

Early Minutes of the Russell's Creek Association of Baptists 1817-1828

Minutes of the Russell's Creek Association of Baptists held at Union Meeting house, in Adair county, Kentucky, on Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th of September, 1819.

1st Friday, at 12 o'clock, Elder William Warder delivered the Introductory sermon from Gen. 49:1.

The letters from the following churches were read, and their Messengers names enrolled, and are as follows:

Key:

B – baptized D – dismissed R - restored T - total
RL – received by letter E – excluded D - dead

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Messengers</u>	B	RL	D	E	R	D	T
<i>Meadow Creek</i>	Thos. Moore	1		3	faded			
<i>Brush Creek</i>	J. Grayham, J. Money, I. Hazel	1	12	1				
<i>Mt Gilead</i>	I. Hodgen, G. Anderson B. Caldwell, A. Skaggs	10	3	5	1			
<i>Good Hope</i>	E. Jones, William _ivers			1	3	1		
<i>Sion</i>	H.G. Waggoner, J. White, Wm Burbridge, J. Waggoner, F. Montgomery			1	1	4	2	
<i>Pitman's Creek</i>	Horatio Chandler, William Cobb	28	5	3	3			
<i>Otter Creek</i>	David Elkins, <i>Stanley Walker</i>	2	1	2				
<i>Hopewell</i>	Ja's King, Morgan Morgan, Jo's Turnr	4	7					
<i>Friendship</i>	T.W. Edwards, O. Chany, J.M. Bingley		2					
<i>S.F. Nolin</i>	No account – No. last year							
<i>Union</i>	Charles Creel, D. Clark, S. Morris	2	1	1				
<i>Knox Creek</i>	No Account – No. last year							
<i>Bethel</i>	William Ripett, Thomas Craig							
<i>Little Barren</i>	W. Trent, A. Brochman, J. Smith	6	2	1				
<i>Judah</i>	Henry Hills	3			2		1	21
<i>Bethel</i>	Thomas Craig		2	4				34
<i>Salem</i>	No Account – No. las year							
<i>Bacon Creek</i>	David Clopton		2	2	1			
<i>Mt. Pleasant</i>	John Steel, Joshua Atkinson	1	1					
<i>_____ Springs</i>	John R. Smith, Samuel Coombes							
<i>Mt. _____</i>	Dutton Lane, Henry Yenky From Liberty no account.							

[Names in italics are licensed to preach in other Minutes, but no explanation given here.]

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The last two churches in the list are new constitutions the first of ___ ___ ___ from Friendship, and their letter expresses difficulties, and a wish to return to te church again if their difficulties can be removed, the ___ ideration of their cause is rered till tomorrow.

Sd Elder Isaac Hodgen Moderator, and Elder J. Chandler Clerk.

___ ___ from several associations corresponding with this ass'n --- --- the letter and took their seats-viz. Brother James Montgomery, ___ ___ Elder Wm. Worder and Dabney Turner, from Green river, Elder Wathel Robinson and Thos. Alexander, from Stockton's Valley – Elder Elijah Barnes & Wm Green, from Cumberland river – From Elkhorn, Salem, Red River and Long Run, rec'd no account. Agree to discontinue correspondence with Long Run.

Appointed Brethren M. Chandler, Isaac Smith, John M. Bingley, T.W. ___ and Enoch Jones, to write letters to the associations with whom we correspond.

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Minutes of the Russell's Creek Association of Baptists, Held at Meadow Creek, begun Saturday the 18th of September 1818, and continued till Monday 21st.

1. *Saturday Sepr. 18, Elder Isaac Hodgen delivered the introductory discourse from Gal. 5, 1.*
2. *Letters from Eighteen Churches were read and their Messengers names enrolled. The state of the Churches are as follows:*

Churches	Messengers	B	RL	D	E	R	D	T
<i>Meadow Creek,</i>	Thos Moore, Richard Walker, D. Gimlin,	2			2		2	56
<i>Brush Creek,</i>	<u>J. Crayham</u> , <u>W. Whitman</u> , I. _nzol, Z. Lewis,	2	3	2	2			82
<i>Mt. Gilead,</i>	Isaac Hodgen, Beverly Caldwell, Archibald Skaggs, Saml. Marshall.	3	3	6	1		1	136
<i>Good-Hope, Sion,</i>	Enoch Jones, John Duckworth (?), H.G. Waggoner, Wm. Burbridge, J. Waggoner, F. Montgomery,				4	1		132
<i>Pitman's creek, Otter creek,</i>	J. Harding, S. Harding, R. Chandler, D. Elkins, Chs. Howell, J. Miller, S. Owens,	11	4	6	5		3	155
<i>Hopewell, Friendship,</i>	James +ing, George Barger, J. Smith, Saml. Combes, Thos. Edwards,	1			2			46
<i>S.F. Nolin,</i>	J. Brunk, Shadrach Duncan.	2	1	1	4		1	70
		3	2	1	1			32

