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# MINUTES

OF THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST,

Held at Bryant's Station Meeting-House, commencing on Saturday, the 8th of August, 1835.

According to appointment brother Maren Duval' preached the Introductory sermon, from Romans, 4th chapter and last verse. According to established rule the moderator and clerk of last session (brethren Wm Nam Suggett, moderator, and Elijah Hawkins, clerk,) proceeded to organize the association, by reading, at the stand, the letters and enrolling the names of the messengers from the churches comprising the Association, as follows.

Churches.	Messengers Names.	Recd By exp & hap	Restored By Letter	Disd by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total
Clear-creek	—W C Buck,* Benj Pilcher, John Lancaster	1	6	1	6	1	143
Great-Crossings	—Wm Suggett, R Adkins, And' Johnson, Asa Smith, G Long	2	8	1	5	4	7
Bryant's	—Asa Thomson, David McMintry, Wm Graves and Edward Damaby	1	1	6	4	1	210
Stamping G'd	—John Lucas,* Maren Duval, Henry Branham and J D Black*	6	6	37	3	9	340
North-Elkhorn	—Lewis Atkins,* John Graves & Nelson Smith	1	2	2	2	2	106
David's Fork	—Edward Damaby, Eezekiah Ellis Boswell Mitchell, James M Dawson and Martin Coons	12	3	3	2	3	482
North Fork	—J D Graves and S W Bocham	1	1	9	23	2	124
Mt Pleasant	—Edmund Waller,* Thos Lyne, Merit S Single ton & S Holoway	1	3	3	7	4	5
Big Spring	—Geo Blackburn* & Thos Suter*	5	1	1	1	2	70
Silas	—Abner Shropshire, J W Sparks, J M Chinn and Joseph Cantrell	4	1	1	1	1	116
Georgetown	—Elijah Hawkins and Robt Reed*	4	4	6	2	2	93
Hartwood	—Fountain Rutlage	3	1	3	3	3	24
1st Baptist church at Lexington	—Loyd Warfield Martin Hogland, John McMain, Philip Kidd Rich'd Brent, Jacob Hull, Enoch Clark, Jas E Duval and Jas Fishback*	15	10	6	4	5	169
African Church at Lexington,	care of the 1st Baptist church at Lexington	33					555
Paris	—Jahab Wheat and Henry Croxton	7	5	8	1	1	109
Cane Run	—A S Higgins and Wm Kise		1	10		2	35
Rocky Point	—Lewis White and Wm True		1	3			19
*P. hrs.		86	63	14	12	47	49
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Thus far business was transacted at the stand, After which the Association was adjourned to the Meeting House, and the election of Moderator and Clerk gone into, whereupon bro. William Suggett was elected Moderator and Elijah Hawkins Clerk, and being then organized for business. The Corresponding letters from Corresponding Associations called for, read and the names of the messengers enrolled.

*From Bracken*—Josiah Loek, Mason Owens, William Vaughan,\* and J. S. Morris.

“ *Franklin*—No Letter.

“ *Salem*—J. V. Berdine and James Duncan.

“ *Licking*—Thomas P. Dudley.\*

“ *Union*—Thomas Waggoner.

“ *Concord*—No Letter.

“ *Baptist*—Thos. Hinton, Benj. P. Gray, John L. Waller.

“ *Sulphur Fork*—M. Forbis.

“ *South District*—No Letter.

“ *Boon's Creek*—John Robinson, John Henry, David B. Hays, Pleasant Bush, Buford E. Allen, Joseph C. Christopher, and John Portwood.

“ *North Bend*—Lewis Conner,\* George F. Northcutt, Robert Kirtley.\*

“ *Long Run*—George Waller,\* John McCollough, Joseph Kelly.

A door was then opened for the reception of Churches. The Baptist Church at Dry Run, Scott County applied for admission by their Letter and Messengers Brethren Milton Burch, James Hambrick and William Jones, and were unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship given their messengers.

The circular letter was called for, read and referred to committee—The Clerk, John Graves, John Lucas, and Robert Reed.

The committee of arrangement, Brethren Edmund Waller,\* W. C. Buck,\* George Blackburn,\* with the Clerk and Moderator.

The committee to write corresponding letters, Brethren Jas. D. Black,\* Thos. Lynn, Benjamin Pilcher, J. Lancaster, and H. Croxton.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Preachers to preach—whereupon, Brethren William Vaughan, George Waller and Wm. C. Buck were appointed to preach to-morrow, Lord's day, and Brethren Thomas P. Dudley, Robert Kirtley, and Lewis Conner, on Monday, at the stand. Then adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, met according to adjournment and after singing and Prayer by Bro. LUCAS. The association then proceeded to business by calling the names of the Messengers, who were invited to take their seats.

The committee appointed to arrange the order of business made their report, which was read and adopted, and the association accordingly proceeded.

1st. Our next association shall be held at Clear-Creek Meeting house, Woodford County, on the 2d Saturday in August, 1836.

2d. Brother Benjamin Pilcher appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

3d. Brother W. C. Buck appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of his failure Brother John Lucas.

4th. Corresponding letters called for, read, and messengers appointed to bear them enrolled as follows:

Bracken Association, to be held at Bethel meeting house, Fleming County, the 1st Saturday in September, 1835—Messengers, Brethren Edmund Waller,\* Geo. Blackburn,\* and Richard Brent.

