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Of the 35th Green River Association,

HOLDEN AT BLUE SPRING CHURCH, IN BARREN COUNTY,
ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1834.The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Ellison—Elder
Ralph Petty acting as Moderator; and Richard Garnett, Clerk.Letters from the several Churches in this
Association were called for and read, and the
messengers' names enrolled in the following
table:—

	Baptised.	Dis'd by Letter.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total No. Memb.
<i>CHURCHES—Messengers' Names.</i>							
Mount Tabor—JACOB LOCK, <i>James Lock and James Wheeler,</i>	1	1	2	6	5		166
Sinking Creek—JOHN H. OWEN, Wm. Gardner and Jacob Wright,	1	4	4		1	2	129
Blue Spring—RALPH PETTY, Stephen Ratliff and James G. Hardy,	3	1	2	1	1	1	71
Beaver Dam—Rich'd Ray, Garland Ray and Warren Moore,	2	3	5		2	3	93
Holly Spring—JOHN JONES, <i>Frederick Meredith and James Drury,</i>	2	1	5	1	4		65
Bowlinggreen—Dan'l Smith & J. M. Blakey,	43	12	1		7		145
New Hope—Joel H. Brumfield, James Gill and James Martin,	5	2			6	1	33
Salem—Wm. Savage, Robert Ferguson and Isaac Mayfield,			1				46
Three Springs—Isham Hardy, Aaron Alderson and Wm. F. Cook,		1	2	1		1	30
Mount Olive—Jona. Baker, Rob't C. Blakey and James Milligan,	14	3	8	3			40
Loy—John Isbel, Andrew Hack and Thomas Brooks,	4	8		1			36
Big Reedy—JESSE MOON, James Oller and William Clark,	18		2				48
Brownville—A. M. Barrett, John S. Davis and Felix Jones,		6		1	3		18
Nolynn—John Sanders,		2			6		19
Barren River—Thos. Potter, Shadrack Hays and Wm. Hays, Jr.							
Cedar Spring—Richard Gardner and Daniel Spurlock,		3	4				22
Smith's Grove—Wm. Hendrick, Wm. Wright and Edm'd Hall,	1	11	1	1	3	1	75
Mount Pisgah—Moses Cox, Joseph Warder and Thomas James,	1	8			3	1	62
Glasgow—Rich'd Garnett, W. R. McFerran and H. Eubank,		1	2				39

[The names of ordained preachers are in SMALL CAPITALS—those in italics are licensed.] Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

On Sabbath, Elders Rutherford, Emmerson and Mansfield, preached to a large congregation.

On Monday morning, August the 11th, 1834—met according to adjournment, and after prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to appoint brethren Edmund Hall moderator, and Richard Garnett clerk.

The rules of decorum were read and their observance recommended by the moderator.

Letters of correspondence from our sister associations were called for, and as many as were received were read and the messengers invited to seats, to wit: From Salem, Ky. no letter or messenger. From Gasper's River, by brother Mansfield, who delivered the letter on Saturday, but is not now present. From Stockton's Valley, no letter, but brother Ellison being present, was invited to a seat with us as a visitor. From Drake's Creek and Goshen, no letter or messenger. From Russell's Creek, by John Scott, William Irvine, Edward Lewis and Johnson Graham. From Barren River, no letter. From Bethel, by Elder R. Rutherford, who delivered the letter, but is not now present; Elder Ally being present, was invited to a seat as a visitor. Robert Ferguson, A. M. Barret, James G. Hardy, Stephen Ratliff and James Lock, were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the association, who retired, and in a short time returned and made a report, which was adopted. The case of Barren River church was taken up, and on motion of brother Petty, laid over until the next association, and agreed to write a friendly letter to that church, suggesting as the advice of this association, "That Churches should not make the subject of the Kentucky Baptist Convention a test of fellowship or a cause of hurt among brethren," and A. M. Barret and Henry Eubank are appointed to write the letter and report it to this body.

The case of the Green River Church was taken up, there being two parties of said church, each claiming to be the church—the report of a committee chosen by the messengers of said parties to settle their difficulties, was presented to the association as follows: "8 o'clock, Monday morning, met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to take up the case of the Green River Church, and heard their complaints. 1st—It is our opinion that the election of A. G. Maxey to the association was lawful, but not expedient. 2nd—It is also our opinion that the views of A. G. Maxey respecting a sinner's coming to Christ, is erroneous. 3rd—We also are of opinion that the reception of the advice of the committee at brother Savage's, being received by both parties of said church, ought to be sufficient acknowledgements; and now we recommend that both parties forgive one another and live together as brethren.

ZACHARIAH EMMERSON, Moderator.

J. GRAHAM,
DAVID ALLY, } Committee."
LEWIS ELLISON, }

And it is the opinion of this association, that the views and advice of said committee are good and that the parties ought to accede to them; and on motion, it is agreed that the case lie over until next association, and that we advise the two parties to unite upon the report and live together according to the advice of said committee.

