<sup>th</sup> we  
advise the different Churches that compose this ap<sup>e</sup>  
to act for themselves in receiving members by relationship  
where they are in good standing and not satisfied where  
they belong whether they have applied for letters of



23<sup>rd</sup> In compliance with the request of our sister Associations we agree to set apart the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July next also the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December next for the purpose of fasting and prayer to Almighty God that he would wonderfully revive his work of grace in the hearts of all his adopted children throughout the universe and Zion may travel in a wonderful manner and bring forth many sons and daughters to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus Signed by order of the Association

*Ben McNeil Clerk*

James Galtiers Moderator

Minutes of The Mulberry Gap  
— Association —

This association convened at Deep Spring Meetinghouse  
Lee County Virginia, on the first Friday in September 1843  
and 3 following days - Elder Moses McGinnis delivered  
the introductory sermon from John 1st Chap and latter  
clause of the 29th verse. Behold the Lamb of God which  
taketh away the sins of the world.

Then letters from 13 Churches were read & the following  
accounts taken

Yellow
Orange
Reddish
Red
Orange
Yellow



Churches	Delegates	Conference	Letter	Restored	Relativities	Dismissed	Deceased	Total
Lycomore	Prior Breeding & Thacker Masow - - -	30	4		10	6	1	83
Lead Baron	Robt Southern Geo Lynch & J. M. Hodges	3			2	2	3	96
Mud Gap	Thomas Vandewater - - -	26		1	2	1	1	38
Millar Creek	Mary M. Ginnis S. S. Walker & Joseph Davis	42	4	1		2		92
Greary Rock	James Gilbert Jr. Gilbert Jesse Berry & W. Bloomer	92	2	3		3	1	166
Black Water	J. Heerd J. Kyle Geo Heerd sr. & C. Roberts - -	55	2	1	6	1	1	103
Rick's Creek	J. Day J. Madox J Cope and Wm Cope	43	2	2	2		2	96
Newfound	Joseph Flora and Wm Sharp - - -	18			25		2	20
Hickory Cove	John House - - - - -					5	1	43
Zion	Wm Lory Jr Bloomer and Joseph Fisher	1						12
Been Creek	W Coffee and Lowell Collins	11						53
Deep Spring	J. Bishop J. Zion J. Parsons L. Pennington & A. Zion	43	2		1	1	3	100
Thomp Settlement	J. Bishop R Chark sr B Burr chett sr and Wm & M. Cheltan - - -	174	6	2	4	3	1	280
		538	22	10	25	49	15	1202

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator and William McNeil Clerk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Received a Corresponding letter but no minutes from the Holston Association by her Delegates Elders Jesse Tigs and Peter Nechem and Brethren Wm Pearce and John Ball Their next association will be held at Cherokee meeting house Washington County Tennessee to Commence on the second Friday in August 1844 and following days Brother D. M. Hodges to write to them and Elders Schuathan Bishop and John Day and Brethren James Bloomer and Jesse Cope to hear the same
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Received a Corresponding letter but no minutes from the Nolachucky Association by her delegates Elders W. Pullen and A. Coffman. Their next association will be held at Bethel South Meetinghouse Grainger County Ten. to Commence the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in September next and following days Elder John Day to write to them & Elder M. M. Ginnis & Brethren D. M. Hodges J Cope & J. Madox to hear the same. The Moderator



named Corresponding Brethren and invited them to sit with us

4<sup>th</sup> Received no letter nor delegates from the Northern Association and still desiring union we appoint Brother Benjamin Burchett to write to them, and Brethren Robert Southern and D. M. Hodges and Elder John Day to hear the same.

5<sup>th</sup> We appoint Brethren John Hyle and D. M. Hodges a Committee of finance who report as follows \$16.67 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$3.51 in the hands of the Treasurer making \$20.18 $\frac{1}{2}$

6<sup>th</sup> We appoint Elders Moses M. Ginnis John Day James Bishop and Jonathan Bishop and brother John Zion together with the Moderator and Clerk a select Committee to arrange the business to be attended to on tomorrow, we invite all the Corresponding Brethren to sit with us. Then adjourned with prayer by Elder Andrew Coffman till Saturday 10 o'clock

Saturday met according to adjournment prayer by the Moderator then proceeded to business.

7<sup>th</sup> Brother John Zion together with one member out of each Church composing this Association to appoint preaching brethren to fill the stand on Saturday & Sabbath who report as follows Elders John Day James Bishop & Jesse Riggs on today, Elders Peter Rhune James Gilbert and Andrew Coffman on Sabbath.

8<sup>th</sup> Ordered that the roll be called and that the names of those delegates who are not present be erased

9<sup>th</sup> Called for the select Committees arrangement which was read and received and the Committee discharged

10<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Elder Benedict desiring all the possible information from our Association and the different Churches that compose the same we feel cheerful to comply we will therefore proceed to give the names of all ordained and licenced Ministers and the respective Churches to which they belong Little Sycamore Samuel Fleming and Joseph Keill Licensed Head of Barron Robert Southern L. War creek Moses M. Ginnis Ordained and James Jackson L.



Greary Rock James Gilbert Ord John Gilbert & Jesse Perry L.  
 Zion Mtn Tryon L. Mulberry Gap Levi Xaro L. Black Watermore  
 Richardson's Creek John Day Cr. Newfound Daniel Howery  
 Ord. and William Sharp L. Hickory Cove Harder Sanders Ord.  
 Beens Creek John Malicoat L. Deep Spring Jonathan  
 Bishop Ord. Thompsons Settlement James Bishop Ord.  
 and William McClelland L. Resolved by our  
 association that our Clerk transmit one copy of our  
 Minutes to Elder David Benedict Rhodestland Pawtucket  
 11<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Zion, Hickory, Cove, & Newfound  
 Churches praying for ministerial aid, we counsel our  
 preaching Brethren to adhere to their prayers and to  
 endeavor on all possible occasions to visit them and labor  
 with them in the word and doctrine.  
 12<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Beens Creek Richardson's Creek  
 and Mulberry Gap Churches desiring our next  
 Association to be with them, in answer to which we say  
 our next Association will be held at Beens Creek  
 Meetinghouse Grainger County Tennessee to commence  
 the first Friday in September next 1844 & 3 following days  
 13<sup>th</sup> Elder James Gilbert to preach the introductory  
 sermon & Elder John Day his alternate  
 14<sup>th</sup> Ordered that 500-copies of our minutes be printed  
 and that our Clerk superintend the printing and  
 distributing them and be allowed \$5.00 for his services  
 We feel to return our unfeigned thanks to the Brethren  
 and friends within the vicinity of deep spring for  
 their liberality and kindness shown us on that occasion  
 we hope they will receive for the same a gracious  
 reward in Heaven Then adjourned with prayers by  
 Elder Peter Rhune to the time and place above named  
 Signed by order of the Association

M.H. 110 160 3 James Gilbert Moderator



# Remarks.

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The Brethren appointed to fill the stand on Saturday & Sabbath addressed large and respectable Congregations of attentive hearers. On Saturday the Assembly was unusually large for the day but on Sabbath the multitude was great, indeed it was supposed by a number of persons present from the best Calculation that could be made that the number was from 25 to 35 hundred Souls. On the first 2 days of our meeting the excitement was Ordinary, but on Sunday & Monday I am authorised to say it was Considerable. Mourners pleading for Mercy and Christians rejoicing in God our savior. The embassadors of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ delivered the unspeakable riches of the Kingdom which is prepared for all them that long and love the appearance of God our savior. And which we believe will stand when Heaven & Earth shall pass away. We therefore shut the fountains of which will be realized in time and great Eternity.

Wm McNeil Clerk



Minutes of the Mulberry  
Gap  
Association of United Baptist

This Association Convened at Beans Creek Meeting  
house Grainger County Tennessee, on the first Friday  
in September 1844 and following days—  
Elder James Gilbert according to appointment delivered  
the introductory sermon from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap & 19<sup>th</sup>  
verse Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure  
having this seal the Lord knoweth them that are his  
Then letters from 12 churches were read & the following act taken

Churches	Delegates	Exp	Letter	Restored	Relatives	Dismissed	Inc. com.	Decred	Total
Mul. Gap	L. Nard & Vandevanter and Wm Bishop						4	1	53
War Creek	Mr. M. Ginnis P. Wolf & Winkler and J. J. Walker	8	3						192
Greasy Rock	James Gilbert and John Gilbert	10	1	1		2	9	1	169
Newfound	Joseph Flora						1		19
Thompson's	J. Bishop J. Jones J. Fletcher W. McBlain & W. Kelly	31	3		5	5	3	5	304
H. of Warren	J. Needges L. Lynch R. Southern and J. McMahon	11	2		5	6		2	108
R. Creek	J. Day J. Mator W. Martin J. Cope & W. Cope	2	1		1	6	6		88
Zion	Joseph Fisher and William Bloomer								13
W. Water	C. Roberts J. Herd sr. J. Herd jr. and C. Anderson	2	1		1	1			106
L. Sycamore	J. Neill D. Marcum J. Hill and Wm. McNeil	13	3		2		4	1	89
Deep Spring	J. Bishop L. Pennington and A. Zion	4	3	1	2	6	1	1	94
Beans Creek	J. Malicoat L. Waller and W. Adkins	1	1		1	2	2	1	52
Kick's Cove	No letter nor delegates	82	18	2	17	26	3	14	1187
Printers fee \$5.00									

1<sup>st</sup> Choro Elder James Gilbert Moderator and Wm. McNeil Clerk  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Called for Corresponding Letter  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Received a Corresponding letter and packet of Minutes from  
 the Holston Association by the hands of Elders P. Ruck and  
 E. Rutledge & Brother William Pearce.



Their next Association will be held at Cobs Creek Meetinghouse

Louisa County Tenn. to commence the second Friday in August next and following days, We appoint Elder John Day to write to them, and Elders James Bishop and John Day and brethren W. Roberts & L. Nave to hear the same -

4<sup>th</sup> Received a corresponding letter and packet of Minutes from the Northern Association by the hands of E. P. Herrold and R. Wolfenbarger. Their next Assoc<sup>n</sup> will be held at Bethel Meetinghouse Anderson County Tenn - to commence on Friday before the 3<sup>d</sup> Saturday in September next

5<sup>th</sup> We received no letter from the Nolichucky Association on account of some of their delegates failing to attend but two of their delegates being present (viz) Elder James Lacy and J. Baxter and still wishing to keep up correspondence with them we have appointed Brother W. Roberts to write to them and Elder M. M. Gimms and Brother J. Mallicoat to hear the same. All the above named delegates received the right hand of fellowship and being invited took seats with us.

6<sup>th</sup> We appoint Brethren Wm. Ritz and J. Hurd a committee of finance who report as follows \$12.23  $\frac{3}{4}$  and \$7.18  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the hands of the Treasurer making in all \$19.42  $\frac{1}{4}$

7<sup>th</sup> We appoint Elder James Bishop and Brethren J. Hodges & Madox L. Nave and George Lynch together with the Moderator & Clerk a Committee of arrangement to set in order the business for tomorrow, we invite all the corresponding Brethren to sit with us. then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator till Saturday 10 o'clock Saturday met according to adjournment prayer by Elder Peter Krush then proceeded to business -

8<sup>th</sup> Called for the select committees arrangement which was read and received and the Committee discharged



9<sup>th</sup> Wrens creek Church together with one member out of  
each Church composing this association a committee to  
appoint Preaching brethren to fill the stand on today  
and tomorrow who report as follows Elders Robert Smith  
G. A. Morris E. Rutledge and Jonathan Bishop on  
today and Elders James Lacy Peter Kuker James Kilbert  
and James Bishop on Sabbath

10<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Warren Church relative to a  
charge alledged against her in the Minutes of the Powell  
Valley Association, stating that she was excommunicated  
from their Association for a breach of Covenant. The charge  
may be found in Minutes of 1841 on page 3<sup>rd</sup> and in the  
same clause of said Minutes you will see they declared  
nonfellowship against the Mulberry Gap Association for  
one of her Ministers to take charge of those Members at the  
Head of Warren who they say were excluded Members  
when at the same time by having referred to their Minutes  
of prior dates that they had already declared nonfellowship  
against all Associations and Churches who would not declare  
nonfellowship against all heresetical institutions such as the  
Bible Society Temperance Missionary &c. yet notwithstanding  
the above declaration they then declared nonfellowship to  
the Mulberry Gap Association for suffering one of their  
Ministers as above named seems to show an inconsistency  
in itself. Now for illustration suppose a charge be brought  
against a Member for swearing and that charge him from  
Church fellowship and commit the same to record and sometime  
afterwards the Church hears of the same person being drunk they  
would take him up and exclude him again and then proceed  
to make another record saying they excluded him forgetting  
drunk. Now the question is would the last record be true.  
Judge yet it would certainly be as true as the above is  
against Mulberry Gap



Now in order to clear the Church at the Head of Warren

of said Charge we give an outline of the proof before us about the year 1840 the Moderator of Warren Church urged that a question should be taken in the Church to ascertain who amongst them would not declare nonfellowship to the Societies of the day, and in consequence of which the Church became divided and each party claimed to be the true Church and the anti party got the Church book in their possession and then excluded the other party as they say for a breach of Covenant which exclusion we say was on account of principles and for no other reason whatever—

11<sup>th</sup> The prayer of Newfound Church noticed by us, and therefore Council our preaching brethren to attend them in compliance with the above Council Elders James Bishop Youngellornis and James Sacy agree to attend that Church on the fourth Saturday and Sabbath next—

12<sup>th</sup> Elders John Day and Moses McGinnis agree to attend at Newfound on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sabbath next—

13<sup>th</sup> Mulherry Gap Richardsons Creek and Blackwater Churches petitions for the next Association to be with them in answer to which we say our next Assoc<sup>n</sup> will be held at Richardsons Creek Meetinghouse Hawthins Ct. Tenn to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September next Elder John Day to preach the introductory sermon and Elder James Bishop his alternate

14<sup>th</sup> Corresponding letters read and received and the names of the Moderator and Clerk annexed to them

15<sup>th</sup> Ordained that 500 Copies of our Minutes be printed and that our Clerk superintend the printing and distributing them and be allowed \$8.00 dollars for his services

16<sup>th</sup> The address of Elder James Gilbert on election & reprobation ratified by the Assoc<sup>n</sup> and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes. Then adjourned with prayer by Elder James Sacy to the time and place above named, signed by order of the Association  
William M. Stil Clerk. James Gilbert Moderator



Minutes of the Mulberry Gap Assoc<sup>n</sup>  
of United Baptists.

This Association Convened at Richardson  
Creek Meetinghouse Hamilton County Tenn. on the first Friday  
in September 1845 and following days. Elder John Day delivered  
the introductory sermon, from Romans 13<sup>th</sup> Chap 11 & 12 verses  
and that knowing the time, that now it is time to awake out  
of sleep &c. Then letters from 13 Churches were read and  
the following account taken —

Churches	Delegates	Baptismes	Letter	McCalister	McCalister	Simmons	Receivd	Total
Beans Creek	W. Heaps and B. Coffey	15	1			5	1	62
L. Sycamore	Reuben Ellison and Wm. McNeil	2				4	1	81
Zion	W. Tinsy J. Bloomer & J. Tinsy	2	4					20
Mul. Gap	L. Kave J. Vandeventer Wm. Edwards & W. Bishop	4				11		53
Rick Creek	J. Day J. Cope J. Madox & W. Martin	2	2			2	2	87
Deep Spring	J. Bishop J. Zion & J. Zion & A. Bishop	12		1		17		87
Kickapoo	J. Rouse J. McWhittier & J. Winsted		1			2	3	33
The Settlement	J. Bishop W. Lane A. Clark Jr. J. Jones & W. Riley	7	6	1		5	3	307
Newfound	J. Flora and L. Long	9	2					30
Head Barron	Edward Kelly.	4				1	27	89
Black Water	C. Roberts J. Heerd sr. J. Kyle & E. Heerd		4			1	2	105
Greasy Rock	J. Gilbert J. Gilbert J. Berry							
	J. Garland and J. McConkey	3	4			5	8	143
War Creek	M. McConkey J. Davis & M. Mc Webb.	10	1			1	2	99
	for constitution 15 for constitution 20	70	25	2	2	74	23	1196
1st Chose	Elder James Gilbert Moderator							
	And William McNeil Clerk							
2nd	Received two newly constituted churches into our union							
	(viz) Blue Spring Church by her delegates A. Bishop							
	and W. McCalroy Total No. 15							



also Cave Spring church by her delegates Elder

R. Southern Luke Parker J. Harper and J. Richardson  
by Experience 2 Total 22 The Moderator tendered the  
right hand of fellowship to the above brethren and  
invited them to seats with us—

3<sup>rd</sup> Called for Corresponding letters. Received one from Holy-  
=churchy Apr. and Packet of Minutes by the hand of their  
delegates Elders A. Coffman and James Lacy their next  
association will be held at the head of Richland on Friday  
before the 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August next. we appoint brother  
C. Roberts to write to them and Elder M. McGinnis J. Day  
Jon. Bishop & Jas Gilbert hearers

4<sup>th</sup> Received a Corresponding letter (but no Minutes) from  
Holston Association by her delegates Elders Jesse Riggs  
and Peter Khan & brother Wm. Peace their next Association  
will be held at Fall Branch Meetinghouse Washington Co  
Tenn. to Commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August next.  
we appoint brother Ruben Mason to write to them &  
and Elders John Day & John Gilbert & brethren C. Roberts  
and Jesse Copo to hear the same. The Moderator in  
behalf of the Association tendered the right of fellowship  
to the above named delegates and being invited they took  
seats with us—

5<sup>th</sup> We proceed in pursuance to last Association relative  
to the Northern Assoc. having altered the time of holding  
their annual Meeting. we appoint our Clerk to send by  
private opportunity

6<sup>th</sup> We appoint brethren Jas. Davis and John Ryland a Committee  
of finance who report as follows \$17.45 due our Clerk \$2.66  
leaving a balance in his hands of \$14.79 subject to the  
Order of the Association—

7<sup>th</sup> we appoint Elders R. Southern Jon Bishop W. Long Jas Bishop M. McGinnis and  
brother J. Vandeventer together with the Modr & Clk a Committee to arrange the business to  
be attended on tomorrow. we invite correspondents to sit with us. then adjourned till Saturday  
10 o'clock



Lat Met according to adjournment praye by the Moderator

Then proceeded to business

8<sup>th</sup> Called for the report of the select Committee of arrangements which was read and received and the Committee discharged

9<sup>th</sup> Richardsons Creek Together with one Member out of each Church Composing this Assoc<sup>n</sup> to appoint preaching brethren to fill the stand on today and tomorrow who report as follows Elders J. P. Morris J. Riggs and A. Coffman to fill the stand Today - And Elders P. Ruhn J. Lucy Jas Gilbert and James Bishop On Sabbath -

10<sup>th</sup> We take into Consideration the desire of Newfound Church relative to appointing and sending Ministers to preach in the bounds of this Association - We as an Assoc<sup>n</sup> do not think we have the power to grant their request

11<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Richardsons Creek Church relative to receiving the license of young ministers annually we the Association do believe that the power belongs exclusively to the different Churches

12<sup>th</sup> We take into Consideration the request of Little Sycamore Church, asking advice on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6<sup>th</sup> Chap from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> verse. We the Association not feeling prepared to answer the request of Little Sycamore for the time being have therefore Chosen Elder J. Day Son Bishop M. McGinnis R. Southern and Jas Gilbert as a Committee to give an explanation on the above named verses and present the same to our next Association

13<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Zion Church relative to a fast day we therefore set apart the first sabbath in Jan<sup>y</sup> next for the purpose of fasting and praye to god for a general revival of Religion

14<sup>th</sup> Blackwater, Hickory Cove and Mulberry Gap Churches petition for the next assoc<sup>n</sup> to be with them in answer to which our next assoc<sup>n</sup> will be held at Mulberry Gap Martins house Claiborne County Tennessee



- to Commence on the first Thursday in September next  
and 3 following days, Elder Robert Southern to preach the  
introductory Sermon and Elder James Bishop his alternate
- 15<sup>th</sup> Called for read and received the Corresponding letters  
The signatures of the Moderator and Clerk annexed to them
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ordered that 500 Copies of our Minutes be printed  
and that the Clerk superintend the printing and  
distributing them & that he be allowed \$8.00 for his services
- 17<sup>th</sup> We propose opening Correspondance with the Washington  
Association, Brother C. Roberts to write to them, and Elder  
Jonathan Bishop and brother Jos Bloomer to hear the same
- 18<sup>th</sup> we council the differant Churches to send up short  
letters to the Association

The Association grant the liberty to the Clerk to mention  
the death of Elder S. W. Fleming in our Minutes

Wm. McKel Clerk

James Gilbert Mod.