Franklin do., to be held at the Forks of Elkhorn, on the 3d Saturday in September, 1835—Messengers, Brethren Wm. Suggett, W. C. Buck,\* Geo. Blackburn,\* Jas. Fishback,\* John Lancaster and Edmund Waller.\*

Salem do. to be held at Nolen meeting house, in Hardin County, on the Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1835—messengers Edmund Waller,\* W. C. Buck.\*

Licking do. to be held at Georgetown, Scott County, on the 2d Saturday in September, 1835—Messengers, William Suggett, Lewis Atkins,\* John Graves, Robert Read,\* James D. Black,\* Edmund Waller,\* James Fishback,\* Geo. Blackburn,\* Andrew Johnson, and Elijah Hawkins.

Union do. to be held at Willow-Creek meeting house, Bracken county, on the fourth Friday in September, 1835—Messengers, Robert Reed and John M. Chinn.

Concord do. to be held on the 4th Friday in August, 1835—Messengers, W. C. Buck,\* Geo. Blackburn,\* Thomas Suter,\* and Wm. True.

Baptist do. to be held at Lawrenceburg, Anderson county, on Friday before the 1st Saturday in August, 1836—Messengers, John Lancaster, W. C. Buck,\* Lewis Atkins,\* John Graves, George Blackburn,\* Benj. Pilcher, James D. Black \* Merit S. Singleton and Thomas Lyons

Sulpher Fork do. to be held at Sulpher Fork meeting house, Henry county, on the fourth Saturday in September, 1835—Messengers, Edmund Waller\* and W. C. Buck.\*

South District do. on the 3d Saturday in August, 1835—Messengers, Spencer Holloway and John Lancaster.

Boon's-Creek do. to be held at Mount Gilead meeting house, Fayette county, on the Friday before the 3d Saturday in September, 1835—Messengers, Lewis Atkins,\* Edmund G. Vaughan, James Fishback, and Hezekiah Ellis.

North Bend do. to be held at Mudlick meeting house, Boone county, on the third Friday in August, 1835—Messenger, Robert Reed \*

Long Run do. to be held at Harrod's-creek meeting house, Oldham county—Messenger, Benjamin Pilcher.

Tate's-Creek do.—4th Saturday in August, 1835—Messengers, Edmund Waller,\* Merrit S. Singleton and Spencer Holloway.

5th. The Clerk appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes.

6th. Contributions—Clear-creek \$1, Great-Crossing \$2, Bryan's 75c, Stamping-Ground \$1 50, North-Elkhorn \$1, David's Fork \$1 50, North Fork \$1, Mount Pleasant \$1 50, Big Spring 75c, Silas \$1, Georgetown \$1, Hartwood 50c, First Baptist Church Lexington \$1 50, African church \$1, Paris \$1, Cane Run 75c, Rocky Point 25c, Dry Run 75c.

Resolved, That that this association is happy to state to the churches composing this association and to the corresponding associations, that the unhappy division that has existed for the last eight years in the first Baptist Church at Lexington has been healed, and that peace and Union exist on the old church covenant.

The church at Pleasant Green is dissolved.

Resolved, That, under a deep sense of our obligation, we desire to thank the Great Head of the Church for the peace and brotherly love which has pervaded this session throughout, and would pray that the same union, harmony, and brotherly love would pervade all the churches,

The association then adjourned.

ELIJAH HAWKINS, Ck.

WM. SUGGETT, Mod.

## CIRCULAR

## To the Churches composing the Elkhorn Association.

Agreeably to custom, we again address you with an annual circular in our associate capacity, and we have great reason to thank the Father of mercies who has protracted our unprofitable lives to enjoy another interview with our brethren. Dear brethren, we believe that each revolving year is bringing to our view the fulfillment of scripture prophecy—for we hear a great many saying, lo here! and lo there! but we are warned to go not after them. Let us cleave to the words of the precious Saviour—for he says, if a man love me he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. Dear Brethren, the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has dominion over the hearts of its subjects—commands the affections—enters into the feelings—controls the passions and governs the lives of all under its heaven-born influence. Let us examine ourselves whether we are or are not thus affected by it—for he is not a Jew that one outwardly—but he is a Jew that is one inwardly, and circumcision is that in the spirit and not in the letter, whose is not of men, but of God. Perhaps the best and most unerring test of our christian character will be found in our answer to the question proposed by our blessed Saviour to Simon Peter, son of Jonas—lovest thou me, and this answer may the more readily be obtained by asking another question, viz: Do I love the children of God. For we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren—he that loveth not his brother abideth in death, and again every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. Do we resemble the blessed Redeemer in the exercise of this grace? For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor that we, through his poverty might be made rich. Yes he loves his people better than life, for he offered his life a ransom for them. We are therefore bound to love him better than life, and each other with pure hearts fervently. Brethren, let us be careful not to speak evil one of another—not to bite and devour one another lest ye be consumed one of another. We have enemies enough in array against us to occupy all of our time and all of our vigilance without. Let us cultivate a spirit of peace and love amongst ourselves. If we see our brethren going wrong we ought to go to them in the spirit of the Gospel and try to set them right; talk over our experience and ask of them a reason of the hope that is in them, so that if in our christian exercise we have reason to believe that they are taught by the same spirit, fellowship may be preserved. If we should be so unfortunate as to differ merely in our head notions or abstract deductions, let us try to inculcate principles of charity and christian forbearance towards each other. Paul the great Apostle of the gentiles who wrote by commandment of the Holy Ghost, said, without charity he was nothing. Let us watch over one another in love, watch over ourselves and pray God to watch over us and keep us in the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

Beloved brethren, think on these things, and now we commend you to the love and protection of a merciful God and we pray that grace, mercy and peace may be with you all, Amen.