<i>Bethel,</i>	William Ripett, Thomas Craig,					3
<i>Little Barren,</i>	W. Trent, A. Brockman, J. Smith,	6	2	1		
<i>Salem,</i>	No account – No. last year					
<i>Bacon creek,</i>	David Clopton,		2	2	1	
<i>Mt. Pleasant,</i>	John Steel, Joshua Atkinson,	1	1			
<i>Stewart's Creek,</i>	John Chandler,	1	2			
<i>Rock Spring,</i>	John R. Smith, Samuel Coombes,					
<i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Dutton Lane, Henry Yeaky,					
		56	32	45	16	5 11
		Totals torn out				

The two last churches in the list are new constitutions the first of which came from Friendship, and their letter expresses difficulties, and a wish to return to the church again if their difficulties can be removed, the constitution of their cause is rered (?) till tomorrow.

3rd Elder Isaac Hodgen Moderator, and Elder J. Chandler Clerk.

4th Messengers from several associations corresponding with this ass'n, presented the letters and took their seats-vix. Brother James Montgomery, _____ District- Elder Wm. Warder and Dabney, from Green river- Elder Nathal Robinson and Thos. Alexander, from Stockton's Valley- Elder Elijah Barnes * Wm Green, from Cumberland river- From Elkhorn, Salem, Red river and Long Run, rec'd no account. Agree to discontinue correspondence with Long Run.

5th Invited ministers present, and belonging to the union, to take seats with us.

6th Appointe Brethren H. Chandler, Isaac Smith, John M. Bingley, T.W. Edwards and Enoch Jones, to write letters to the associations with whom we correspond.

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7th Collected \$15.37 cts. for the printing the Minutes and Circular address.

8th Appointed H. Chandler to superintend printing, and directed to get 500 copies printed, which are to be distributed as usual.

The reason why these Minutes have not appeared sooner, and why the circular address does not appear at all, is, after repeated disappointments at the printer at Springfield, who first engaged to print them, he states that he printed them there, together with the manuscript of these minutes, and the copy of those minutes which contained the circular address, but no account has been heard of them since. The clerk having the original manuscript of the minutes by him, prepared them again for the press, but the circular is finally lost, which is to be regretted, as it was a well written piece on the subject of ministrial (sic) support .

1821 [Printer's Notes Only]

Minutes of the Russell's Creek Association of Baptists held at Mount Gilead Meeting-house, Green county, 15th, 16th and 17th days of September.

1st. Saturday, 15th Sept. John Harding delivered the introductory Sermon, from Philippians, 2nd chap, latter clause of the 12th & 13th verses.

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12th. Collected money for printing the minutes & circular, & pay the superintendant.

13th. H. Chandler is appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes and circular, is to get 750 copies, 50 of which the moderator and clerk are to distribute among the corresponding associations, the remaining 700 to be distributed as usual, and deposited with brother Marshall in Greensburgh.

1822 [Printer's Notes Only]

MINUTES of the Eighteenth Russell's Creek Association Of UNITED BAPTISTS held at Providence Meeting-House, In the Town Of Creelsburg, Cumberland county, On the 21st Day of September, 1822, And Days Following.

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7th, Collected money for printing the minutes and circular letter, and pay the superintendant.

8th H. Chandler was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes and circular letter; is to get 500 copies printed, 450 of which are to be distributed among the churches as usual the remaining 50 the Moderator and Clerk are to distribute among the corresponding associations.

9th The minutes for the churches are to be deposited with brother Marshall of Greensburgh.

1823 [Printer's Notes Only]

MINUTES of The Eighteenth Russell's Creek Association of Baptists, Held at South Fork Nolin, Hardin County, On The 20th Day Of September, 1823, And Days Following.

Saturday, September 20th, 1823. 1. The introductory discourse was preached by J. Harding, from II Cor. 4th and 7th. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels," &c.