# Minutes of The Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists

This Association commenced at Mulberry Gap Meeting-house Claiborne County Tennessee on the first Thursday in September 1846 Elder R. Southern according to appointment delivered the introductory sermon from Ephesians 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap and 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> verses. Now therefore ye are no more Strangers and foreigners but fellowcitizens with the saints and with the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner Stone. Then letters from 15 Churches were read and the following account taken

Churches	Delegates Names	Exhortation	By Letter	Orally	Resolved	Dismissed	Recommended	Beacons	Total	Contribution
Bear Creek	John Mallesat	4	2	1	22				32	48 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Blue Spring	W. Muckatroy		2						17	31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Deepford	Joseph Flora and Wm Sharp	16		1	1				44	1.05
Head Barren	J. Hodges, L. Car, L. McMahon & John Burch	3	1	1	8	3	1	82	1.00	
Hickory Cove	J. M. Whitlow, W. M. Clepper and Wm Canonger	7			1	1	2	39	75	
Litt Spearman	Wm McKie and John Plunk	2	10		5	1	1	86	1.50	
Blackwater	C. Robert, L. Kyle, B. Heers and L. Heers Jr					1			104	1.50
W. Settlement	El. J. Bishop, L. Clark, L. Jones & L. Lewis	2	4		20	2		209	1.50	
Zion	W. Tiry, J. Tiry and Joseph Bloomer	10				2		26	50	
Cave Spring	El. R. Southern and J. H. Mason	11	4	4		1	2	38	57 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
Greasy Rock	El. J. Gilbert, J. Gilbert, A. Treat, L. M. Montez & L. Devault	1	3		1	3	4	338	1.50	
Deep Spring	El. J. Bishop, Wm Zion and A. Zion	2			5			84	1.50	
M. Gap	El. L. Nave, A. Edwards, L. Baker & Joel Vannoy							1	52	1.00
War Creek	El. M. McKinnis, Wm Green & L. Green	19				4	1	2	54	85 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Rich Creek	El. L. Day, L. Johnston, L. D. Berry and Jesse Cope	19	7		3	4		112	125	
Hedden Spring	Dowell Collins	2	6					36	75	
Hazewell	Wm Hill and Daniel Marceum	2	3					33	50	
Friend Bethel	L. Singleton and W. B. Borden							19	25	
Providence	L. Carpenter, J. I. Walker and J. Mills	10			2			67	107 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	



For Constitution \*68 Those marked thus<sup>(+)</sup> are newly

Constituted Churches.

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gillett Mod<sup>r</sup> & 8<sup>m</sup> McNeil Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> Being organised gave an invitation for Churches to join  
this union whereupon we receiv<sup>d</sup> five by Letter and  
Delegates to wit: Cedar Spring Tazewell New Bethel  
Providence & Rob. Camp.

3<sup>rd</sup> Called for Corresponding letters, Receiv<sup>d</sup> one from  
Lebanon District Association (Pack of Minutes) by the  
hands of her Delegates Elder David Jessu and Brother  
J. Charlesck, desiring Correspondance with us whom  
we cordially receive, Claiborne Roberts to write Elders  
R. Southern & Son Bishop & Brethren Wm Riley and  
J. Bloomer to meet said Ass<sup>n</sup> at Dentons Valley Church.

On the third Friday instant

4<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter and (Pack of Minutes) from the Holston  
Ass<sup>n</sup> by the hands of her Delegates Elder Joshua Edwards  
Appointed brother Wm Hill to write and Elders Son  
Bishop John Jay Levi Hays & brethren Wm Riley and  
C. Roberts to meet sd Ass<sup>n</sup> at Sinking Creek Church  
Quarter Ct. Len. to Commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August 1847

5<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> Correspondance from Holy Chucky Ass<sup>n</sup> (but  
no letter nor Minutes) by her delegates Elders James  
Greenlee & R. D. Gray. Appointed brother J. Montgomery  
to write and Elders R. Southern M. McGinnis & John Gillett  
to meet sd Ass<sup>n</sup> at new prospect Church on the  
fourth Thursday in Aug<sup>t</sup> 1847 thereupon the Moderator  
in behalf of the Ass<sup>n</sup> tendered the right hand of  
fellowship to all the Corresponding delegates as a token  
of our friendship with those bodies and the delegates  
were invited and took seats with us.



6<sup>th</sup> We desired to revive Correspondance with the Brethren  
as Correspondance dropped in consequence of their  
altering the time of holding their annual Meeting.

We have appointed Brother John McMahan to write and  
brethren James Cur & John McMahan to meet said  
Association at their annual Meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> Appointed Brethren Moses McGinnis & Roberts Wm. Mill  
J. Cope & John Clark Together with the Moderator and Clerk  
a Committee of Arrangements and invite Corresponding  
Delegates to sit with us.

Then adjourned with prayer till Friday 10<sup>th</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> Friday Met pursuant to adjournment prayer by  
the Moderator then proceeded to business.

9<sup>th</sup> Ordered That The Roll be Called and that the names  
of the Delegates who are not present be erased.

10<sup>th</sup> Called for the arrangement of the select Committee which  
was read & received and the Committee discharged.

11<sup>th</sup> Decided that Mullerrog Gap Church Together with one  
member out of each Church composing this Association be a  
Committee to appoint preaching brethren to fill the Stand  
on today Tomorrow & Sabbath, Committee reported as follows  
for Today Elder R. D. Gray, J. Ting & James Bishop on Tomorrow  
J. Edwards, J. Greenlee & D. Lusso, for Sabbath James Gilbert  
James Greenlee and David Lusso.

12<sup>th</sup> Appointed brethren John Kyle & J. Montgomery a Committee  
on finance who report \$19.30 with \$1.25 in the hands of the  
Treasurer making \$20.59.

13<sup>th</sup> We advise the different Churches composing this Association  
to liberate their ministers by placing in their hands sufficient  
means to enable them to preach the gospel as  
much as possible in the destitute Churches and Neighbor-  
hoods within her bounds.

14<sup>th</sup> In answer to Little Spearmons Church as requested  
last year we proceed as a Committee by order of



last Association to give our views on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6<sup>th</sup> Chap from the first to the 8<sup>th</sup> Verses inclusive, Our views are as follows, We understand the Council of the apostle in these verses to mean just what he says that is the matter the apostle alludes to are nothing more nor less than any matter that the law has Commizance of he forbids the saints going to law before the unjust that is before the world.

Therefore we Council the Members of the respective Churches Composing this Association to submit all their matters to the Consideration of their Churches and that they keep in view the Council given in the 18<sup>th</sup> Chap of Matthew.

James Gilbert	}	Committee
John Day		
Jonathan Bishop		
Robert Southern		
Moses McGinnis		

15<sup>th</sup> Black Water Hickory Cove Zion Rob Camp and Newfound Churches all petition for the next ass<sup>n</sup> to be with them in answer to which we say our next Association will be held with Zion Church Scott County Va to Commence on the first Thursday in September A.D. 1847 & three following days.

16<sup>th</sup> Elder James Bishop appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Elder John Gilbert his alternate

17<sup>th</sup> Ordered that our clerk superintend the printing and distributing of 600 Copies of our minutes, and that he be allowed \$8- for his services, Then Adjourned with prayer by Elder Joshua Edwards till Saturday 10 o'clock

18<sup>th</sup> Sat. Met pursuant to adjournment & proceeded to business, 19<sup>th</sup> Called for corresponding letters which were read & receiv<sup>d</sup> & the signature of the Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk annexed to them. Then adjourned with prayer by Elder R. D. Gray to the time and place above named, Signed by order of the Association

Wm McNeil Clerk      James Gilbert Mod<sup>r</sup>



Minutes of The Mulberry  
Gap Association

This Association Convened at Zion Church  
Scot Co Va on the first Friday in September  
1847 - The introductory sermon was delivered by  
Elder James Bishop from Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Timothy  
4<sup>th</sup> Chap + 2<sup>nd</sup> verse, Preach the word.

Then letters from 19 churches were read & the following taken.

[illegible]



1<sup>st</sup> Chasd Elder James Gilbert Moderator

& Wm McKil Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> Opened a door for the reception of members  
Rec<sup>d</sup>. Newhope, Howard District, Little War Creek,  
& Grassy Spring, newly Constituted Churches.

3<sup>rd</sup> Called for corresponding letters Received  
one from Kolachucky Apr<sup>l</sup> & 2 packets of  
Minutes but no delegates

4<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup>. a packet of Minutes from Lebanon  
District Association but no letter nor  
Delegates

5<sup>th</sup> appointed Elder James Bishop Jonathan  
Bishop John Day & Brother John Sedford  
together with the Moderator & Clerk, a Com=  
=mittee of Arrangements

### Friday

met pursuant to adjournment & proceeded  
6<sup>th</sup> The arrangement of the select Committee read  
& received & Committee discharged

7<sup>th</sup> Appointed Brother J Clark to write to  
Lebanon District Apr<sup>l</sup> & Elder Lon Bishop  
J. Ling & Jas Bloomer to hear the same  
Elder John Day to write to the Northern associat.  
& Leven Waller C. Coffee & J Malicoat to  
hear the same, brother A Anderson to write  
to the Kolachucky Apr<sup>l</sup> & J. Day, A. Stephens  
& M. McGinnis to hear the same, brother C.  
Roberts to write to the Holston Association  
& James Bishop Lon Bishop John Clark and  
A. Anderson to hear the same — { Granted

8<sup>th</sup> Newfound Church petitioned for a letter of dismission

9<sup>th</sup> Appointed A. Stephens & John Kyle a Committee  
of finance. who report as follows -



\$23. 12 1/2 Cents with \$4.59 in the hands of the treasurer  
making in all \$27.71 1/2

10<sup>th</sup> Our Clerk was requested by the body to set  
fourth in our minutes the Cases for which, <sup>Adjourned</sup> we  
so soon

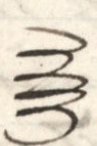
11<sup>th</sup> Our next Association will be held with the  
Church at Black Water Meeting house.

Wameock County Tennessee to Commence on the  
first Friday in September 1848 & following days

12<sup>th</sup> Elder John Gilbert to preach the introductory  
sermon & Elder Wm. T. his alternate.

13<sup>th</sup> Our Clerk to superintend the printing & distrib-  
uting the minutes & that he be allowed \$8.00 for his  
services

14<sup>th</sup> Called for corresponding letter which was read &  
received & the signature of the moderator & clerk  
annexed to them. Then adjourned with prayer  
by brother A. Stephens to the time & place above  
named

William M. Milr. Clk.  James Gilbert Mod.

In compliance with a request in the 10<sup>th</sup> art of these  
minutes I now proceed as follows. It was reported through-  
out the bounds of our Association that the small pox was  
in the adjoining neighborhood to that in which the Association  
was to be held. The community of course became alarmed and  
many who were appointed delegates to represent their Churches  
were unwilling to venture. Also corresponding delegates from  
our sister Associations having heard the fact of the fatal disease  
being prevalent as above mentioned declined meeting with us on  
that occasion & we had not a single corresponding delegate  
during our session. The Association learned after having met  
together that a Mr. Counts who had got about from a spell of  
small pox intended to be at the association on Saturday



which increased the alarm - the object then was of course to bring our session to a close as soon as practicable so that all who felt fearful might have an opportunity to return to their homes

We are authorized to say that the old man Counts without any regard to common humanity was seen near the stands on Saturday which proved much to the disturbance of the whole Congregation. We ask the Church at Zion & vicinity not by any means to think hard on account of having adjourned so soon.

Yrs M. Mil

### Minutes Mulberry Gap Assoc.

This Association convened at Black-Water Meetinghouse Hancock County Tennessee on the first Friday in September 1848 on following days - Elder John Kilbert according to appointment delivered the introductory sermon from John 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap & 17<sup>th</sup> Verse for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world &c. Then letters from 22 Churches were read & the following account taken



[illegible]



1<sup>st</sup> Chas<sup>r</sup> Elder James Gilbert Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> Opened a door to receive newly Constituted Churches

3<sup>rd</sup> The Clear Spring Church (Newly Constituted) by her delegates Wm Zion & L Pennington

4<sup>th</sup> The Big Creek (N.C.) by her delegates J Singleton George Dodson & A. Winkler

5<sup>th</sup> Called for Correspondance - from Holston Ap<sup>o</sup> by the hands of her delegates N. Gato & V. Bowers - from Adychucky by her delegates E. Wester & Isaac Flora - from Northern W. L. Smith - from Lebanon District by her delegates J. Jesse & Martin & S. B. Dulaney.

Appointed Corresponding Delegates to Associations (viz) To Holston W. L. Day & J. D. Berry to meet said Ap<sup>o</sup> at Bush Creek Church Hawkins Co. Ten. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August 1829. To Adychucky

Jeremiah Singleton & Day & J. D. Berry. To Northern Co. Roberts. to meet said Ap<sup>o</sup> at Clinton Church Anderson Co. on Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Sept 1828

To Lebanon District Ap<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Bishop & Isaac

Day to meet said Ap<sup>o</sup> at Red Hill Church Scott Co. Va.

On Thursday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in September 1828

6<sup>th</sup> Appointed John Day & Bishop M. M. Linn John Clark & John Zion with the Moderator & Clerk a Committee of arrangement

Then adjourned with prayer by Elder John Day

till Saturday 10 o'clock

Saturday: Met pursuant to adjournment prayer by the Mod<sup>r</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> invited preaching brethren who are not Delegates to sit with us.

8<sup>th</sup> Black water Church with one member out of each Church Composing this Ap<sup>o</sup> a Committee to appoint preaching brethren to fill the stand to



who report as follows, B. Wether (A. L. Smith  
and E. Martin on today, N. Wato D. Seese  
and W. Bowers on Sabbath.

9<sup>th</sup> The arrangement of the Select Committee  
read & received & the Committee discharged

10<sup>th</sup> Query from Newhope & Zion Churches  
is it right for a member of the Baptist  
Church to distill & vend Ardent spirits to any  
and every body to drink & get drunk upon  
We answer No. as the making & vending ardent  
spirits as a beverage does not tend to the  
glory of God which we will sustain by  
a circular at our next Association in 1849.

11<sup>th</sup> We appoint Elder James Gilbert to draft  
an answer to the above Query by way  
of a circular to be appended to our  
next years Minutes

12<sup>th</sup> We notice the request of Zion Church  
enquiring to know is it right to make  
Collections on the Sabbath day for the support  
of the Church & Ministry, Answer we think so  
The scriptures inform us that it is right to  
do good on the Sabbath. we see nothing in  
the divine economy to condemn the habit  
when it is expressly for the support of the  
Church & ministry

13<sup>th</sup> John Clark & Diakareus on finances who  
report \$22.27 1/2 with \$12 71 1/2 in the hands of  
the Treasurer making in all - \$34.99

14<sup>th</sup> Henry Cove Cedar Spring Cove Spring  
& Providence all petition for the next  
association to be with them in answer to  
which we say our next asso<sup>n</sup> will be held  
with Keokuk Cove Church Keokuk Co. Iowa



On the first Friday in September 1849 following day  
15<sup>th</sup> Elder Wm. Lirg to preach the next introductory  
sermon & Elder J. D. Berry his alternate  
16<sup>th</sup> Ordered that the Clerk Superintend the  
printing & distribution of 800 Copies  
of our Minutes & that he be allowed \$8.00 for  
his services.  
17<sup>th</sup> Called for Corresponding letters which  
were read & received & the signature of  
the Moderator & Clerk annexed to them  
Then adjourned to the time & place  
above mentioned  
Signed by order of the Association  
Jm. McMillan Clk. J. James Eckert Mod.

