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**Minutes**

OF THE

**Twenty-Second Annual Session**

OF THE

**SWAIN INDIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**Macedonia Baptist Church, October 2, 3, 4,**

**1903.**

**Officers:**

SUATE OWL, MODERATOR

JESSE REED, CLERK.

W. L. FRENCH, INTERPRETER.

The next session will be held with Echota or Birdtown church, commencing Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1904.

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## Proceedings.

SOCO CREEK, JACKSON COUNTY, N. C.  
OCTOBER 2, 1903.

Twenty-second annual session of the Swain Indian Association.

Swain (Indian) Baptist Association met at Macedonia Church, commencing Friday, October 2, 1903.

Opened by devotional exercises by Bird Sololaneeta.

The Association was called to order, and our Brother Suate Owl as Moderator, our Brother Jessie Reed Clerk and Brother Ezekiel Ned Treasurer. The Association then adjourned for preaching by Bro Andrew Otter, and read the 9th verse of the 5th chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews. Then the Association took a recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1903.

The Association was called to order by the moderator. On motion the delegates presented their credentials, and the following churches were represented:—Big Cove, Macedonia, Yellow Hill, and Echota, or Birdtown churches. On motion, it was ordered that if any new churches wished to join the Association, and one church made its application, the Rock Spring Baptist Church came forward with the following letter:

GRAHAM COUNTY, N. C., AUGUST 21, 1903.

This is to certify that Rock Spring Baptist Church, now a member of the Tennessee River Baptist Association, and in good and regular standing, and at their own request do dismiss from us to unite with the Indian Association, Swain county, N. C.

This done in the regular annual session of the Tennessee River Association at Sweet Water church, Graham county, N. C.

T. A. CARPENTER, Moderator.

R. T. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Brothers Jesse Reed, John Jackson and Andrew Otter.

Committee on next meeting of the Association were:—Bros. Bird Sololaneeta, Willste Davis and James Te-wad-ly.

ON ARRANGEMENT—Bro. Jesse Reed.

ON OBITUARY—Bros. Jackson and James Lossie.

On motion the committee on Sunday Schools made the following report:

We believe that the Sunday School is one of the most important works of the church, and that our people should take more interest in said work and we earnestly appeal to you to revive the Sunday School work with the churches of our Association, and

that the Association appoint a Sunday School missionary, and that we pray to God that he may be successful in his mission, and ever remembering our Saviour's last command: "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations, and baptize all that believe."

ANDREW OTTER, }  
JESSE REED, } Committee.  
JOHN JACKSON, }

On motion the committee on Obituary made the following report:

Our sister Mary Lossie a member of Yellow Hill church, departed this life with full hopes of entering into the Kingdom of God, and her last words were as follows: "I am praying to God without ceasing;" and asked that all her people to meet her in heaven. Our brother David Partridge, a member of the Echota (or Birdtown) died with full hopes of the future. Our sisters Alie Bigmeat and Lucy Cloud, members of Maçidonia church, departed this life with full assurance of being saved.

JACKSON LONG, }  
JONES LOSSIE, } Committee.

On motion the Association adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 3RD, 1903.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Bro, James Lee.

Motion to read the minutes of yesterdays proceedings. Minutes read and approved.

On motion the Association adjourned for preaching by Bro. James Linder. Text Jno. 5:16.

On motion the Association took recess for 45 minutes.

EVENING SESSION, SATURDAY OCT. 3RD, 1903.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator. Devotional exercise by Andrew Otter, by reading Mathew 2nd chapter, and prayer.

Moved and seconded to appoint a Sunday School Missionary for the next twelve months and that the deacons of the different churches are requested to take a collection at their churches to pay for his expenses as they see fit, and Bro. John Jackson was appointed as Sunday School Missionary. On motion committee for next meeting of the Swain Indian Association report as follows:

The next meeting will be held with the church at Echota, or Birdtown church, commencing Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1904. Preaching by John Jackson.

BIRD SOLOLANEETA }  
WILLSTE DAVIS } Committee  
JAMES TE-WAD-LY }

On motion the sum of two dollars was set apart to pay for printing the minutes of the Association. On motion Jesse Reed was appointed to have the minutes interpreted, and to have the minutes printed. On motion the sum of one dollar was set apart to pay for interpreting the minutes into English. Moved and seconded to adjourne till tomorrow

morning at 9 o'clock a. m. Motion carried and adjourned.

THIRD DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1903.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by John Jackson. Moved and seconded to read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings. Minutes read and approved. On motion Andrew Otter was appointed a delegate to the Western Baptist Convention. Moved and seconded to take a collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Andrew Otter as delegate to the Western Baptist Convention, and the sum of \$8.82 was realized. On motion the Association adjourned to hear Bro. James Liner preach, and read Job 3:28.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4th, 1903.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Preaching by Bro. James Liner, after which the Association adjourned by giving each other the their right hands.

SUATE OWL, Moderator.

JESSE REED, Clerk

W. L. FRENCH, Interpreter.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

*ANDREW OTTER .....	BIRDTOWN, N. C.
*JOHN LONG .....	" "
WAIDSUTTE QUEEN .....	" "
WILL RATLIFF .....	" "
*SUATE OWL .....	CHEROKEE, N. C.
*BIRD SOLOLONEETA .....	" "
*JOHN JACKSON .....	" "
JOHN POWELL .....	WAHHL-GA, N. C.
JESSE REED .....	" "
JAMES SCREMER .....	" "

Those with a \* opposite them are ordained ministers.

Number of church members belonging to Swain Indian Association, 103.

Number of delegates, 22.