Brethren James G. Hardy and James Lock, are appointed to prepare a circular address, to be printed with these minutes.

Brethren A. M. Barret, Henry Eubank, James M. Blakey and Wm. R. McFerran, were appointed a committee to prepare letters of correspondence to Gasper's River, Salem, Ky. Stockton's Valley, Drake's Creek, Goshen, Russell's Creek, Barren River and Bethel associations.

Agreed that our next association be holden at Beaver Dam Church, in Edmundson county, on the 2d Saturday in August next.

Voted that Elder Jacob Lock preach the introductory sermon at our next association, and in case of his failure, Elder Ralph Petty; and that Richard Garnett write the circular letter.

James G. Hardy and James Lock, appointed to settle with the treasurer, and William Savage and William Wright to receive contributions.

The committee to settle with the treasurer made a report, shewing the association indebted to the treasurer in the sum of \$2 56—and it also appears that the association is indebted to brother John White in the sum of \$2 25. The contributions amount to \$17 62 cents.

Brother Robert Ferguson is appointed treasurer, and he is to draw from brother Thomas Winn, former treasurer, all money remaining in his hands, and to pay over to brother White the \$2 25 due to him, and to retain in his hands the \$2 56 due to himself.

Voted that 700 copies of these minutes be printed, and that Richard Garnett superintend the printing and distribution thereof among the churches according to their contributions, retaining 100 copies to be sent to corresponding associations.

Agreed to send a letter of correspondence to South Concord association, and James G. Hardy to write it; and the letter being written, was approved, and brother Isaac Mayfield appointed to bear it.

The circular letter was read, approved, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

On the request of Mount Pisgah Church, the 3d Sabbath in October next is appointed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer—also the 5th day of January next is set apart for the same purpose. A Union Meeting is appointed to be held at Mount Pisgah Church, in Barren county, on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in October next, and to continue as long as may seem expedient, brethren Petty, Lock, Jones and Moon to attend, and all orderly united baptist preachers are respectfully invited to attend and participate in the labours of the meeting. A Union Meeting is also appointed to commence at Brownville, on the Friday preceding the 3d Saturday in May next, and to be continued as long as may be thought advisable, at which time and place the above described ministering brethren are requested to attend.

Letters of correspondence to our sister associations were read and approved, and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows, to wit:— To Gasper's River, Jonathan Baker. To Salem, Ky. Frederick Meredith, Aaron Alderson and A. M. Barret. To Stockton's Valley, Ralph Petty, Stephen Ratliff and Jehiel Forrest. To Drake's Creek, John H. Owen, Wm. Hendrick and James G. Hardy. To Goshen, Frederick Meredith and John S. Davis. To Russell's Creek, Jacob Lock, Thos. Edwards and Aaron Alderson. To Barren River, Ralph Petty. Wm.

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Hendrick, Jeniel Forrest, John H. Owen, William Wright, Thomas James, James G. Hardy, Stephen Ratliff and Jacob Lock. To Bethuel, Daniel Smith, Joseph Warder and Edmund Hall.

The letter to Barren River Church was reported and approved, and William Hendrick appointed to bear it.



CIRCULAR.

DEAR BRETHREN—It is usual to address you a circular, and it is pleasing to us to do so now, because we have been able to settle most of the difficulties of the divided churches, and we were enabled to unite and hold this session of our association as one body. Now brethren, we pray the Lord to enable you and us to cherish and improve the union that has taken place. We have all been long afflicted with dissensions and divisions; love seemed to have fled from us; the cheering sound of peace for a time forsook us, and the glad news of sinners coming to the Lord has not been enjoyed in our borders to the measure that has blest other quarters; but brethren, we hope that the spirit of God has influenced us to what is done, and we trust that aching hearts will again rejoice and that christians will unite in shewing forth a pattern of forbearance and brotherly love—that Christ's people will invite sinners to his feet—that the ambassadors of the Lord will be faithful in the field of their labours, and in a word, that all, both small and great, will fill the places that God has placed them in. Now, brethren, it is for us, under God, to say whether we have done any good for the cause of God; whether we will make it a blessing or not; then let us shew to all around that we rejoice in peace, that our labours are for the Lord—that we will not lay more on others than we ourselves are willing to bear. Let us give our hearts with our hands, and if we can discover ought of lingering in our breasts, let us pray the Lord that he will supply its place with love: and oh! that peace, union and christian friendship may guide us in the future. Finally, brethren, with humility and submission to the Lord, we commend you to his care; may he guide you—may we all be one people in Christ, is the prayer of your unworthy brethren in the Lord. Farewell.

EDMUND HALL, Moderator.

RICHARD GARNETT, Clerk.

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