Minutes of the Mulberry Gap Association  
This association convened at Hickory Cove Church  
Hawkins County Tennessee; on the first Friday  
in September 1849 and following days.  
Elder William Tyne according to appointment  
preached the introductory sermon from the  
14<sup>th</sup> chapter and a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> verse of John  
— "Jesus saith unto him I am the Way;  
Letters from 24 Churches was then read and  
the following account taken



Churches	Delegates	Rec'd by Experience	" Letter	" Relationship	" Pastored	Pres. mostly letter	Excommunicated	Deceased	Total
Mulberry Gap	John Baker	6				5	1		98
Thompson Settlement	La. Bishop La. Sims R. Clark & J. Clark	6	1			7	8	2	219
Zion	William Tyne	8	7	6					67
Deep Spring		5				5		1	67
Blue Spring			2			1	4		15
Flat Gap	Micajah Cope & Hiram Mills	7	5			2		1	86
Little Freeman	Pryor Breeding L. Hill R. Mason & J. McNeil								
New Bethel	L. G. Johnston & Jonathan Barnard	3			1	7	4		29
Grassy Spring	Pleasant Begley & James Hicks	14	7			1	2		40
Jaywell	Reuben Rose & G. W. Rose					4	1		36
Big Creek	George W. King	31	6	1		23	1		40
Greasy Rock	La. Gilbert L. Devault & A. Trent		5		3	25	3	2	111
Clear Spring	Lona Bishop A. Zion & J. Bishop	8	1						65
Head of Barron	Major Wallis & John Kelly	3	1	1		3	4	1	99
Hickory Cove	James Denby & William Helton	28	4		2	2			69
Cedar Spring	Thomas Dalton & Talbert H. Fisher	4					1		53
Little War Creek	G. Hand Ad. Smith & A. Bayless	2					1		36
Blackwater	Leffe Hand M. L. E. Hand & A. Anderson					6	4		80
Robcamp	Alexander Montgomery	16	2			21	7	1	121
Cane Spring	La. Richardson & Tho. Sulpridge	6	8			7	2		67
New Hope	La. Edwards & Adena McClammy	7		1		3	2		62
Richa. Creek	A. D. Berry J. Cope Wm Cope & W. Martin	5	1	2		2	23	4	132
Haw. Gauster	James Wilson	2	6			8		1	38
Providence	Wm W. Walker E. Henry & J. J. Walker	5	3			4	1		108
Suwan Creek	Wilson Seal M. Wilburn & M. Browne	14	18				2		57
Summary		180	77	11	8	161	54	11	1870



- 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & John Clark Clerk  
2<sup>nd</sup> Received Swan Creek a newly constituted Church  
By her delegates Wilson Seal Moses Wilburn & Meab Brewer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Received a corresponding letter from Holston association.  
By her delegates M. V. Kitzmiller & Solomon Baughman  
Br. Reuben Mason to write to them & J. D. Edwards &  
Elder Jonathan Bishop delegates  
4<sup>th</sup> Received a corresponding letter from Nolichucky by  
her delegates Jacob Smith & Joseph Stone, & W. Rose  
to write to them & Elders James Bishop & J. D. Berry delegates  
5<sup>th</sup> Recd no letter nor delegates from Lebanon Dist  
association Br. John McKel to write to them &  
Elder Jonathan Bishop & John Clark delegates  
6<sup>th</sup> Received no letter nor delegates from Northern  
association. Robert Clark to write to them and  
Br. G. W. Rose & Major Wallace delegates  
7<sup>th</sup> Jesse D. Berry and John Hill Committee on  
finance who Report \$20.85. Balance in hands  
of Clerk \$19.00 Total \$39.85 etc  
8<sup>th</sup> appoint Reuben Rose, Jonathan Bishop  
Ruben Mason Jesse Cope and James Bishop  
Witte Moderator and Clerk a Committee of arrange-  
ment; then adjourned with prayer by the  
Moderator till Saturday 10 o'clock

### Saturday

- Met pursuant to adjournment prayer By the Moderator  
9<sup>th</sup> Elders J. D. Lane & Jesse Tyne being present were  
invited and to sit with us  
10<sup>th</sup> the arrangement of the Select Committee was  
Read Received and the Committee discharged  
11<sup>th</sup> Hickory Cove Church with one member from each Church  
composing this association a Committee to appoint  
preaching brethren to fill the stand today & tomorrow



Who Report as follows. Jesse Tyne Jonathan Bishop  
and James Bishop to day, and M. V. Ritzmiller  
James Gilbert and J. F. Lane on the Sabbath  
12<sup>th</sup> pursuant to an appointment Elder James Gilbert  
having prepared a circular letter presented it  
which was Read Received and Unanimously adapted  
and ordered to be appended to our Minutes  
13<sup>th</sup> in answer to the request of Thompsons Settlement  
and Blue Spring Churches asking the association  
to advise some plan to improve the churches in  
this associational district in church discipline  
It was moved that there be a contribution  
subscribed by the churches through their delegates  
to enable a well informed minister to visit and  
instruct the churches and especially the newly  
constituted churches in the bounds of this association.  
Whereupon the following sum was subscribed  
Deep Spring \$3. Clear Spring \$5. Hickory Cove \$3.  
Blackwater \$4. Newhope \$2. Providence \$4.  
Ruben & G. W. Rose \$3. Alex. Montgomery \$4. John  
and Robert Clark \$2. John Meniel \$1. Jesse  
Cape \$1. and John Hill \$1. the delegates who  
had subscribed withdrew in council and  
appointed Elder James Gilbert to the above mission.  
it was ordered that we donate \$5. out of the fund  
to our Moderator. it is also ordered that the  
balance of the surplus fund in the hands of  
our treasurer after all expenses are paid be  
divided equal with James Gilbert and Jonathan  
Bishop to enable them to attend on to spend more  
time on the above mission  
14<sup>th</sup> Robersons Providence Thompsons Settlement Cedar Spring  
and Flat Gap Churches all petition for the next  
association in answer to which we say our next



association will be held with Roberson Church  
Hancock County Tenn on the first Friday in Sept 1890  
and following days. Elder James Gilbert to preach  
the introductory sermon and Eld Jonathan Bishop  
his attorney

15<sup>th</sup> ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing  
and distributing of 500 Copies of our Minutes  
and that he be allowed \$8. for his services

16<sup>th</sup> Called for Corresponding letters which was Read  
and Received the signature of the Moderator & Clerk  
the association then adjourned to meet at the  
time and place above mentioned

Signed by order of the association  
James Gilbert Moderator

John Clark Clerk

Minutes of the Mulberry Gap Association  
of United Baptist

This association convened at Roberson Church,  
Hancock County Tennessee; the first  
Friday in September 1890 and following day  
Elder James Gilbert preached the introductory  
sermon from Paul's letter to the Hebrews 8<sup>th</sup> Ch  
and part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Verse "for see (saith he) that  
thou make all things according to the pattern  
shewed to thee in mount."

Letters from Eighteen Churches was then  
Read and the following account taken



Churches	Delegates Names	Ex- perience	by letter	Method Baptist	Presby- terian	Episco- palian	Other	Total
Cave Spring	Thos Sulpridge Jas Richards & Benj Campbell	5		1	3	2	2	56.50
Flat Gap	Letter but no delegates	1			5	4	1	75.00
Rich. Creek	John Day and Thomas Winstead	4	2		4	2	1	131.00
Rob Camp	A. Colman Jas Overland & Wm Riley	1			5	3	3	111.00
Hickory Cove	Stephen Creacler & Wm P. Mensinger	7	4		4	3	1	69.97
Thos. Set. mts	Jas Bishop Wilob. y. Munez Inc. Clark & Mc	14	4		12	1		224.50
Providence	E. Jordan E. Henry & Jas Winkler	1	5		1	1	4	69.00
Little Spencer	A. Wilson R. Mason I. McNeil and J. Hill				3	3		69.00
Big Creek	Jeremiah Singleton & Harris	12		2	1			53.50
Deep Spring	Letter but no delegates				2			44.75
Clear Spring	Jonathan Bishop	3	1	1	4	1		63.50
Howard's Quarter	E. Clark and R. H. Pearson	2	3			1	4	35.50
Greasy Rock	Jas Gilbert Inc Gilbert Thos Gilbert				5	4	3	99.00
New Hope	Jas Edwards & G. G. Edwards	4	4		8	2	2	55.75
Tazewell	Patterson Brading Daniel Marennum		1			2	1	34.00
Swan Creek	Martial Brewer	4	6		5	7		53.50
Headbarron	J. Hodges Mason Poor. Inc Burch		2	1	6		1	61.00
Mulberry Gap	Thos Vandewater Live Save J. H. Davis				5	1		92.00
Seven Churches not represented								
Total last year								
Zion								67
Blue Spring								15
New Bethel								29
Grassy Spring								40
Cedar Spring								53
Set. war creek								36
Blackwater								80



Ministers for the present year

18. Corresponding letters had received and the  
the signature of the Moderator and Clerk  
annexed to them

19<sup>th</sup> then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator  
to the time and place above mentioned

James Gilbert Moderator

John Clark Clerk

### Obituary

Died at his Residence in Claiborne County  
Tennessee; some time last January;  
Elder Robert Southern; who had been  
preaching the Gospel several years— had  
spent a portion of that time in preaching  
under the patronage of the General Association  
but we are admonished that life is but a vapour  
he leaves his Churches his Congregations, a wife and  
five Children to bewail their loss;

Minutes of the Mulberry Gap Association  
of United Baptist; Convened at  
Providence Church; Hancock County Tennessee  
the first Friday in September 1851.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Jonathan Bishop  
from Proverbs. 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Verses  
"Wisdom hath builded her house &c."

Letters from twenty-five Churches were  
then read and the following accounts  
taken

Prospect Church  
1851



Churches	Delegates Names	Excommunication	by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Quinist	Account	Total	Contribution
Head of Barn	L. L. Harrell	28	3	3		4	3	1	83 100
Cane Spring	Jeremiah Roark Geo. Richardson	48	2	2			4	2	74 100
Mo. Set mt.	John Clark Robert Clark	47	1	1		55	7	3	208 150
Blackwater	C. Roberts, J. Hurd George Hurd					17	1	2	60 100
Little Sycamore	El. Routh Wm. McLelland, R. C. McNeil	62	6	1	2	11	4	2	123 100
Groby Spring	Anderson Fidelity Pleasant Begley	14				8			39
Jaywell	Daniel Marcum					5	4	2	26
Riches Creek	El. Day, W. Cope J. Seal	40	11	1		35	2	2	141
Clear Spring	El. L. Bishop Jos Bishop, E. Bishop, J. Zion	32	1	1		14			81 150
Greasy Rock	El. J. Gilbert, Inc. Gilbert, G. Rockmiller	16	8			8	2	1	112 100
Sweeten Creek	A. Stephens, W. Seal, M. Wilburn, J. Goan	2					2		44 50
Blue Spring	No Delegates	2				6			8
Zion	No Delegates	7	2			20			56 62 1/2
Hickory Cove	J. Herrell Wm. P. Ringinger	21	4			6	3		84 100
Swallowtail	J. Barnard Isaac West	21		1	2		1		53
Malby Gap	H. Hatfield, W. Adams, H. Hall	16				1	3		113
Flat Gap	El. M. McGinnis, R. Cope, H. Mills	9	6			27			74 100
Big Creek	El. J. Singleton George Dodson	8				2	5	1	54 150
Cedar Spring	C. Cope, D. Dalton, B. B. Gray					3		1	24 100
New Hope	El. J. J. Edwards, G. G. Edwards, Wm. Standerfer	8	3	1	1	9	4	1	56 85
Howards Grove	El. Clark, J. M. Michael, W. Davis	17	3			4	3	1	44 50
Rockcastle	John Hund	27	1			4			63
Deep Spring	No Delegates	2	11			8	2		34 100
Rob Camp	W. Riley, J. Blanton, J. Baerton, A. Montgomery	13	7	5		6		1	247 100
Providence	E. Jordan, J. W. Depue, C. Woolf	1	2			8	3	1	75 100
Little Creek	Nelson Cheek								25 50
Duck Creek	J. D. Burchett								27 50
Royal Oak	John Jesse		2						12 50
Beach Grove	Wm. Thompson James Jones	68				1	3		110
Sulphur Spring	Joseph Parson	9	7	10			1		39



Clinch River: W. J. Lawson, M. Collins, W. Fredemore	4		35
Ch. Wb. Station I. Green, A. Campbell	133	4	29
Experience 657 Total 2264			

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & John Clark Clerk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> newly Constituted Churches viz, Little Creek, Royal Oak, Duck-Creek Beach Grove Sulphur-Spring Clinch River and Chadwell's Station; prays admittance into our association—Granted
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Received the following corresponding delegates viz: from Lebanon district association Elder Elisha Riser; from Nolachucky Elders. James Green-Lee, Samuel Jones, Elias Wester, & Jacob Smith with Minutes; from Bathern; Elder Simon Acuff with Minutes; from Holston Br J. H. Couch
- 4<sup>th</sup> C Roberts and R. C. Menil Committee on finance who Report \$27.50 cts; the Clerk Reports 50 cts. In his hands making \$28.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> A. Routh John Green & Jonathan Bishop together with the Moderator & Clerk a Committee of arrangement. Correspondants invited to aid then adjourned till tomorrow 9 o'clock
- Saturday Morning met pursuant to adjournment
- 6<sup>th</sup> appoint one member from each Church together with this Church; a Committee on preaching who Report Elders. J. Smith, S. Acuff & S. Jones for Saturday; and Elders W. Rogers, E. Riser and James Greenlee for the Sabbath
- 7<sup>th</sup> Report of the Committee called for read received and the Committee discharged; all ordained ministers of our Order who are present invited to sit with us; whereupon Eld. W. Rogers took a seat with us
- 8<sup>th</sup> appoint delegates to the corresponding Associations viz—Elders John Gilbert, James J. Edwards & Br John Lepee; to Lebanon district association at Middlefork Church Smith City Va, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September 1851



Elders A. Routh Jonathan Bishop W<sup>m</sup> Riley and William McClelland. to Holachucky association at Mill Spring Church Jefferson County Tenn the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in August 1852. Brethren L. Harrell A. Montgomery and W<sup>m</sup> McClelland to Northern association, at Bethel Church Anderson County Tenn the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in Sept., 1851. Elders John Day, A. Routh, C. Roberts & W<sup>m</sup> Cope, to Holston association at Limestone Church Washington County Tenn the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August 1852

9<sup>th</sup> called for Report of our travelling Ministers, who report as follows; Elder John Day laboured 30 days which labour he bestows gratuitously to the association Elder James Gilbert laboured 132 days traveled 762 miles preached 132 sermons, witnessed a number of conversions, Elder Jonathan Bishop held 10 protracted meetings received 80 accessions to the Church, travelled 1368 miles, Preached 175 sermons laboured 175 days &c Elder Jesse D. Berry laboured 172 days traveled 1222 miles Preached 214 sermons, held 15 protracted meetings Baptised 1.11. Converts 46

10<sup>th</sup> Called on the Treasurers to Report; having received no funds they were directed then to take up a Collection for the traveling Ministers; whereupon the deligation contributed \$18; the association further requests Elder James Greenlee to lay this Subject before the Congregation on the Sabbath and that the Treasurers take up a further Collection this duty being performed the Congregation donates \$10; making in all \$28; which was distributed to the traveling Ministers as follows; Elder John Day gratuitously bestowing his labours; which was 30 days



Paid to James Gilbert for 132 days \$7.71 cents;  
to Jonathan Bishop for 175 days \$10.29 cents;  
to J. D. Berry for 172 days \$10;

- By John McNeil & John Clark. treasurers
- 11<sup>th</sup> the association unanimously agrees to continue their missionary operations;  
and whereas the present system of operation is considered defective; we do adopt the following Plan;— the Committee on preaching to appoint two missionaries to labour in destitute places in and bordering on this association; who report Elders John Gilbert and Asa Routh;
- 12<sup>th</sup> we appoint five deacons viz; William Niel John McNeil James Jones Elisha Clark and Jonathan Barnard an Executive board;  
whose duty it shall be to transact all missionary Business of this association for the ensuing year;
- 13<sup>th</sup> In order to aid the missionary efforts; pledges on behalf of the following churches by their delegates were made. Thompson's Settlement \$5;  
Blackwater \$5; Little Sycamore \$5; Grassyspring \$2;  
Tazewell \$1; Richardson's creek \$5; Clear Spring \$5;  
Greasy Rock \$5; Cedar Creek \$4; New Bethel \$2;  
Mulberry Gap \$1; Howard's Quarter \$3; Rockcassel \$5;  
Rob camp \$5; Providence \$2; Royal Oak \$2;  
Beach Grove \$2; Sulphur Spring \$1; Clinch River \$3;  
Chadwells Station 50 cts. C. Hipsler \$1; Doct. Edwards \$1;  
Eli Henry \$1; William Walf 50 cts Hisehach Hall \$1;  
which sum is placed at the disposal of the Executive board.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hickory Cove and Head of Barron Church's Petition for dismission to join other Associations— Granted;



15<sup>th</sup> Thompsons Settlement; Hat Gap; Cedar Spring; and  
Rock Cassel; petition for the next association  
In answer to which we say; our next association  
to be held at Thompsons Settlement Church  
on Pamel's River Lee County Va. the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
in September 1852 and three succeeding days  
Elder John Day to preach the introductory sermon  
and A. Routh alternate

16<sup>th</sup> Ordered that our Clerk attend the printing and  
distributing 800 copies of our minutes; and that  
he be allowed \$8. for his services; by motion of  
John Clark \$6. of the similar fund was donated to  
our Moderator.

17<sup>th</sup> the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted  
where as there is a want of Education in general  
and among the Ministry in particular; therefore  
Resolved that we approve the present efforts of the  
East Tennessee Baptist Education Society; in reference  
to getting up furnishing and carrying out a high school  
located near Mossy Creek Jefferson County East Tennessee  
we also recommend the school at fall branch.  
Resolved that our interest in E. Tennessee demand an  
extensive circulation of the Tennessee Baptist published  
at Nashville Ten; and its Editor, Rev J. R. Graves deserves  
our highest Christian regard and confidence.