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VIII. Collected money for printing Minutes and Circular Letter, and pay the superintendent.

IX. H. Chandler is appointed to superintend printing the Minutes, is to get 700 copies printed, and after retaining 50 to be by the Moderator and Clerk distributed amongst the corresponding Associations, the rest are to be distributed amongst the Churches as usual, and deposited with brethren Scott or Marshall, of Greensburg, for their reception.

1824 [Printer's Notes Only]

MINUTES for The Twentieth Russell's Creek Association of Baptists Held At Friendship Meeting-House, Green County, On The 18th Day Of September, 1824, and days following.

Saturday, September 18th, 1824. 1. The introductory discourse was preached by Isaac Hodgen, from Psalms 133.1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."

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XVII. Agreed to appoint Isaac Hodgen to superintend the printing of the minutes: and to deposit them with brother John Scott, in Greenburgh, for distribution.

1825 [Printer's Notes Only]

MINUTES Of The Twenty-first Russell's Creek Association Of Baptists, Held At Zion Meeting House, Adair County, Kentucky, On The 17th, Day Of September, 1825, And days Following. Printed At The Office of the Columbia Reporter – Columbia, Ky.

Fifth paragraph, fourth sentence. The committee Appointed to print the treatise on church Discipline reported, that as the churches failed to send on money for that purpose, they had the Treatise printed at their own expense, and a good many copies are still on hand, to be disposed of for the benefit of the churches.

11. Collected money to pay for the printing the Minutes, and appointed Robt. T. Anderson to superintend it, agreed to have 600 copies, to be at Brother Scott's and Trabue's.

A Treatise of Church Discipline,

Chap. 1. ___ Gospel Church / / (1825). Date September, 1825, May___ print as it is stated in the ___ paragraph of the preface that, "The Russell's Creek Baptist Association, at their meeting in Green County, at Friendship Meeting-house, Monday on the 20th of September, 1824, appointed a committee to print and re_____ said treatise." It appears that the preface's correct date is September, 1825.

1826 [Printer's Notes Only]

MINUTES of the 22d. Russel's (sic) Creek Association of Baptists, Held at Good Hope meetinghouse, Green county, Kentucky, on the 16th of September 1826, and days following.

3d. Saturday, Sept. 16, 1826 – First, the introductory sermon was preached, by Elder John Harding, from Deut. 11. 18 & 19. Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes; and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sitest in thine house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, & when thou risest up.

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9th, Brother John Steel was appointed to prepare a circular letter, and preach the next introductory sermon: and in case of failure, Br. J. Harding.

10th, Collected money for printing Minutes and appointed Bro. R.T. Anderson to superintend the printing. Agreed to have 600 copies – distributed as usual – deposited in Greensburg and Columbia.

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MINUTES of the twenty-third Russel's (sic) Creek Association of Baptists, Held at Mount Pleasant meeting-house, Adair county, Ky, on the 15th of September, 1827- and days following.

Third Saturday, September 1827- 1 The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Harding, from Luke viii, 16, 17 & 18 verses: "No man, when hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed: but setteth it on a candle-stick, that they which enter in may see the light. For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known, and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given and whosoever hath so by, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

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8th. Collected money for printing minutes and appointed Brother Robert T. Anderson to superintend the printing.- Adjourned, until Association in course, third Saturday in September, 1825, at 11 O'clock A.M.

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MINUTES of the 24th Russell's Creek Association of Baptists. Held at Brush Creek meeting-house, Green County, Ky. on the 20th September 1828 – and days following.

Third Saturday, Sept. 1828, - - 1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Wm. Burbridge, from Matthew vii. 24-27. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them; I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds came and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these things and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended and the floods came and the wind blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell and great was the fall of it.

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3rd. We, as an Association, do most earnestly advise the churches to form Tract Societies, and particularly to encourage the General Baptist Tract Society, believing that they are calculated to do much good. And we would insist likewise that the churches, keep up regular prayer meetings, within their Bounds

4th. Agreed to annex to our Minutes this year, our plan or form of government, Principles of Union and Rules of Decorum.

6th. Agreed that the Tract on Communion, by S. M. Cone, be presented to the next association by the Clerk, for the Circular, instead of appointing some person to write one.

7th. Appointed Brother John Harding to preach the Introductory Sermon, if he fail, John Steel. 8th. Collected money for printing the Minutes and appointed the Clerk to superintend. –Adjourned till Association in course.