Resolved that we recommend to the different Churches that  
compose this association; that they do not countenance  
the use of ardent spirits as a beverage; and that  
they keep up Sabbath schools in the Churches

John Clark, Clerk

James Gilbert, Moderator



Minutes  
of the Mulberry Gap Association of  
United Baptist.

This association convened with Thompsons-  
Settle ment Church, Lee County Virginia  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in September 1852.

and three following days  
Introductory Sermon by Elder John Day,  
from Paul's letter to the Ephesians;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter and 20<sup>th</sup> Verse

Letters were then read from thirty  
two Churches and the following  
accounts taken



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Rock Cassel; petition for the next association  
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James Gilbert, Moderator



1<sup>st</sup> Chose Elder James Gilbert Moderator & John Clark Clerk  
2 Newly Constituted Churches viz: Hardy's Creek Union  
and Independance. Pray admittance into our Union  
Granted.

3. Received the following Corresponding delegates, viz  
from Northern association brethren James Hodges  
L L Hennell and Elder William Hickle.

from Nalechucky, Elders James Greenlee Samuel  
Lones and Jonathan Quarnells

from Halston Elder William A Keen & E. S. Edwards

With a packet of Minutes from each association

4. all ordained ministers present invited to sit with us.  
Where upon Elder C. C. Tipton came forward and took  
a seat.

5 appoint Wm Neil Asa Routh and John Day  
together with the Moderator & Clerk, Committee of arrange-  
ment Correspondence invited to aid;

then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator  
Till 9 O' Clock Friday morning;

Friday 9 O' Clock

Met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Moderator  
7<sup>th</sup> arrangement of Committee Read and Committee  
Discharged.

8<sup>th</sup> appointed Corresponding delegates, viz, Elders  
John Gilbert, Levi Aoue, and Thomas Gilbert,  
to Halston association at Muddy Creek, Sullivan  
County Tenn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August 1853

Elders Asa Routh, and Thomas Sulfridge, to Northern  
association, at Beach Grove Granger County Tenn  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September 1852; Elders  
J D Berry, Willoughby Muncy and Asa Routh, to the  
Nalechucky association at Beach Creek Jefferson County  
Tenn. 4 Thursday in September August 1853.



Elders J. J. Edwards Jonathan Bishop and Brother  
Abraham Zion, to Lebanon District Association  
at Elk Garden, Russell County Va, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
in September 1852

9<sup>th</sup> Called on the traveling Ministers who report  
as follows; Elder John Gilberts Report  
Dear brethren, having been appointed to travel  
as Missionary, in the bounds of this Association  
and bordering the same; have laboured 63 days  
Traveled 400 miles, preached 58 Sermons, baptised  
9 Six persons, assisted in the ordination of three  
Deacons and Constituting one Church and  
Witnessed a great many professions;

Dear brethren in one instance I visited Harlan  
County Ky, and laboured nine days in preaching  
the word to them people, which labour I hope  
was not in vain for I saw old men in that County  
who had never saw a person baptised before  
that time; and the good affect of the preaching  
of the Gospel to that was such; that many of the  
old young and middle aged was hard to cry  
"What shall we do to be saved." Dear brethren  
the anxiety of this people for preaching and their  
destitute condition should speak to the hearts of  
the Churches and Association in accents of  
Christian sympathy; and say to you Send  
Send the Gospel to the destitute; for the fields  
are already white unto harvest; May the  
God of the harvest send more laborers into  
the harvest, is the prayer of your humble  
Servant John Gilbert



## Elder Thomas Gilberts Report

Beloved Brethren, having been appointed by your board of managers, to fill the time of Elder Asa Rautte Resigned, as traveling missionary in the bounds of your association; beg leave to submit the following, as the result of my humble efforts viz; laboured 39 days Preached 35 Sermons; traveled 230 miles; baptized 22 persons, assisted the ordination of one deacon and the constitution of one Church, witnessed a great many professions.

Dear Brethren, my pen would be incompetent to the task of giving you a full description of the many heart-rending scenes through which I have passed since I have been travelling. During that time I visited the County of Harlan Ky. which borders on this association; at which place I staid some days endeavoring to preach the word to the people; and I humbly trust that it was time well spent. The people there told me that there had not been a baptist sermon preached there in twelve months; and the Macedonian Cry might be heard from every direction, the young; the middle aged and even the old gray headed sinners were crying out "What shall we do to be saved?" and imploring the ministers to come and preach the gospel to them; I visited Powell's Vally near Crocketts Iron Works, 12 or 14 miles from Jay Well with Elder Levi Nave, where we found a large congregation. We were informed that there had never been a missionary baptist sermon



Preached at that place until we went there;  
We remained there some 10 days during which  
time 12 or 13 persons professed faith in Christ  
and when the <sup>meeting</sup> closed, we left a great many  
penitent sinners crying for mercy.

the situation of these people is truly affection;  
they are so anxious for preaching that we left  
them a promise to visit them again; they also  
requested us to solicit other ministers to visit them  
they are not only destitute of preaching; but  
there are a number of families that have not  
even a bible in their houses.

If ever there was a time when an increase  
of missionary labor was necessary it is the present  
May the Lord of the harvest send more laborers  
into his harvest; is the prayer of your humble servant  
Thomas Gilbert

Agents Report; labored 38 days; secured pledges  
for the year 1852 to the amount of \$142.91; for  
the year 1853; to the amount of \$87.50 all of  
which is respectfully submitted; Jonathan Bishop.

Report of Executive board - your board of  
managers beg leave to report as follows viz  
1<sup>st</sup> Engaged the service of Elder Jonathan Bishop  
to solicit funds, to be used by the association  
for missionary purposes; 2<sup>d</sup> fired by our agents  
Report; that he has secured pledges and Cash to the  
of \$142.91, to fall due by this meeting of the association  
a small part of which is retained by <sup>him</sup> the Church  
as a part of their pledges made at our last annual  
meeting; he also secured pledges for the year 1853  
to the amount of \$87.50; we have received to day on  
our pledges made 12 months ago \$61.50. on pledges



obtained by agent \$58 77. total \$120.27, all of which  
is respectfully submitted

Wm Neil Secetary  
James Jones

John McBiel CLK

your board would further state, the amount paid  
to our missionaries and agent for services:  
to Elder John Gilbert for 63 days \$22 05,  
to Elder Thomas Gilbert for 39 days \$13. 65;  
to agent Elder Jonathan Bishop for 38 days \$13.30. total \$49.  
all of which is respectfully submitted.

- by motion, Resolved that this association tender  
her thanks to our Missionary agent Elder Jonathan  
Bishop, for the noble services he has rendered to  
to the missionary cause the ~~present~~ year;
- 10<sup>th</sup>. By Motion, Resolved, that we appoint four  
traveling ministers to supply destitution in  
and bordering on our association; and that  
the executive together with, L. Zion L. Clark  
C. Roberts, L. Fletcher and Thos. Colman, designate  
suitable ministers, who report Elders. John  
Gilbert Asa Kaath Jesse G. Berry and Thomas  
Gilbert; missionaries and Elder Jonathan Bishop  
agent to solicit funds for missionary purposes
- 11<sup>th</sup>. Resolved that we continue our present  
Executive board, viz; Wm Neil James Jones.  
Elisha Clark John McBiel, <sup>Jonathan Berry</sup> and add. to them  
John Hill and Henry Hugate, to attend to  
the missionary business of the association  
the present year
- 12<sup>th</sup>. adjourned with prayer; to 9 o'clock  
Saturday morning



the association met, according to adjournment  
prayer by Eld Lefie G. Berry  
1<sup>st</sup> L. L. Parcell and Wm Riley Committee on  
finance who report \$26. the Clerk reports \$4  
in his hands. total \$30.

2<sup>nd</sup> Committee on preaching reports; Elders Jonathan  
Charles Thos Gilbert and L. G. Berry for Saturday  
and Elders, G. B. Septon Jas Greenlee and Samuel  
James for Sabbath.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cedar Spring Flat Gap Rock Castle Grassy Spring  
and Chadwell's Station Churches petition for the  
next association; in answer; our our next  
association to be held with Cedar Spring Church  
Grainger county Tenn. the first Thursday in  
September 1853 and, three following days Elder Asa-  
Ruth to preach the Introductory sermon and  
Elder Jas. Gilbert. Alternate

4<sup>th</sup> That the Clerk superintends the printing and  
distributing 1,000 copies of the minutes and that  
he be allowed \$8 00 for his services

5<sup>th</sup> Resolved that this association ask to become  
auxiliary to the General Association of East Tennessee  
and appoint Elders Jonathan Bishop Wm Riley brothers  
William Criel and A. J. Chadwell delegates to said  
association and that we send \$5 00 of the association  
fund for our contribution

6<sup>th</sup> Whereas the bounds of this association is so large  
and therefore inconvenient for some of our churches.  
Resolved, that we confer with our sister Northern  
association on the propriety of forming an intermediate  
one by some of our churches and some of hers.



7<sup>th</sup> Whereas Testimony was afforded this association  
that a colored man by the name of Harris member  
of Big Creek Church is falsely passing himself off  
on the community as being an ordained minister.  
we hereby warn our churches against his impositions  
and advise Big Creek Church to do her duty with  
said member. Then adjourned with prayer by Elder  
C. C. Dipton. Elder James Gilbert Moderator  
John Clark Secy



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## Churches Delegates

Churches	Delegates	Deacons	Worshippers	Excommunicated	Dissevered	Total	Prof. Members	Contributors	Money
Hardy's Creek	Samuel M. Martin	3	0	0	0	0	25	1	0.50
Independence	E. Roler, W. C. Rogers & H. Cadenz	12	4	1	0	8	3	0	.75
Rich's Creek	J. M. Pearson	6	0	0	0	44	4	2	1.00
Cave Spring	E. P. T. Suffridge, J. Roark & W. Lambert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Clear Spring	J. Jesse, J. Zion	8	5	0	0	3	0	2	1.50
Superior Spring	J. Dougherty	5	2	0	1	10	2	0	.60
Flat Gap	R. M. Cope	12	0	0	0	21	2	2	1.00
Friend Ship	C. C. Blankinship, D. Wheeler & A. Guinly	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	.50
Settlement	Elders J. Bishop, W. Muncy & C. Bishop & R. Black	5	0	1	12	6	0	9	1.00
Deep Spring	W. Tramm & J. H. Scaggs	5	6	1	0	1	3	2	1.50
Big Stone Gap	E. P. J. Edwards, L. Calaway, A. G. Williams & S. Ward	5	1	5	4	4	1	0	2
Clunch River	No Delegates	0	1	0	0	16	1	1	3
Big Creek	W. Barnard	2	3	0	0	4	2	1	4
Black Water	J. Hurd	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	8
Greasy Rock	J. Vannoy, Elders J. & T. Gilbert	0	4	0	0	14	3	2	13
Wider Spring	A. Coffee	0	5	0	2	0	3	0	5
Caywell	William Neil	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
New Bethel	J. West & C. Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chad. Station	J. M. Hosking, A. Campbell, J. J. Pridmore & H. Hosking	4	3	7	4	0	1	0	0
Howdy's quarter	J. Davie	14	2	0	0	2	1	1	5
New Hope	J. Pigg & J. Cheek	9	3	0	1	22	0	1	4
Little Lynamore	P. Breeding	4	6	0	0	14	7	1	1
Royal Oak	Elders J. Jesse & A. Bishop & J. H. Hatter	11	1	0	1	5	0	0	2
Duck Creek	A. J. Mathis	15	4	0	0	17	0	0	4
Martins Fork	E. P. A. S. Hall, J. Coagor & J. H. Gray	3	9	1	2	1	0	1	0
Cedar Grove	E. P. Nevels, R. & A. Campbell	11	11	0	0	0	1	0	5
Walley Gap	J. R. Coleman & J. Baker	15	4	0	1	9	1	0	9
Little Creek	A. Cheek, J. M. Keene & J. Cloud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Castle	J. Kyle & J. Anderson	0	3	0	0	1	4	0	9
Prospect	Letter But no Delegates	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	4
Rob Camp	J. Bolton, W. M. Montgomery & M. Coleman	3	2	0	0	19	5	4	2
Brush Grove	W. C. Martin & Eli Davie	4	7	0	0	5	3	1	9
Union	M. H. Bray & M. Allen	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	5
Walden, Creek	W. Standifer (Newly Const)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Stock Creek	J. Barnard & J. Campbell	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Fox Spring	S. Pradmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grassy Spring	No Letter or Delegates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



2<sup>nd</sup> Elected Elder James Bishop Moderator  
and Brother Will Clark and Treasurer,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Called for and received Stock Creek, Fox  
Spring and Wallens Creek Newly Consti-  
tuted Churches,

4<sup>th</sup> Received a Correspondence from Nolachucky  
Association by her Delegates Elders J. Jones &  
Jas Green Lea.

5<sup>th</sup> Appointed the following Committees—  
On arrangements—Elders John Gilbert,  
W. Muncy, J. J. Edwards, J. Jessor, and T. Coleman  
to gather with the Moderator & Clerk,

6<sup>th</sup> On Finances—John Kyle and Eli Davis.  
—On religious Exercises—A. C. Williams, R.  
Clark, G. Coleman, J. Kyle, P. Breeding  
to gather with the Members of this Church,

7<sup>th</sup> Adjourned untill Sunday Morning 9<sup>oc</sup>

Prayer by the Moderator.

Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>—Met Pursuant  
To adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator,

1<sup>st</sup> Read and Corrected the Minutes of yesterday

2<sup>nd</sup> Invited Ministers & Brethren from other  
Associations to seats with us. —

3<sup>rd</sup> Appointed the following Correspondents:  
To the Nolachucky Association—Elders J.  
Jessor, Jas. Bishop, W. Muncy, & R. Clark.  
To Northern Association—P. L. Sanham,  
and A. Mathis. To Houlston Association  
Elders John Gilbert, Tho. Gilbert, and J. J. Edwards.  
To the Kentucky Association—Elders J.  
Suffrage, John Gilbert, and A. C. Martin.  
W. M. Montgomery & S. H. Martin.

4<sup>th</sup> Received Missionaries Reports (viz)



	Days.	Sermons.	Baptisms.	Ch. Const.	Deacons.	Misc.	Min. at.
W. Muncy	56.	59.	40.	1.	3.	470.	0
Jr. Gilbert	47	—	34	0.	0	595	1
Thos. Gilbert	48	45	17	0	1	417	1
J. J. Edwards	75	0	116	0	2	300	0
Total	226	104	207	1	6	1782	2

5<sup>th</sup> Noticed the following query from Little Sycamore Church.

Would it be legal for a Church to receive the testimony of Credable Witnessing. who do not belong to our Church, and if not where is the scriptures that forbids it. Answer— It would not be legal, but to cite verse & chapter, we have not the time, but advise you to read the Evangelists and Apostles with regard to Church government, and remember that you are not to do any thing for Christ, that he has not Comman-  
did you to do, lest he say unto you, Who required it at thy hands?

6<sup>th</sup> Query from Little Sycamore & Richardson. Creek Churches, viz: Ought a Church to grant a letter of dismission to a Member in good standing, to join a Church of the same faith and order that is farther from his or her residence than the one he or she applies to for the Letter?

~~Received the report of the Committee on~~

Answer the Church ought to grant the Letter without asking a reason for the application.

7<sup>th</sup> Received the Report of the Committee on Finance viz Received from the several Churches twenty six dollars & Cen. amt 26.00  
Balance in the hands of former trustee 8.00  
Make a \$34.00



8<sup>th</sup> Cedar Spring Church gives notice that she has Excluded Cleveland Coffee for holding his Church letter in disorder.

9<sup>th</sup> The Petition of Chadwell Station, Cave Spring and Little Creek Churches, for letters of dismission, were withdrawn by their respective Delegates,

10<sup>th</sup> Where as our Agent Elder A. Routh, is absent on account of sickness, it agreed that he as soon as practicable, make his report to the Executive Board, and that the Board settle with, and pay off our Missionaries & Agent, and have the same entered upon our Minutes, And that our former Executive Board be continued in office the next twelve months,

11<sup>th</sup> Appointed Elder Melaby Muncy & James J. Edwards Missionaries, and Elder A. Routh Agent & Missionary, Each to report quarterly to the Executive Board a Summary of their Labours &c. Also that our Missionaries act as Agents on suitable occasions, and report all amounts received by them both in and out of destitution, that Persons who give liberally may see that their means are properly applied.

12<sup>th</sup> Rock Castle, Clear Spring and Flat Gap Churches all Petition the next Association

13<sup>th</sup> Resolved that our next Association be held with Rock Castle Church Hawkins County Tennessee, to commence on the first Thursday in September 1855. Elder James Bishop to Preach the Introductory sermon and Elder J. Gilbert his Alternate,

14<sup>th</sup> Ordered that 1200 Copies of the Minutes be printed and that the Clerk superintend the printing &c



15<sup>th</sup> Resolved that we continue to co-operate with the General Association of East Tennessee, and appoint Elders Jas. Bishop, John & Thomas Gilbert and Br. William Neil Delegates and them a contribution of five dollars.

16<sup>th</sup> Adjourned until Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.  
Prayer by Elder James Green Law.

Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> — Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Tho. Gilbert.

1<sup>st</sup> A report of Ministerial labour performed by Elder J. J. Edwards in the North Eastern portion of of this Association, where lieth the most destitute portion of territory in all the bounds of this Association, was received. and it being evident from the face of said report and other evidences, that God has wonderfully blessed his labours. It is therefore  
Resolved, That a public Collection be <sup>now</sup> taken up in this body, for the benefit of said Elder Edwards. And that this report be entered upon our Minutes, And that the Executive Board after settling with our Missionaries and Agent, hand the balance of the funds on hand to him; yet so as not to make him more than equal with our Missionaries or Agent.  
(See Missionaries Reports)

Amount of Public Collection Taken \$13.17

2<sup>nd</sup> Where as Sulphur Spring Church is destitute of a Pastor and the ability to procure one, Therefore Resolved, That Elders J. Gilbert, T. Gilbert, and J. Jesso, supply them with preaching the next twelve months, and report to the Executive Board their labours.



Resolved, that the Tennessee Baptist Edited  
By J. R. Graves, Nashville Tenn. is worthy of our  
Confidence and Support; and as a religious  
family News paper, and a bold defender of  
truth, we would recommend it to our Brethren  
and Sisters of this Association.

Resolved, That we recommend to  
our Brethren and more particularly the  
Churches of this Association, the great  
propriety of Organising and Sustaining  
Sabbath Schools in our midst, and that  
all our Ministers exert their utmost  
influence to carry out the object of  
the above resolution.

Report of Elder A. South as Agent  
To the Executive Board.

Laboured 37 Days & received of Churches as follows

Cave Spring	\$2.05	Clear Spring	\$11.00
Rob Camp	8.75	Big Stone Gap	4.85
Sycamore	5.50	Deep Spring	6.25
Chads Station	2.55	Martins fork	3.65
Thompson Settlement	7.00	Friendship	5.15
Rock Castle	5.00	Beach Grove	4.00
Black Water	2.18	Royal Oak	1.50
Clinch River	2.25	Total	\$80.48
New Hope	2.80		

On last years Pledges viz

Lenny Hatfield	\$1.00	L. Hickman	.50
Robert Clark	1.00	George Wolf	1.00
W. Muncy	1.00	J. Kyle	1.00
A. G. Chadwell	2.00	N. Jones	1.00



A. Collins	50	J. Frost	50
John McNeil	2.00	A. Allen	1.00
W. E. Payne	1.00	B. Roberts	1.00
C. Wolf	1.00	J. H. Scagg	50
E. Henry	1.00	M. A. Saylor	50
Old A. Routh	1.00		23.30
do St. Gilbert	5.00	Old Pledges and	
		Hardys Creek Church	13.00
Public Collection on Sabbath of last Association			8.05
Amt of Churches brot over			80.48
Total			\$124.83
Bal on Pledges yet unpaid \$5.00			

Respectfully Submitted

A. Routh

Financial Report of the Executive Board.  
Your Executive Board beg leave to report as follows  
Paid for Missionary Labours in 1854.

To W. Muncy	\$29.50	To J. J. Edwards	\$24.33
" John Gilbert	23.50	" Agt. A. Routh	18.50
" Tho. Gilbert	24.00	Making in all	\$119.83

We have on hand at present to be expended  
for Missionary purposes \$23.16 including \$8.00  
handing by the Church at Fagwell. also some  
pledges not yet paid. All of which is respectfully  
Submitted.

John McNeil, Chmn

Elder W. Muncy shows in his Report nine days labors  
performed by him as Missionary, at Br. Joseph Parkeys  
for which he was amply remunerated, by the Brethren  
and friends of that vicinity

Resolved that the Clerk have printed in



of this Association

The Clerk has made search  
and inquiry for said Constitution, but  
has not been able to find it.  
Resolved. That the thanks of this Association  
be tendered to this Church and Vicinity for  
their kind Hospitality shown us during  
this meeting.

Adjourned to the time and place  
of our next meeting with Prayer by the  
Moderator.

James Bishop  
Moderator  
William Neil Clerk  
Jamestown Va.  
Jamestown Va.

I find that through mistake in our former  
Clerk. The Financial Report of the  
Executive Board of last year was not  
placed on the Minutes. I will take  
the liberty to give it a place here  
Wiz:

Your Executive Board beg leave to  
Report as follows

Paid for Missionary labour in 1853  
To John Gilbert 29.50  
To J. L. Berry — 50.00  
To A. South 21.00  
To Thos. Gilbert 25.00

Making in all \$125.50

We have on hands at present to be expended for  
Missionary purposes \$14.00 also some pledges  
not paid. All of which is respectfully sub-  
mitted

John McNeil Chmn



# Appendix

Churches	County	Post Office	Names of Ministers
Thomp. Settlement	Lea	va Jonesville	Jas Bishop & W. Muney
Sulphur Spring	"	"	"
L. Lycamou	Claibourne	in Saxe well	Asa Routh.
New Hope	Lea	va Jonesville	"
Hardys Creek	Lea	va Beach Spring	J. H. Martin *
Independence	Hancock	in Looneys Gap	"
Swan Creek	do	"	"
Saxe well	Claibourne	Saxe well in	"
Cedar Spring	Granger	in Thom Hill	"
Beach Grove	Lea	va Mulberry Gap	"
Royal Oak	"	" P. Mountain	J. Jesse.
Clinch River	Hancock	in Sneedsville	"
Rich. Creek	Hawkins	in Lea vally	J. L. Berry
Rob Camp	Hancock	" Yellow Springs	Wm. Riley
Grassy Spring	Hawkins	" War Gap	"
New Bethel	Claibourne	in Lycamou	"
Little Creek	do	" Leunah Gap	"
Blue Water	Hancock	" War Gap	"
Big Creek	do	" Sneedsville	J. Singleton
Deep Spring	Lea	va Turkey Cove	"
Chd. Station	"	" Walnut Hill	"
Clear Spring	"	" Yokum Station	"



# Minutes

Of the  
Twentyeth Anniversary of the  
Mulberry Gap Association of  
United Baptists. Held with the  
Rock Castle Church Hawkins  
County Tenn. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Introductory Sermon by Elder James Bishop  
Text from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter 19. 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> verses  
of Ephesians

from  
1<sup>st</sup> Received Letters 38 Churches and Minuted  
the following accounts viz.

Churches	Delegates	By Baptism	By Letters	By Relation	Returned	Admitted	Excluded	Deceased	Total No	Net Meeting	Contribution
Thompson Settlement	Eld. J. Bishop & W. Munnick	16	10		1	5	3		112	1	1.00
Flat Gap	Eld. M. McGinnis & J. Green					7	4	4	55	2	1.00
Howards quarter	Letter but no Delegate		1			2	6		48	3	50
Big creek	Letter but no Delegate	13	2		1	1	1	3	54	4	
Union	M. Bray & J. Allen							1	50		50
Fazewell	Wm Neil		2			1			24	3	50
Heardys creek	J. Graybill & Elder H. Martin	16	3		2	2			38	1	50
Friend Ship	J. Snodgrass & A. Blount	5	4					1	36	2	50
Cedar Grove	P. Lanham	29	5			1	1		91	3	1.00
Cedar Spring	G. W. Hayes		2			1	1	2	51	2	1.00
Greasy Rock, &c.	J. Gilbert, J. Gilbert & Bro.	11	1			10	3	1	116	2	1.00
Luck creek	Eld. G. McMillan & W. V. Green	11				3	5	2	40	3	50
Little Sycamore	El. A. Routh & A. J. Chadrwick	19	2	1		18	6	1	111	1	1.00
Leve Spring	G. W. Richardson				1	2	1	1	58	4	1.00
New Bethel	A. Collins	6				1	4	2	48	1	50
Providence	E. Henry	2	2	1		10		1	25	1	50



		By Appointment	By Letter	By Relationship	Returned	Recommended	Decided	Stated No	Not Meeting	Contribution
New Hope	W. D. Miller	9	1		2	22	35	3	50	
Rock Castle	G. Hurd, S. Sullivan, J. Bloomer, J. M. Kyle & J. Vaughan	31	2			12	1	93	2	1.00
Deep Spring	J. Reason, J. H. Scagg	13	4			8	1	113	1	1.50
Independance	E. Polert & D. Hickman	37	5		1	43	139	4	1.00	
Chad's Station	E. Litrell	4				13	1	92	3	1.00
Grassy Spring	A. Deboard, & C. A. Manig	9	2			23	52	1	75	
Black Water	C. Roberts, J. Hurd & J. Levey	3				6	12	85	3	1.00
Mulberry Gap	J. H. Davis & H. J. Baker	15	1		2	33	3	104	4	1.00
Martin's Fork	Elder A. J. Hall	1				12	1	64	2	50
Little Creek	J. W. Steene	7	1			1	2	45	1	50
Prospect	Letter but no Delegate	2	1	1		25	35	3	50	
Fox Spring	W. & J. Pridemore	24	4				50	2	75	
Rob Camp	J. Shipley	2	1		1	10	13	174	2	1.50
Beach Grove	Letter but no Delegate	1				32	194	3	50	
Royal Oak	Elder J. J. Jesse		1	1		2	23	1	1.50	
Clear Spring	A. L. Zion & H. Bishop	6	1	1		55	71	3	1.50	
Big Stone Gap	Elder J. J. Edwards, A. J. Colley and Mr. A. C. Williams	17	1			85	121	4	1.50	
Richardson's Creek	Elder J. D. Berry	30	6			7	1	159	3	1.00
Zion	Joseph Bloomer	15	1				2	65	3	75
Little Rock Creek	Letter but no Delegate	22	1	7		23	1	48	3	1.00
Church River	E. Vannoy, J. Frost, S. Sharp, & J. Roberts	17	7			9	2	57	4	50
Cool Branch	A Newly Constituted Church admitted	4	8	4		2	46		50	
		370	90	17	11	190	38	2714		\$31.25

2<sup>nd</sup> Elected Elder James Bishop Moderator and  
 Brother William Weil Secretary & Treasurer,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Called for and received Clear Branch, a newly  
 Constituted Church,



4<sup>th</sup> Received a Correspondance from Nolachucky Association by her Delegate Brother Florak.

5<sup>th</sup> Received a Correspondance from the Tennessee Association by her Delegates Elder, C. C. Septon and Quarrels

6<sup>th</sup> Appointed the following Committees (viz)

On Arrangements

Elders A. Routh, J. J. Edwards, & W. Muncy, With the Moderator & Clerk,

On Finance

Brs. Clibourne Roberts & H. Davis,

On Religious Exercises

A. Zion, A. J. Chadwell, J. H.

Davis, R. Clark, J. Adams, with this Church,

7<sup>th</sup> Adjourned untill Friday Morning 9<sup>oc</sup>

Prayer by Elder Quarrels,

Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Met pursuant to Adjournment,  
Prayer by the Moderator,

1<sup>st</sup> Read and Corrected the Minutes of yesterday,

2<sup>nd</sup> Invited Elder Quarrels a visiting Minister to a seat with us, also other Ministers and Brethren.

3<sup>rd</sup> Received a Correspondance from Nolachucky Association by her Delegates Elders H. W. & G. G. Dailor and Joseph Florak,

4<sup>th</sup> Recd. a Correspondance from Holston Association by her Delegate Elder C. Rutledge, <sup>Minutes</sup> with

5<sup>th</sup> Appointed the following Correspondants,

To the Nolachucky Association Elders W. Muncy, Jesse & Perry, & A. Routh,

To the Northern Association, Elders A. Routh & M. Williams & Brethren C. Henry & S. Hayes,



To the Houston Association Elders John Gilbert, J. J. Jesso  
& A. Ruth & Br: A. Zion. To the Kentucky Association  
Elders H. Martin, M. Seal, M. Melbourn, & J. Green,  
To the Lebanon Association Elders J. Jesso, J. J. Edwards,  
and Br: A. Zion.

6<sup>th</sup> Received Missionaries Reports — see Reports

7<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> " & Agents Report see Reports —

8<sup>th</sup> The Report of the Executive Board called for, read & received,

9<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> the report of the Committee on Finance & The Com-  
mittee discharged — see Reports

10<sup>th</sup> Resolved that we continue to Cooperate with the  
Genl Association of C. Tenn. and appoint Brethren  
William Neil & A. J. Chadwell Delegates, and send  
by them a Contribution of five dollars. —

See 3 Pages  
further for  
this entry

11<sup>th</sup> Resolved that Elder John Gilbert visit again the  
Sulphur Spring Church, and obtain the necessary  
means to make a proper report of his & others ~~labors~~  
labours the last year & then report to the Executive  
Board.

12<sup>th</sup> Noticed the following Query from Martine  
Fork Church, (viz),

Is it right for a Member of the  
Baptist Church to Distill & Make Spiriting  
Liquors or not. —

The Association in answer, says  
it is not right, and appoints Elders G. S. & H. W.  
Tailor & C. C. Tipton & Brother W. Neil a Committee  
to lay a Basis upon which the above answer  
is given.

13<sup>th</sup> Resolved that <sup>Brethren</sup> R. Clark, C. Roberts, J. H. Scaggs,  
A. J. Chadwell & A. Zion be and they are here by  
appointed a Committee to select two Suitable  
Ministers to ride as Missionaries the next year.



14<sup>th</sup> On Motion It was resolved, that the Pastors  
of the various <sup>Churches</sup> Composing this Association  
be and they are here by <sup>appointed &</sup> respectfully soli-  
cited to act as Soliciting Agents in their  
respective Churches, in order to raise funds  
for Missionary purposes, and the amounts thus  
raised to be left in the hands of the Deacons  
of the ~~Respective~~ Churches to be sent up  
to our next Association by their Delegates  
All the Ministers present having the care of a  
Church or Churches being consulted, acqui-  
esced in the above resolution.

15<sup>th</sup> On Motion it was Resolved

That this Association  
respectfully request ~~that~~ the various  
Churches Composing this Association to  
Make a Statement in their next Church  
Letter to be sent to the Association of the  
amt paid by them for Pastoral services  
per annum.

16<sup>th</sup> Adjourned until Saturday Morning 9 o'c  
Prayer by Elder G. G. Sailor —

Saturday Morning <sup>10<sup>th</sup> Sept</sup> met pursuant to  
adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator,  
1<sup>st</sup> ~~Motion~~ for Received & adopted the Report  
of the Committee appointed to lay a basis  
for the answer to the query from Martins  
Fork Church, Which is in the following  
words & figures viz —

The above answer to the query  
from Martins Fork Church, was in view  
of the design of the Church, by the phrase



Distill & make spirituous liquors to be as a beverage  
and not for medicinal or mechanical uses. Therefore  
the Committee to whom was referred the laying of  
a basis or assigning of reasons for the above  
answer, would say. The practice is wrong, because  
it is a violation of a principle laid in Holy writ,  
viz that every man must account to God for the  
influence his practice produces on society, which  
principle is developed in the law which is to  
govern the man who has an unruly ex. Exodus  
21<sup>st</sup> Chapter 29<sup>th</sup> verse. — Again in the curse  
pronounced on him who puts the bottle to his  
Neighbour's Mouth or tempts him to do evil Heb  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> — also in the curse on the serpent for  
tempting Eve to sin Gen 3<sup>rd</sup> & 14 — again in the  
language who so breaks one of these Commands  
~~ments~~ and teach men so Mat 5. 19<sup>th</sup> We teach  
men by example — it is also a violation of  
the law which requires us to love our Neighbour  
as our self. — The practice is wrong because  
of the deep misery it produces in society in the  
widowing of tender wives, of making orphans  
and Paupers and sending wretchedness and  
pain in families &c. &c. —

Hughes M. Taylor  
Chairman

2<sup>nd</sup> In view of the <sup>above</sup> Report of your Committee, Resolved  
therefore, that <sup>all</sup> Pastors of Churches of this Association  
be and they are hereby requested to have said Report  
read in each Church under their care, and in  
deavour to give them the needful instruction  
on the subject of Temperance, by making speeches  
to them ~~on~~ the subject & other wise, and deal



with all disorderly members as the Bible  
requires, ~~as~~ directs.

3<sup>d</sup> Where as the Baptist Educational Society of  
East Tus has located a school of high order  
at Massy Creek for the improvement of ~~of~~  
the Education of young men in general and  
those preparing for the Gospel Ministry in  
particular, and Where as the Trustees of said  
institution have purchased a Lot of ten acres  
of land upon which stand the Colledge  
house and are now preparing to build a  
Boarding house and other necessary buildings  
and where as the said Trustees now have a  
school in very successful operation

And Where as also the Holston Association  
has established a female institution at  
Jonesborough Ten and have an able Faculty  
~~which will~~ which will guarantee to Parents  
and Guardians the faithful instruction  
and discipline of their Daughters &c

Resolved therefore that we earnestly  
recommend the above institutions to the  
patronage of the public (and Baptists in  
particular,

4<sup>th</sup> ~~Called for the~~ Report of the Committee on Missionaries  
which was presented <sup>Read Received & Adopted</sup> and reads as follows  
We your Committee ~~examined~~ appointed  
to select ~~the~~ suitable Ministers to ride and preach  
as Missionaries in destitution, beg leave to report  
Elders J. J. Edwards & M. Muncy - and  
also in accordance with the suggestion of your  
Body have selected Elder Asa South to visit  
and preach to the various Churches composed



this Association especially the most feeble ones.  
5<sup>th</sup> Where as the various Churches of this Association has done so little for the sustenance of our Missionaries for last year. Therefore Resolved. - That a public Collection be taken on tomorrow for their benefit. -

6<sup>th</sup> Resolved that we continue to Co-operate with the Genl Association of East Tenn. and appoint Brethren William Neil & A. J. Chadwell Delegates, and send by them a Contribution of five dollars.

7<sup>th</sup> Noticed the Petition of Deep Spring Church for a Letter of Dismission - after Discussion the Petition was withdrawn by the Delegate from that Church.

8<sup>th</sup> Flat Gap, Cedar Grov, Little Sycamore & Clear Spring Churches All petition the next Association.

9<sup>th</sup> Resolved, that our next Association be held with Flat Gap Church Hancock County Tenn to Commence on the first Thursday in Sept: 1856. Elder John Gilbert to preach the Introductory sermon & Elder J. Perry his Alternate.

10<sup>th</sup> Ordered That 1500 Copies of the Minutes be printed and that the Clerk Superintend the printing & can be paid Eight dollars for his services

11<sup>th</sup> Where as our beloved & much esteemed Brethren Elders John Day, Jeremiah Singleton & T. J. Burton have all recently been Called from their labours and sorrowing to a spirit world, to enter upon that rest which remaineth for the finally faithful. Therefore Resolved that Elder S. G. Taylor be & he is hereby requested to write out an obituary



notice of their deaths & send to the Baptist  
Watchman for Publication

12<sup>th</sup> Resolved That we continue in office our  
former Executive Board, viz Brethren <sup>Mr</sup> Neil  
John McNeil, A. J. Chadwell J. Fugate, S.  
Lankham & P. Breeding,

13<sup>th</sup> Where as the Baptist denomination of East  
Tenn do greatly need some religious Periodical through  
which to publish a broad their <sup>above</sup> denominational Interest &  
therefor Resolved, That the Baptist Watchman  
Edited by <sup>our worthy brother</sup> Elder M. Williams of Knoxville Tenn  
is worthy of our Confidence & support, and as a  
religious family paper and a bold defender  
of the Truth, we would recommend it to our  
Brethren & Sisters in this Association,

14<sup>th</sup> Resolved that the Thanks of this Association be  
tendered to this Church & Vicinity for the  
kind hospitality shown us during this  
interesting Meeting

After which adjourned by Prayer  
to the time & place before mentioned

Wm Neil Clerk	James Bishop Modr
Jaywell	Jacksonville
Tenn	Va



# Report of Missionaries - Summary of Labours. -

	Days	Sermons	Baptised	Ch. Const.	Dea Ord.	Miles	Mins	Ordained
Wiley Muncy	62.	58.	61.	0	0	600.	0	0
J. J. Edwards	84.	87.	91.	1	5	797	2	0

## Report of the Committee on Finance

Received from the Churches by their Delegates for the expenses of the Association \$29.75

Balance in the hands of former Treasurer 16.10

Clabourn Roberts \$45.85

W. Davis Committee

## Report of Agent Elder A. Routh

Laboured 14 Days Preached 14 sermons. Baptised 27 Persons

Received Cash for Missionary purposes viz

From Thompson Settlement Church \$11.30

" Stock Creek " 1.00

" Mulberry Gap " 10.00

" Little Sycamore " 5.60

" Faywell " 10.00

" John Thompson 1.00

A. Routh \$38.90

Agent R

## Financial Report of the Executive Board viz

Your Executive Board beg leave to report as follows

Recd from Agent Elder A. Routh \$38.90

" on hands of last year in a note &c 22.97

A Collection taken on Sabbath of this meeting 23.56

In all \$85.43

And paid out as follows viz

To Missionary J. J. Edwards \$44.80

" " Wiley Muncy 32.97

" " & Agent A. Routh 7.00 \$84.77

Which leaves only sixty six cents in the hands



of your Executive Board, not with standing  
we should have retained five dollars to send  
by your Delegates to the Genl. Association, but  
this your ~~Executive~~<sup>Board</sup> will supply

All of which is respectfully submitted  
John McNeil Chairman

Churches Names	Delegates Names
Clear Spring	Ch Bishop J Lucas & E
Deep Spring	J. Reaser L. Skaggs Eldar J.
Big S. Gap	J. M. Collier Eld. L. J. Edwards
Cedar Spring	Loel Mallicoat C. Hays &
Sycamore	Eld. A Routh
Stock Creek	No Delegate
Cool Branch	L. seals. S. Williams &
Mul. Gap.	H. Hatfield, Eld. Thos.
Sulph. Spring	No Delegate
Yellow Branch	D J Winkler J Walker Eldar
Rich. Creek	J. Cope, J. H. Pearson, J.
Hardys Creek	J. Debush. Eld. E. Edmonson
Little Creek	C. Russel.
Independence	H. E. Payne H. C. Rogers &
Thos. Settlement	Eld. J. Bishop W. Muncy & Bro
New Hope	L. Chubb S. Sloan
Black Water	L. E. Herd
Howel, Quarter	J. Spradling. W. Davis J.
Clinch River	S. D. Trent Thos. Martin
Chad, Station	Hiram Gilbert.
Gazewell	Eld. Wm. J. Russel



Minutes of the Twentyfirst  
Anniversary of the Mulberry Gap  
Association of United Baptists  
held with Flat Gap Church  
Hancock Co. Tenn  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1856

	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Returned	Total	Sal. m <sup>ts</sup>	Contributions	Pastoral Services	
									Minutes	Missions	
Bishop	23	2	0	6	1	1	92	3	1.50	7.25	31.00
Cooke	3	5	0	1	3	0	117	1	1.50	5.10	36.95
	5	4	2	1	6	1	125	4	1.00	3.00	19.50
J. Dalton	22	1	3	7	3	1	67	4	1.00		
	28	2	3	25	4	1	114	4	1.00	6.65	27.80
				2	1		45	2	1.00		17.85
J. Odum	4	2	1	2			50	4	.50		
Gilbert		6		2	4		104	4	1.00	9.50	12.00
	1	2	1	5	6	2	35	2	.50		
M. Wilburn & W. Seals	10	2	4	5	3	6	43	2	1.00		
Josh Eld. L. D. Berry	3	1		8	13	4	139	3	1.00		
S. H. Martin	6	4	1	4			34	1	.50		
	3	2		1	1	1	52	4	.50		
H. Payne	9	9		2	5		14	14	1.00	7.42	38.00
R. Clark Mr. Muncy	9	3		12	6	3	102	1	1.00	15.25	30.75
		7		1			41	1	.50	2.45	3.50
			10	3	1	1	72	1	1.00		
H. Pearson, E. Clark				6		1	40		.50		12.00
	3	2		6	1	1	54	4	.50		
	10	3		2	2		105	3	1.00		
	22	5	1	3			48	3	1.00	10.00	300.00



## Churches

## Delegates

Martin Fork	J. H. Crawford, Eld.	A.
Duck Creek	C. M. Seals, Eld.	G. W. Smith
Yellow Branch, C.	A. M. Q. Ty.	L. Welsh A. Shor
Cave Spring	J. Richardson	H. Nevils
Rock Castle	H. G. Hartly	J. Kyle J.
Beech Grove	C. N. Thompson	P. Delusk
Union	E. Jordan	S. Turnmire G.
Fox Spring	J. Goodman	J. Smith
Cedar Grove	H. Burchett	B. Campbell
Swan Creek	Wm. Wilburn	J. Arney
Prospect	V. Collins	A. Collins
Big Creek	J. H. Brewer	Wm. Parker
Rob Camp	Las. Montgomery	
Friendship	C. Quinly	H. Quinly
Royal Oak	Eld. John Jesse	
Providence	Eld. J. Carpenter	Brs J. Mills
Greasy Rock	J. Frost	Wm. Seals J. C. Adams
Grassy Spring	Elders	Las. Gilbert & John
Grassy Spring	C. Deboard	C. Manis
Flat Gap	Dawson Lamb	Eld. M. McGinnis
Lion	A. Rogers	
Fishers Creek	Wm. P. Kensing	S. Creek
Liberty	Thos. Friar	
Trent Valley	Alex. Trent	R. Trent, Eld.
Nallins Creek	S. M. Rawlings	
New Bethel	No letter	No Delegates (last

Whole Number



## Continued

	Baptized	Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Sat, Met,	Contributions	Minutes	Missions	Pastoral Services
S. Hall,	.	.	2	3	1	.	62	2	50	1.75	18.50	
W. J. Green	3	1	1	4	2	1	28	3	50	.	.	.
as.	9	2	.	.	.	1	58	2	1.35	.	.	.
"	7	.	1	2	3	.	61	1	1.00	.	.	.
Presley	.	.	.	5	4	2	77	2	1.00	.	.	.
D. C. Martin	19	1	1	2	5	.	1.06	3	50	4.60	13.42	
S. Wolf	9	1	.	2	2	1	57	3	50	.	.	.
"	3	.	1	1	1	.	51	.	40	.	.	.
"	74	12	.	24	6	2	155	4	1.00	.	.	.
"	8	2	2	3	.	2	27	1	50	.	.	.
"	15	3	7	13	4	1	41	3	50	.	.	5.00
"	.	2	1	4	5	1	44	4	50	.	.	.
"	4	1	4	11	5	1	162	2	1.00	.	.	19.00
"	1	4	.	.	.	.	41	2	50	2.50	10.50	
"	.	.	.	1	2	.	23	4	50	.	.	.
S. E. Henry	3	.	1	10	.	1	22	1	50	.	.	.
W. H. Gilbert	10	.	1	7	.	1	119	2	1.00	.	.	.
"	.	1	.	1	3	1	48	.	75	.	.	.
J. Green	3	4	1	.	5	.	58	3	1.00	.	.	.
"	4	3	.	2	3	1	28	3	50	.	.	.
"	1	2	.	.	1	.	31	1	50	1.45	.	.
"	1	.	.	.	.	.	22	3	50	.	.	.
D. Wolf	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	1	50	.	.	.
"	.	.	.	6	.	.	14	4	50	.	.	.
year)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48	.	.	.
ers	335	123	45	205	111	39	3025	34	33	16.92	595	27



## Proceedings

Introductory sermon by Eld, John Gilbert from 1<sup>st</sup> Tim, 1<sup>st</sup> Chap, and 11<sup>th</sup> vs

1<sup>st</sup> Received letters from 45 churches and minuted their accounts (see tables)

2<sup>nd</sup> Elected Elder James Bishop Moderator and Eld, A. Routh Clerk

3<sup>rd</sup> Recd Yellow Branch (Hancock Co,) Fishers Creek, Trent Valley, & Liberty, newly constituted churches

4<sup>th</sup> Recd Yellow Branch (Clatsop Co,) by letter of dismission from the Kentucky Association,

5<sup>th</sup> Received correspondence viz, from Nollachucky Association Elds, H. W. Taylor and G. G. Taylor, from Holston Elds, A. Hester, from Northern Bro, A. Haynes,

6<sup>th</sup> Appointed Elds, Jas Gilbert W. J. Russell, Tho, Cooke, and John Jesse Committee of arrangements

7<sup>th</sup> Appointed Brethren, A. Trent Rott, Clark, J. Reaser, J. Dalton & Jas Montgomery Committee on religious exercises

8<sup>th</sup> Appointed Elds, S. H. Martin, and John Kyle a committee on finance

9<sup>th</sup> Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, Prayer by Eld H. W. Taylor,

Friday morning met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by The Moderator  
1<sup>st</sup> The report of the Committee on



arrangements was received and the committee discharged

2<sup>nd</sup> Appointed Corresponding delegates  
To Nottachucky - Elds Jesse D. Berry  
W. J. Russell. Jas Gilbert. W. Mukey.  
John Jesse. Moses McGinnis and  
Brethren R. Clark, & J. H. Pearson  
To meet at The Head of Richland  
Church, Grainger Co. Tenn, on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday in Aug. 1857

3<sup>rd</sup> To The Holston, To be held with  
The Little Doe Church Johnston Co,  
Tenn, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in Aug, 1857  
Elds J. J. Edwards, S. H. Martin and  
Thos. Cooke,

4<sup>th</sup> To The Northern Eld, S. H. Martin  
Brethren Wm. Neil and Hiram Gilbert

5<sup>th</sup> To Lebanon, Eld, John Jesse and  
Brethren, Thos. Frost, & Francis Bishop

6<sup>th</sup> To The General Association of  
East Tenn - Eld, Wm. J. Russell and  
Brethren J. B. Neil. Wm. Neil & W. A.  
L. Blackburn and send by them  
a contribution of \$5.00

7<sup>th</sup> Noticed The query from Prospect  
Church "Is it disorderly for a member  
of The Church to engage in shooting  
matches, or having property shot for."

In answer we say in all  
games of chance and every kind  
of sport in which property is  
staked on hazard for money, or  
gain is gambling and as wrong



and disorderly in christians and we advise our churches not to tolerate such conduct in their members

8<sup>th</sup> Received, read, and adopted the reports of our missionaries (see Reports)

9<sup>th</sup> Received the report of the committee on finance (see Reports)

10<sup>th</sup> appointed John Kyle, Francis Bishop, Jas Montgomery, Wm Muncy and Eli Henry a committee to report two missionaries for the ensuing year, whose duty it shall be to spend their whole time in preaching in the destitute portions of this Association to Churches, and in taking collections for the use of this body and report all their labors to the next meeting of this Association.

#### Resolutions

Whereas the General Association of last Summer has adopted the Moray Creek male College and the Hotston Female Institute at Jonesborough as her denominational schools, Therefore

Resolved That this Association feels hearty in the recommendation of said schools as worthy of the confidence and patronage of this body



On denominational Books  
Resolved That we recommend  
to the churches composing this as-  
sociation the purchase and reading  
of our denominational Books, es-  
pecially, The Great Iron Wheel,  
by J. R. Graves. Hillsman on  
the Covenants, Orchard's History  
of the Baptist, Howell on com-  
munion, Theodocia Earnest,  
Old Landmark tract, and the  
publications of the Southern  
Baptist publication society  
On Periodicals  
Resolved

That we recommend to  
the members composing this Asso-  
ciation to subscribe pay for and  
read the Baptist watchman pub-  
lished at Knoxville, & and the Tennessee  
Baptist published at Nashville  
and the Bible Union Reporter  
published at Louisville Ky

On Sabbath Schools  
Resolved

That this Association regard  
Sabbath Schools one of the best  
means for the impartation of Bib-  
lical Knowledge to the young and  
urge upon the churches the propriety  
of establishing them, and by their  
personal devotion to their interest  
make them efficient for good to the



rising generation —

On motion of Elas. Moses  
M'Ginnis  
Resolved

That we regard the practice of making vending and drinking ardent spirits as a beverage detrimental to the Christian character and should then such amongst us who engage in these practices we regard their influence as being against the cause of Christ and advise the churches to take some prompt action against such persons as we regard them unworthy of Christian fellowship.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Tomorrow morning. Prayer by G. G. Taylor

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by the moderator

1<sup>st</sup> Called the roll and struck out absentees

2<sup>nd</sup> The Association received intelligence that Bro. Wm. Neil former clerk and Treasurer had received a counterfeit twenty dollar bill at our last Association in making change but does not recollect from whom he received it.

Whereupon the Association appointed



Brethren John Kyle John Reaser  
and J. J. Edwards a committee  
of inquiry to ascertain if possi-  
ble of whom the bill was received  
and report at our next meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved

That we continue our former  
executive board, adding thereto  
Bro, Hezekiah Burchett

4<sup>th</sup> Whereas application is made by  
Sulphur Spring, Clear Spring, Big  
Stone Gap, Tiron, Little Stock Creek,  
and Royal Oak Churches for  
leave to unite with churches  
in Scott and Russell Co, Va, in  
forming a new association  
Resolved

That should they meet  
at Nicholasville Scott Co, Va, on  
Thursday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> sabbath in  
Oct, 1856 and then and there be  
organized into an association as  
contemplated, they shall be  
dismissed from us in order.

5<sup>th</sup> Little Sycamore & Mulberry  
Gap churches petition for the  
next Association

Resolved

That our next asso-  
ciation be held with Sycamore  
Church Claiborne Co, Tenn on  
the first Thursday in Sept, 1857.



Elder J. D. Berry To preach the in-  
troductory sermon and Elder W'mun-  
ney his alternate  
6<sup>th</sup> Resolved

That the clerk have  
fifteen hundred copies of our min-  
utes printed and that he superintend  
the distribution of the same and be  
allowed ten dollars for his services  
7<sup>th</sup> Resolved

That Eld. A. Roth  
be requested to write out and  
send to the Baptist watchman  
for publication the Obituaries of  
Elders John Gay Jeremiah Sing-  
leton & — Burton

8<sup>th</sup> The committee appointed to sel-  
ect missionaries reported Elders  
J. D. Berry and W. Muney. The  
Report was received and the Com-  
mittee discharged

## Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Committee on religious exercises  
Reported

For Friday Elds La,  
Gilbert & H. Hansler

Saturday  
Elders H. W. Taylor Thos. Cooke  
and L. J. Edwards.

Sunday  
Elds W. J. Russell & Wm Baldwin



Committee on finance  
Amount received from churches  
for printing minutes \$34.33

### Missionary Reports

Elder L. L. Edwards Labored

54 days

Preached 50 sermons

Traveled 500 Miles

Baptized 16 persons

Witnessed 24 conversions

Ordained 7 Deacons & 2 ministers

Constituted 1 church

Elder W. Muncey labored 37 days

Baptized 32 persons assisted in  
constituting 1 church and the ordination  
of one minister & 2 Deacons

Witnessed 53 conversions Traveled  
415 miles

Elder A. Routh having been ap-  
pointed Missionary but owing to  
some circumstances labored most  
of his time out of the bounds of  
this association, consequently asks  
nothing by way of remuneration  
for his services— Baptized

124 persons

Adjourned To Time and place  
of the next Annual meeting

Prayer By G. G. Taylor  
A. Routh { Sec Bishop  
Clerk Moderator



# Appendix

## Pledges for Missions

Wm. J. Russell	\$5.00	Thos. Cooke	\$5.00
Thos. Gilbert	5.00	Willoughby Muncy	5.00
John Gilbert	5.00	H. Halfield	5.00
L. G. Edwards	5.00	L. D. Berry	5.00
Thos. Frost	5.00	J. Kyle	5.00
Hiram Gilbert	5.00	Rebt. Clark	5.00
G. W. Smith	5.00	Loel Mills	5.00
David Hepsheer	5.00	Wm. Muncy	5.00
Hiram Rogers	3.00	J. H. Crawford	5.00
Elijah Bishop, jr	3.00	Calvin Deboard	5.00
Eli Henry	2.50	D. C. Martin	5.00
Jacob Winkler	2.50	B. Debush	5.00
L. & L. Walker	2.50	A. Rogers	5.00
Clairbourn Wood	1.00	L. Seaggs	5.00
H. E. Payne	2.00	Lar. Bishop	5.00
Dawson Lamb	1.00	A. Routh	5.00
Patterson Cope	2.00	H. L. Hartly	5.00
Moses Wilburn	2.50	John Reisor	5.00
L. E. Adams	1.00	B. Cantwill	2.00
Chas. Thompson	1.00	S. H. Martin	5.00
E. Edmonson	2.00	Lar. Montgomery	3.00
J. A. Debush	2.50	Elisha Clark	3.00
Lar. Poperty	1.50	L. E. B. Herd	2.50
C. Adams	1.00	John Presley	2.50
Lorry Green	2.50	A. S. Hall	1.00
Moses M. Ginnis	1.00	Sarah Mills	1.00
Hiram Mills	5.00	Wm. M. Strickland	5.00
Sirena Wolf	5.00	C. H. Tucker	5.00
Josephes Grabel	5.00	Wiley Casort	5.00
<u>89.50</u>		<u>\$125.00</u>	
		<u>89.50</u>	
		<u>214.50</u>	



Minutes of the  
Twentysecond  
Anniversary  
of the  
Mulberry Gap Association  
of  
United Baptist  
Held With the  
<sup>118</sup>  
Sycamore Church

Claiborne County Tenn  
Sept, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
1857



## Churches

## Delegates

Mud Gap	J. Gilbert, J. Gilbert, J. Baker.
Chalk Station	Geo. Hoskins, B. Thompson, E. Litrel
Independence	G. R. Rogers, G. Edens,
Yellow Branch	J. Winkler, G. S. M. Walker.
Yellow Branch	G. Rice, G. Welch.
Fishers Creek	Wm P. Kensingers, J. H. Fletcher, S. Crack,
Rob. Camp	Wm Riley, J. Montgomery, C. Coleman
Prospect	No delegate
Martins Fork	A. S. Hall
Duck Creek	G. Mc Mahan
Little Creek	P. Hazlewood, E. Hazlewood, R. Dickson, C. Russel
Sycamore	A. Routh, C. Hurst, G. Shultz, G. Plank, D. Fletcher, H. Routh
Cedar Spring	E. Hays, E. Wolf, W. Muncy, R. Clark
Shas. Settlement	J. Bishop,
Union	S. Turnmire, J. H. Wolf, D. Hefisher
New Bethel	J. Barnard, J. N. Barnard,
Beech Grove	J. Wolfenbarger.
Providence	Eli Henry
Greasy Rock	J. A. Gilbert, J. Gilbert, W. M. Strickland
Cave Spring	J. Richardson,
Hardys Creek	J. A. Debush, G. Grabell,
Liberty	J. Griar, J. B. Mason,
Richd. Creek	G. D. Berry.
Frent Valley	No Delegate
Howards Quarter	W. Davis.
Cedar Grove	H. Burchet, S. R. Lanham, Levi Nave
Jazewell	W. J. Russell, A. Robinson, Wm Neil, C. Y. Rice,
Wallens Creek	S. B. Rawlings L. Rawlings
Rockcastle	John Sullivan
Grassy Spring	C. Deboard (No letter) last year
Cool Branch	No letter Nor Delegate last year.
Black Water	
Clinch River	
Fox Spring	
Swan Creek	
Big Creek	
Friendship	
Flat Gap	



Station	Letter	Relation	Before	Present	Technical	Decorative	Total	Part Mut.	Minutes	Mission	Service	Rational
41	18	0	2	1	4	1	158	4	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$13.75	
0	4	0	0	2	0	0	91	3	1.00	.	14.25	
14	1	0	1	2	5	0	158	3	1.00	5.55	40.00	
0	1	0	0	5	3	1	36	2	.50	.	.	
3	2	0	0	1	1	0	61	2	.75	.	.	
5	0	0	0	3	0	0	33	..	.50	.	12.00	
0	0	0	2	1	4	1	150	2	1.00	.	.	
3	3	0	0	2	1	0	55	3	.50	.	.	
31	1	1	0	0	6	1	88	2	.50	1.75	.	
0	3	0	1	4	1	0	36	3	.50	.	.	
15	0	0	0	3	1	1	52	..	.75	.	.	
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37	16	1	0	3	4	1	173	4	1.00	.	.	
0	0	0	1	3	0	0	100	1	1.00	.	18.75	
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	50	3	.50	.	.	
0	0	0	0	2	0	1	52	2	.50	.	.	
0	1	0	1	9	1	0	98	3	.50	.	24.10	
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	.50	.	.	
20	2	0	1	0	2	0	107	2	1.00	.	.	
23	0	0	0	5	4	0	83	1	1.00	.	20.00	
5	3	0	0	0	0	0	47	.	.75	.	15.75	
12	0	0	0	9	3	2	30	3	.50	.	.	
8	3	0	0	0	0	0	149	3	1.00	.	14.00	
							33	1	.50	.	.	
1	1	0	0	5	0	0	33	3	.50	.	.	
6	2	0	0	9	8	0	149	4	1.00	.	.	
12	9	0	0	1	3	0	65	3	.50	10.00	350.00	
1	3	0	0	5	2	0	10	..	.50	.	.	
13	2	0	0	5	3	2	85	2	1.50	.	41.50	
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# Proceedings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Introductory sermon by Eld. J. D. Berry from Titus 3. 8.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The letters from the churches were handed in,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chose Eld. Jas. Bishop Moderator and Eld. A. Routh Clerk
- 4<sup>th</sup> Reviewed Correspondence, viz. From Hol-  
achucky, Elds. H. W. Taylor, S. Jones, & Wester  
From Northern, G. Hill, Wm Jarreway, and  
Eld. Wm H. Harp. From Tennessee Elds.  
M. Hillsman, S. H. Smith - From Holston  
Eld. N. C. Baldwin, From Clinch Valley  
Eld. John Jesser
- 5<sup>th</sup> Invited Visiting Ministers to seats where-  
upon Eld. C. C. Tipton was received as  
agent for the Massy Creek Baptist Col-  
lege, and Holston Baptist female Institute  
also Elds. W. J. Russell and J. Cooke  
were received as agents for the Bible  
Revision Association; and Eld. N. C.  
Baldwin as agent for the Baptist Church  
at Rogersville and Fall Branch Seminary  
Eld. J. D. Neuff from the Northern  
Association came forward and took a seat
- 6<sup>th</sup> Appointed W. J. Russell Jas. Gilbert and  
J. D. Berry a committee on arrangements
- 7<sup>th</sup> Appointed R. Clark, S. R. Lanthorn  
C. Y. Rice and Eld. A. Routh (the pastor  
of the Church) a committee on Religious  
exercises.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Appointed Wm Raley, J. Gilbert and  
J. Montgomery a committee on Finance
- 9<sup>th</sup> Appointed J. Cooke, W. J. Russell and



Wm Neil a committee on ways and means

10<sup>th</sup> Appointed N. C. Baldwin & W. Taylor and C. C. Tipton, a committee on Resolutions

11<sup>th</sup> Adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow morning  
Prayer by Eld. H. W. Taylor

<sup>2</sup> Friday morning met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by the Moderator  
1<sup>st</sup> Received the Report of the committee of arrangement

2<sup>nd</sup> Read and corrected the minutes of yesterday

3<sup>rd</sup> Received and adopted the report of the committee on religious exercises (see Reports)

4<sup>th</sup> Appointed corresponding delegates viz,  
To Nalackucky, to meet at Buffalo church Grainger Co, Tenn, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Aug, 1858, Elds W. J. Russell, Jas. Gilbert A. Routh, A. S. Hall, brethren Wm Neil J. McNeil, J. Frost. To the Holston to meet with the Church at Kingsport on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in Aug, 1858— Elds J. Cooke & D. Berry, Brethren W. P. Pensinger, and W. M. Strickland  
To the Northern, Elds J. Rice L. Nave, W. J. Russell, A. Routh— To Clinch Valley Elds Ja. Bishop J. Gilbert, J. Gilbert J. D. Berry, W. Muncy, E. Edmonson, and brethren G. C. Peabuck, R. Clark J. Grabbell. To the General Association Elds A. Routh W. J. Russell Wm Riley and brethren W. S. McNeil & Wm Neil



And agreed to send by them \$5.00 as a Contribution

5<sup>th</sup> On motion appointed C. C. Gipton Robt Clark & C. Y. Rice. a committee on Querys. & Petitions

6<sup>th</sup> Recd and adopted the reports of Missionaries (see Reports)

7<sup>th</sup> Recd and adopted the report of the Committee on ways and means (see Reports)

8<sup>th</sup> Whereas a Committee was appointed at our last association, to ascertain if possible of whom a certain \$20. ~~dollar~~ bill was received by Wm Neil our Clerk and Treasurer at our meeting in 1855. Which bill was paid to Eld, J. G. Edwards for Missionary labor and has proved to be counterfeit. and as the committee have failed to ascertain from whom it was received Therefore

Resolved that the Executive board pay brother Edwards \$20 out of the fund of the Association

9<sup>th</sup> Recd and adopted the report of committee on Queries and petitions (see Reports)

10<sup>th</sup> Dismiss Thompson Settlement & Hardy's Creek Churches in order that they may join the Clinch Valley Association

Adjourned To 9 o'clock Tomorrow morning  
Prayer by Eld, W. J. Russell —

Saturday Morning  
Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by



the Moderator,

1<sup>st</sup> Read and corrected the minutes of yesterday

2<sup>nd</sup> Recd, and adopted the report of the Committee on Resolutions

### Resolutions

1<sup>st</sup> Whereas, all Temperance organizations (outside of the Church) have failed to accomplish the object of their organization  
Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that members of the Church, should entirely abstain from making, selling or drinking ardent spirits as a beverage, according to the Teaching of the Bible, and,

Resolved, That if ever the world is brought under the influence of Temperance it must be done by the Church,

2<sup>nd</sup> Whereas, The circulation of religious periodicals and News papers has become an important means in the defence & propagation of the Truth and in view of the immense use of the press by Infidelity, Papists and Protestants, in propagation of error - it is indispensable in counteracting its influence that it be met by the press  
Therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association no Baptist ought to be without a denominational paper in his family

Resolved, That we recommend the Baptist Watchman, the organ of our Associations in East Tennessee, to our brethren in this



Association, and that every family in this Association take and read it; Also the Tennessee Baptist published at Nashville as an able Baptist paper, and of general denominational interest; Also the Home and Foreign Journal, and the Commission published at Richmond Virginia.

Resolved, That we recommend the following Books to the attention of the members of this Association; Principles & practices of the Baptists by Wayland; Theodocia Earnest, Big & Little Iron Wheels by Graves; Grace Freeman, Progress of Baptist Principles by Curtis; Two Covenants by Hillsman; Childhood its promise and training by Everett; Methodist Episcopacy, a discussion between Henderson & Hamil; Howells Evils of Infant Baptism; Howells Way of Salvation &c.

Whereas The General Association of East Tennessee has adopted the Morrey Creek College and the Holston Baptist female Institute at Jonesborough, which are flourishing institutions, and to sustain which requires the united energies and patronage of the denomination.

Therefore  
Resolved, That we earnestly recommend these institutions to the patronage of the members of this Association having sons and daughters to educate. Also the Hall Branch Seminary as a school equal to any other in East Tennessee, and presenting peculiar inducements to students in this Assoc.



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Continued our former Executive Board
- 4<sup>th</sup> Appointed our next annual meeting to be with the Church at Mulberry Gap Hancock Co, Tenn. commencing on the first Thursday in September 1838.
- 5<sup>th</sup> On Motion appointed Eld. H. W. Taylor, from the Kollachucky Association to preach the introductory sermon and W. Z. Russell his alternate
- 6<sup>th</sup> Received and adopted the report of the Executive board (see Reports)
- 7<sup>th</sup> On Motion agreed to raise the sum of \$300. to sustain an Evangelist for 12 months in the bounds of this association as set forth in the report of the committee of ways and means, and that a collection for this purpose be taken on Sabbath.
- 8 On motion agreed that the clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed and that he have Ten dollars for his services.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Adjourned with prayer to the time and place of our next annual meeting
- A. Routh                      Jas. Bishop  
Clerk                      3                      Moderator

## REPORTS.

On Religious Exercises —

To preach on Friday Eld. N. C. Baldwin, and S. Jones. On Saturday C. C. Tipton & H. W. Taylor. On Sunday M. Hillsman & N. C. Baldwin.  
R. Clark, Chm.



## Of Missionaries

W. Muncy labored 92 days witnessed 69  
professions Baptized 35 Traveled 580 miles,  
G. D. Berry labored 93 days Baptized 30  
Traveled 530 miles —

## On ways and means.

Your committee on ways and means  
beg leave to report; that whereas this As-  
sociation has for several years confined herself  
almost exclusively to spreading the gospel  
and raising up churches in places of destitution  
Therefore Resolved That we direct our  
executive board to select some efficient min-  
ister to travel through the bounds of the As-  
sociation, to strengthen and build up the churches  
already organized; especially to labor  
among the weak ones. That this evangelist  
occupy his whole time in the ensuing year  
as above specified; with the additional work  
of soliciting agents; That he be required to  
keep a record of all his labors and the funds  
collected or pledged, and report quarterly to  
the board and that we make an effort at this  
meeting to raise funds for the purpose of carry-  
ing out the plan proposed above.

Wm. Neil Chm

## On Queries & Petitions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thompson settlement, and Hardys Creek  
churches petition letters of dismission.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Mulberry Gap Church petitions the next  
meeting with her.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Query from Hardys Creek; In what



Case or cases is it commendable in a member of the church to prefer a charge against another member without previously talking with him as the gospel directs in the 18th chapter of Matthew.

Answer in all cases of personal offence it is our duty to be governed by the 18th chapter of Matthew; but in cases of public offences we are not under obligation to pursue that course though it is our duty to exhort one another daily lest we be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin—

4th Query from Rob. Camp. Has a church any right when a difficulty exists and she agrees to call a committee to adjust the same and the committee decides on the case has the church any right afterwards to take it up independent of the committee and give it a new trial

Answer Christians having "one Lord one faith and one Baptism" should have regard for each others judgment and feelings; and should not act in any way to destroy that brotherly love that should exist; ~~and~~ therefore when a church calls a committee of brethren from other churches—and said committee decides the case the church should have regard for their decision for she cannot <sup>justly</sup> set aside their decision which has all the lawful force of her own final act. C. B. Tipton Chm ---

On Finance

Received of the delegates from the various churches for the printing of the Minutes \$22.75 J. Gilbert Chm

Executive Board

Your Executive Board beg leave to report



To your body that inasmuch as it was not present at your last annual meeting—consequently its financial condition does not appear on our last years minutes—and should therefore appear in the minutes of this meeting.

Paid out as follows

To Missionary J. H. Edwards	\$27.00
To . . . W. Muncy	18.50
To Delegates to gen. Association	5.00
of East Tennessee Money on hands	4.00
On Hand (good money)	22.42
	<hr/> \$76.92

Wm Neil Sec, Ex<sup>h</sup> Board.

We would further report, that owing to the great scarcity of provisions &c., during the past year we did not deem it expedient to urge our missionaries to the performance of much labor believing that under the circumstances but little good could be accomplished.

We have received at this meeting from churches by their delegates . . . \$21.75

On pledges made at our last Association as follows—

Jarvis Hepsher \$5.00	Thos. Frost \$5.00
Joel Mills 5.00	Thos Gilbert 5.00
E. C. Adams 5.00	Josephus Grabeel 5.00
John Gilbert 5.00	W. M. Strickland 5.00
Henry Hatfield 5.00	W. J. Russell 5.00
Ja. Bishop 5.00	A. Routh 5.00
R. Clark 5.00	The \$5.00 sent up by the Church
J. H. Crawford 5.00	at Sycamore was to pay A.
A. S. Hall 1.00	Rouths pledge
J. Winkler 2.50	



Amount from churches \$21.75-  
 Pledges paid . . . 105.00  
 On hand from last year 22.42  
\$149.17

We have paid to Missionary W. Murey \$46.00  
 To Missionary J. D. Berry . . 46.50  
 Amt. Allowed to J. E. Edwards . 20.00  
\$112.50

Leaving in our hands \$36.76

Wm. Neil

John McNeil  
Chairman

### Appendix

#### Pledges for 1858

Wm Neil \$5.00	David Fletcher \$5.00
A. J. Chadwell 5.00	Lewis Mason 2.00
John McNeil 5.00	Levi Nave 6.00
W. Murey 5.00	Ja. Barnard 2.50
J. Frost 5.00	Jonathan Barnard 2.00
W. M. Strickland 5.00	Cal. Deboard 2.50
J. D. Berry 5.00	J. Wolfenburger 2.50
A. Routh. 5.00	Hz. Burchit 1.00
J. Grabel 5.00	Evan Hazlewood 2.50
C. Y. Rice 5.00	Wm Riley 5.00
J. & J. Gilbert 5.00	Margaret E. Neil 1.00
Ely Henry 1.00	Huldah Cloud 1.00
Ja. Richardson 2.50	J. M. Welch 2.00
Lewis Garland 1.00	P. Hazlewood 2.50
Geo. Haskins 5.00	A. S. Hall 1.00
David Fletcher 2.50	J. H. Shumate 1.00
Hiram Gillist 1.00	C. C. Section for swas
Thos. Friar 2.50	Cruck Church 5.00
A. Wolf 1.00	



Of pledges made last year the following remain unpaid

Hiram Rogers	\$3.00	Hiram Mills	\$5.00
H. E. Payne	2.00	Sirena Wolfe	5.00
Dawson Lamb	1.00	John Kyle	5.00
Pat. Cope	2.00	Cal. Deboard	5.00
M. Wilbourn	2.50	D. C. Martin	5.00
J. C. Adams	1.00	B. Debusk	5.00
E. N. Thompson	1.00	A. Rogers	5.00
Ja. Doherty	1.50	B. Cantwel	2.00
Jer. Green	2.50	A. H. Martin	5.00
Ja. Montgomery	3.00	E. Clark	3.00
E. B. Herel	2.50	John Pressley	2.50
Sarah Mills	1.00	C. H. Zucker	5.00
W. Casort	5.00		
M. McGinnis	1.00		

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# Minutes

Of the  
Twenty third Anniversary  
of the

Mulberry Gap Association of United  
Baptists held with the Mulberry Gap Chu-  
-rch Hancock Co E Tenn

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 1858

## Proceedings

The Introductory Sermon was preached  
by El<sup>d</sup>. A. C. Baldwin From Rev. 11: 1<sup>st</sup>

El<sup>d</sup>. James Bishop was chosen  
Moderator. *pro tem*

Read the Letters from  
the Churches



Churches	Delegates Names	Baptisms	Restored	Excommunicated	Deceased	Total	Members	Members	Pastors	
Rob. Camp	N. Angate, C. H. Coleman, P. Parker	22	00	1	4	00	00	173	150	"
Prospect	M. Collins, J. Biggs, N. Collins	2	10	1	2	7	00	483	30	"
Mulberry Gap	J. Gilbert, J. Gilbert, N. Riley, J. H. Davis	13	13	2	7	4	1	174	4	1.00
Black Water	W. Pridemore	00	38	1	6	00	00	703	1.00	"
Providence	G. B. Wolf, L. Hatfield, J. Rayston	37	2	00	1	00	00	60	1	50
Chick River	S. D. French, Thos. Martin, W. J. Ransom	10	1	00	1	2	1	57	4	75
New Hope	Jos. Clark & House	00	1	00	00	1	00	32	1	54
Union	C. Wolf, M. Bray, G. Wolf	10	00	00	1	1	00	41	00	50
Yellow Branch	M. Melburn, J. M. Walker	10	3	00	1	00	"	44	2	50
Cedar Springs	L. Dutton, G. W. Hoge	1	1	"	3	8	"	104	4	1.00
Salem	A. H. Rice, G. W. Rose, N. Gilbert, J. M. Melburn	1	10	"	16	"	2	43	3	1.00
Martin Fork	A. H. Hall	10	"	1	2	1	94	2	50	"
Cedar Grove	L. Mauer, C. Birch	12	8	"	3	8	2	157	3	1.00
Fishers Creek	J. Breuch, W. P. Rysen, J. H. Hatcher	1	1	"	1	0	1	31	"	50
Amidwell	J. Bakken, W. M. Stredland, J. Frost, J. Garland, L. D. Thompson	8	2	1	9	3	4	108	2	1.00
Cool Branch	A. Vaughn	7	4	"	1	"	"	44	4	50
Independence	W. Payne	23	"	2	14	1	5	133	"	1.00
Flat Gap	J. Green, D. Lamb	32	3	2	7	1	"	98	2	1.00
Liberty	J. H. Harg, J. T. Mason	"	"	"	"	1	"	28	2	50
Grassy Spring	C. Delvard	1	2	2	2	1	"	53	1	75
Little Creek	C. Hazelwood	4	1	"	4	4	"	50	4	50
Fruit Valley	L. Wolf	3	"	1	"	"	"	39	1	50
Little Sycamore	A. Rust, W. B. Bauls, C. Plank, W. Borditt	9	"	"	9	8	3	83	4	1.00
Cave Springs	J. H. Condy, G. W. Richardson	11	1	3	7	2	1	87	1	1.00
Rockcastle	J. Kyle	"	3	"	4	"	"	84	2	1.50
Buck Grove	M. A. Whitt, L. Berry, J. Snodgrass	23	"	"	2	2	3	114	3	1.00
Richardsons	J. D. Berry, P. Jones, M. Cooper	22	"	3	8	7	1	160	3	1.00
Creek										27.00
Howards	E. Clark, M. Brankam	"	"	"	"	"	2	31	3	50
Friendship	M. Clark, M. Snodgrass	10	2	"	"	1	"	47	"	50
Laywell	A. Robinson, L. Mason, J. B. Hill	"	"	"	10	"	"	54	3	50
Shadwell	J. Ball, E. Luttrell	2	3	"	4	4	"	174	"	1.00
Station										
New Bethel	Delegated but no letter	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	50	"
Total		26	1	1	1	1	1	66	249	5700



Organized by choosing a Rusti Moderator and J. B. Neil Secretary. Called for corresponding delegates. The following Associations were represented, (viz) Malachuky - Eli. W. M. Taylor & J. Jones,  
" Northern - Eli. W. M. Taylor, A. A. Gaden & John Benson,  
" Tennessee - Elders C. C. Lipton & A. M. Smith,  
" Walston - A. C. Baldwin, J. C. Everett,  
" Clinch Valley - Elders J. Bishop & W. Munsey,  
" Genl. Association - Elders A. M. Smith, Corresponding Secretary to all of whom the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.

The following Ministers, who were not delegates, were invited to participate (viz) Elders W. J. Russell, J. M. Robertson, & J. J. Grunden.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Of Arrangements - J. Gilbert, J. J. Berry, J. Forrest

On Preaching - J. H. Davis, C. M. Reed & Robinson

On Finances - J. P. Baker, W. Riley,

" Ways & Means - W. J. Russell, W. Riley, W. S. Sigafoos

Petitions & Queries - A. M. Smith, C. C. Lipton and

J. H. Rice,

Resolutions - A. C. Baldwin, W. M. Taylor, W. J. Russell, J. C. Everett,

Adjourned to 9 O' Clock tomorrow morning  
Prayer by Eli. W. M. Taylor

Friday Morning Sept 2nd 1858

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Jones. Read Rules of decorum. The report of the Committee of arrangements was read & adopted. The Minutes read & adopted. On motion brother A. C. Baldwin, W. M. Strickland and W. M. Taylor were appointed a committee to submit a report expressing the sense of this body in the loss of our venerable brother Eli. James Gilbert.



Moved that the order of business be waived in  
order that the Committee on Resolutions report in  
part - Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas the Press is a great engine for good or  
evil and whereas our people need information upon  
many subjects which are discussed abroad through  
that medium, Therefore Resolved, that we recom-  
-mend to the churches, the Tennessee Baptist  
Baptist Watchman & the monthly Bible Union Re-  
porter, as Periodicals, calculated to enlighten them  
reference to the general religious movements of  
the present age.

At this point Bro. Russell presented the  
claims of the revision movement, and a colle-  
-ction ~~was~~ taken up amounting to \$ -  
the claims of the baptist watchman and Tennessee baptist  
were then presented and subscribers solicited

Appointed delegates to Corresponding Association to  
the Nolachucky - J. D. Berry, J. Gilbert, A. A.  
Rouse, J. Frost W. M. Strickland and John  
Gilbert Northern - I. Nave, J. Berry, A. Ruth  
and J. S. J. Rice. Tennessee - A. Rouse, Holston  
W. M. Strickland W. T. Kensingler W. Riley  
J. Gilbert, Clinch Valley - J. D. Berry, J.  
Gilbert, John Gilbert General Association A. Ruth  
J. Baker, W. Riley, W. M. Strickland, J. S. Gilbert -  
Voted to take up a Collection on Sabbath for the  
General Association.

Report of Committee Called for Read & adopted  
Report of Committee on Petitions.

Your Committee on Petitions & Queries  
Report that there is a petition from the Mudville  
Church for the next association, that there is a  
petition from the Friendship Church Va Co for dis-  
mission from this body to join the church



and worthy of the patronage  
-ation and that we beg  
friends in their efforts to lig  
up on it. — C. C. C. Suptor  
Contributions for the Massey Cr  
Advised to hear a sermon  
Aserth. The following resolution  
sent & adopted.

Where as the strength of the Assoc  
has been somewhat impaired by the war  
drawell of several Churches to form the Cl  
inch Valley Association & where as the North  
ern Association is too small inefficient to pro  
secute efficiently her home missionary  
work. Therefore Resolved that we invite  
the Northern Association to unite with  
us in an organization for the purpose  
of being better able to carry forth the ob  
ject of their organizations and that we ap  
point a Committee to confer with the As  
sociation at her next annual session and  
should such union be agreed upon that  
a time be fixed upon between this & our  
next session to consummate the final union.

Voted that the Corresponding delegates  
to the Northern Association be the Committee  
to meet the Northern Ass<sup>y</sup> and confer in refer  
-ence to a union of the two bodies. —

Report of the Missionary Read & adopted  
Missionarys Report for 1858

Labored 179 days. Baptized 74 Persons, Witnessed 144 Pro  
fessions, visited & labored with 16 Churches, Reduced to  
150 days or Requisite pay for only 150 days.  
I have visited & labored with 14 of the Churches of  
the Association - assisted in the ordination of



and two Quakers, I have succeeded  
in getting a small Church to dissolve, and in  
several others are talking of  
meeting with other Churches but  
can be done before our next Annual  
one of the most important duties of  
Memories, & the most of our Churches  
becoming convinced of it, I regard this as the  
one, emphatically, to push this work forward.

I find, by visiting the Churches, that there has been a  
considerable degree of laxness in the matter of dis-  
=cipline & there is, of consequence a good deal of confusion  
in the Churches, I find also, that our preachers have  
not been so careful to feed the flock, as they ought  
to be & there is therefore in the Churches ignorance  
on regard to the fundamental doctrines of the  
gospel, this is a crying evil, A Church with  
a pastor who pursues a course of monthly  
ministrations ought to be instructed in the fun-  
damentals of Christianity. If it is not, it is  
the fault of their pastor. I have surprised  
at the very great neglect of this. I suggest  
that our preachers be instructed to give atten-  
tion to this, if they are not now all of  
them prepared to do this, that the Association  
recommend to these brethren to procure books  
and inform themselves on this subject, that  
they may communicate to others. I have  
also found that the Churches are not  
doing as much for the support of their  
pastors as they ought, I have been suc-  
cessful in arousing the Churches to greater ex-  
ertion. The truth is, our pastors have not  
had the need to teach the Churches their



whole duty in this respect a  
 true that unless the churches  
 and ministers will do  
 of labor, I have the opposition of  
 especially the Methodists, who threaten  
 not yet execute their threats, they will not  
 which is respectfully submitted.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1858,

A. Ruth

Missionary Agent

## Report of the Executive Board Nazareth Ln. Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

The Executive Board of the Mulberry Gap Association  
 would report to the Clerk of said Association the fol-  
 lowing statement (viz)

Balance in our hands, our last year's funds	\$ 36 67
Subject to deduction on account of an error of an-	
amount in A. Ruth's hands	2 17
Collection left on Sabbath	\$ 34 50
	8 55
Cash received at last Association on pledges &c!	\$ 50 35
Also \$5.00 bill on Bank of America	5 00
Amount Rec <sup>d</sup> by Bro. Ruth (see his report as agt)	83 10
Also cash left in his hands last year	22 42
<b>Contra,</b>	\$ 203 92

By and Paid J. J. Edwards	\$ 20 00
" " sent to gen <sup>l</sup> Association	5 00
" " Paid in at last Association	18 05
" " " Missionary A. Ruth	147 15
Still in our hands	13 72
	\$ 293 92



Ruth Reports as follows  
 at the rate of \$304 w<sup>th</sup> Annual \$147.15  
 Or  
 pledge for 1856 2.50  
 per " " " 250  
 co's " " 1857- 5.00  
 to " " " 250  
 others " " " 5.00  
 and " " " 5.00  
 shop church " 3.00  
 at in my hands last year 22.42  
 collected as a gift 57.00  
 and by Executive Board 41.60 \$147.12

Report of Committee on ways & means, was  
 read and adopted & pledges taken up for Missions:—

Report of Committee on ways and means,  
 Your Committee on ways and means would beg leave  
 to Report that whereas The Association at its last  
 Annual meeting instructed the board of Managers  
 to select a suitable Minister whose duty it  
 should be to labor as Missionary within the  
 bounds of the Association and to effect as far  
 as possible a union of organization among the  
 feeble and inefficient Churches thus lessening  
 the number of churches so as to be able to  
 obtain and support a pastor and whereas  
 the Labors of our Missionary have been success-  
 full upon the plan adopted in 1857. we  
 would recommend that pledges be secured  
 in the Association for the ensuing year and  
 that the board be instructed to secure the  
 services of a good Missionary upon the plan  
 proposed.

W. S. Russell, Chm

The Following resolutions offered by Bro<sup>r</sup>  
 Berry were read and adopted:—

Whereas The subject of Ministerial Effort is  
 a great and absorbing question of this age  
 Resolved That we recommend the Synod of this  
 Association to take active steps for the more



effective supplant of their  
in order that they may procure  
efficient Ministers among them  
Resolved further That this Association  
recommend to the Churches composing it  
the propriety of holding protracted  
and that said Churches at their own  
select the Ministers that they may think  
and said Ministers shall keep account of  
labors and the increase of the same and the  
amount contributed for their services and re-  
port the same to our next Association and be it  
understood that those Ministers holding said  
meetings shall depend alone upon the Churches  
and Communities where the labor is done to  
compensate them for their services -  
Announcement of Elder C. C. Tipton The Missionary  
operations of the present year are dropped  
and those who made pledges to day to the fund  
are released from those pledges. The Commit-  
tee appointed to draft a Constitution re-  
ported and the Constitution was approved.  
Whereas by a review of the history of this body  
we find she was organized as a united Baptist  
Association in which Convention the Churches  
by their delegates unanimously agreed to be org-  
anized upon an abstract of principles  
which we find in our Associational Book  
But whereas we were thus organized without  
a written Constitution and we find upon  
our record no such instrument Therefore  
Resolved That we appoint a Committee of three to  
wit H. W. Taylor, J. C. Berry and J. Gilbert  
to draft a Constitution and present it to this body  
for her inspection -



## stitution

Association shall be denominated  
by Gape Association of United Baptist  
Association shall be composed of such Ch-  
only as stand or constituted & United Baptist  
principles & such as are willing to subscribe to the  
four recited abstract of principles,

This Association being thus formed by delegates  
fully chosen by their Churches, will not recog-  
nize any person or persons as delegates unless  
such person or persons produce a satisfactory  
testimonial of his or their appointment to repre-  
sent the interest of the Church when they  
have their membership,

" 4<sup>th</sup> This Association shall meet annually and  
proceed to elect officers from her assembly,

" 5<sup>th</sup> This Association shall keep a fair record of  
her proceedings in a Book kept by her  
Recording Secretary,

" 6<sup>th</sup> This Association shall only sit as an as-  
sisting Council & shall have no deliberative  
power or ecclesiastical authority, each Church  
being an independent body

" 7<sup>th</sup> This Association shall have power to exclude  
any Church from her union who shall depart  
from the orthodox principles & discipline of the  
Gospel,

" 8<sup>th</sup> This Association will not receive or hold in  
fellowship any Church or individual that  
habitually makes, buys, sells or uses, as a beverage,  
Alcoholic Liquors & shall withdraw from  
any such

" 9 All proceedings shall be public and Questions  
shall be governed by a majority, except



in the case of the reception of members  
into the union which must be done by a  
unanimous voice

- " 10 This Association shall labor faithfully to promote and perpetuate the general union by giving advice when called for in a regular manner.
- " 11 This Association shall have correspondence with such Associations & such only as they regard orthodox in doctrine & description as taught in the word of God.
- " 12<sup>th</sup> This Constitution may be amended by a concurrence of two thirds of the members present.
- " 13<sup>th</sup> This Association will not allow any of its body to speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the ass.
- " 14<sup>th</sup> Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in its acts respecting their internal concerns.
- " 15 This Association shall be governed in her deliberations according to Parliamentary Rules.
- " 16 The sessions of this Ass<sup>y</sup> opened & closed by Prayer.

The thanks of the Association were tendered to the people of the neighborhood and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality.  
Adjourned, Prayer by El<sup>d</sup>. W. H. Taylor  
A Rush

J. B. Neil  
clerk

Moderator  
T. J.



## Account of monies rec<sup>d</sup> for missions

A. DeFord pledge \$7.35. Serena Walfy pledge \$5.00. M. Webb  
= unit pledge \$250-2400. Chadwell's Station \$150. Geo. Heston  
pledge \$350. J. Frost \$500. D. C. Martin pledge \$5.00. Faywell  
\$7.00 L. Mason pledge \$200. Claiborne Walfy pledge \$1.50  
John Kyle pledge year before last \$5.00. Bank of America gave  
= has Graybill pledge \$5.00. Bank of Fayetteville. Hiram Gilbert  
pledge \$2.00 L. Haver \$6.00 H. Burchett \$100. David Hest  
thorp \$5.00. James Barnard \$250. Jonathan Barnard \$200  
Total amount — \$461.85

## Obituary of Elder James Gilbert

Expired on June 21<sup>st</sup> 1858, at his residence in  
Snedville Hancock County Tennessee, Elder James  
Gilbert aged 71 years. The death of this venerable  
father in Christ and able minister of the Gospel  
was immediately produced by inflammatory in-  
testinal disease, but he had been drooping ever since  
the death of his beloved partner five & a half months  
= ago and had long suffered under a complication of  
maladies, chiefly induced by unremitting labors in  
his Master's Cause.

He was one of the few remaining ancient  
pillars of the Sanctuary among the Baptists of East  
Tennessee. He was born on Walling Creek Giles Co. Va.  
he removed in early life to Lee Co. Va. and in 1815 pro-  
fessed religion and united with the Thompson's At-  
tachment Church. He was baptized by Elder Andrew  
Baker and was the last person saved or baptized  
by that devoted servant of God.

In view of the relation to each other it might be  
truly said the mantle of Elijah had fallen on  
Elisha so Foster Baker seemed to think, for  
as he raised him from the water he exclaimed  
"I have baptized a preacher"; and so in the



Minutes

Of The Mulberry Gap Association Twenty fourth  
Annual Session of the Mulberry Gap Association  
of United Baptists. held at Sneedville Hancock  
County Tenn. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in September 1857

1<sup>st</sup> The Assn<sup>n</sup> Convened in its 24<sup>th</sup> Session Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1859  
The Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder Asa Rountree  
from John 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter & 24<sup>th</sup> Verse.

Read letters from 29 churches Black Water Church  
being represented by delegates but no letter.

[illegible]



3<sup>rd</sup> Proceeded To the Election of Officers, which resulted  
in the Election of Elders Asa North Mod. & Mr McNeil  
Clerk & Treasurers -

4<sup>th</sup> Called for newly constituted Churches, but none presented  
themselves -

5<sup>th</sup> Called for & received the following correspondents  
Holachuck Elder H. W. Taylor. J. B. Taylor Joseph  
Flora & Bro Jesse Cope -

6<sup>th</sup> Northern - Elders W. H. Karp J. D. A. Cuff & Bro  
E. D. Herroll - Holston Bro. Solomon Baubauer  
Clinch Valley - Elders John Jesse James Bishop  
& Brother W. Clark & J. W. Jones.

7<sup>th</sup> The following ministers who were not Delegates  
were invited to seats (viz) Elders Washington  
Smith & W. Muncey -

8<sup>th</sup> The following ministers were appointed (viz)  
Elders Jesse D. Berry & John Elliott  
together with the Moderator  
delegates invited to seats are  
Brothers J. Hunt, C. J. Rice  
The pastor & members of this

Bro A. Y. Child

then Pastor & Thos Elliott

tomorrow morning

2<sup>nd</sup> 7859

living no by

of arrangement  
adopted



