

Early Minutes of the Russell's Creek Association of Baptists - 1814-1816

Key:

B – baptized

D – dismissed

R - restored

T - total

RL – received by letter

E – excluded

D - dead

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder David Elkin, from Isaiah 28. 16. 17.
2. Letters from 16 churches were read – names enrolled and a list of their numbers taken which are as follows:

Saturday 17 September 1814 and the days following. Meadow Creek, Green County, KY.

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Messengers</u>	B	RL	D	E	R	D	T
<i>Meadow Creek</i>	John Chandler, Stephen Harding, Thos. Moore, Isaac Smith						2	58
<i>Brush Creek</i>	<i>Joel Gordon</i> , Ignatius Hazel, Edward Lewis	4	1	3		1	6	72
<i>Mount Gilead</i>	Isaac Hodgen, Daniel Trabue, Stephen Trabue, <i>George Spear</i> , John Steel		2	5		1	1	157
<i>Good Hope</i>	<i>David Taurman</i> , Enoch Jones		1	1	1			37
<i>Trammel's Creek</i>	William Erwin, Robert Irwin							7
<i>Sion</i>	Herbert G. Waggoner, William Barbridge, Francis Montgomery, John Waggoner		1					142
<i>Pitman's Creek</i>	John Harding, <i>James Ship</i> , <i>Samuel Harding</i> , Richard Shipp, Joseph Richeson	1		2	3	1	3	135
<i>Otter Creek</i>	Charles Howell, <i>J. Richardson</i> , <i>Stanley Walker</i>	2	1	2			1	51
<i>Hopewell</i>	<i>William Butler</i> , William Davis	1		2				24
<i>Sandlick</i>	David Elkin, Thomas Edwards, Samuel Combs		3	4	10	2		32
<i>S.F. Nolin</i>	Shadrach Duncan, Richard Crail, Ezekiel Marland	1		6	3	1		45
<i>Union</i>	Charles Creel, Samuel Morris	3	9		1		1	55
<i>Linn Camp</i>	Joseph Cogdill, Johnston Grayham			4	1		1	52
<i>Judah</i>	Henry Hills	3			2		1	21
<i>Bethel</i>	Thomas Craig		2	4				34
<i>Salem</i>	Henry Colgan, James Ballard, John Southern	1	5		1	1		13
<i>Trace Creek</i>	Alfred Hazel							6
	From Liberty no account.							
[Names in italics are licensed to preach in other Minutes, but no explanation given here.]		16	11	38	22	7	16	991

9. Brother Hodgen reports, that he has received between 20 and 30 dollars, originally designed to be converted to the use of the Mission in India – But the end then intended to be answered, has been supplied, he is directed to put the money on interest. But privileged if he sees a call, to convert it to the interest of the Redeemers Kingdom.

10. Appointed the 3rd Thursday in November, to be kept as a day of humiliation & prayer, by the Churches in our Association - -On account of the calamities of war; & invite our brethren of other denominations to join with us.

11. Brother John Harding to write the circular letter for next year and on the subject of the Lord's supper – Brother Chandler to superintend printing our minutes, and ordered to get 600

printed and to distribute them as usual. 1815 Brother Harding to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure Brother Waggoner.

Saturday 16 September 1815 and days following. Met at Sand Lick (now called Friendship) Meeting-house in Green County, Kentucky.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder John Harding from Matt. 24.14.

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Messengers</u>	B	RL	D	E	R	D	T
<i>Meadow Creek</i>	Thomas Moore, Richd. Walker, D. Gemlin	8	0	4	6	0	0	57
<i>Brush Creek</i>	Joel Gordon, Edward Lewis, Johnson Graham, Ignatius Hazel, Wm. Whitman	4	9	5	1	0	1	80
<i>Mount Gilead</i>	Isaac Hodgen, <i>Joshua Taylor, John Steel,</i> George Speer, John Ingram	2	8	15	9	0	1	142
<i>Good Hope</i>	John Chandler, D. Thurman, E. Jones	3	2	10	3	0	0	31
<i>Little Warren or</i> <i>Trammel's Creek</i>	Williamson Trent, William Erwin							12
<i>Sion</i>	Herbert G. Waggoner, Saml. Nailer, Francis Montgomery, Benjamin Nailer	1	2					145
<i>Pitman's Creek</i>	John Harding, James Ship, Joseph Richeson, Nimrod Stone, Horatio Chandler	36	3	9	9	1	3	169
<i>Otter Creek</i>	Charles Howell, <i>Stanley Walker, Jacob Miller,</i> James Howell	1	3	2	3	1	1	53
<i>Hopewell</i>	Henry Antle, Jeremiah Barger							22
<i>Friendship, formerly Sandlick</i>	David Elkin, James Morey, Thomas Edwards, John Smith	25	7	6	2			106
<i>S.F. Nolin</i>	Thomas Whitman, Shadrach Duncan	1		1	2			43
<i>Union</i>	Charles Creel, Saml. Morris, Wash't. Crawley	1	5	4	1			55
<i>Linn Camp</i>	Joseph Coghill, <i>Jacob Gum</i>			13	3			31
<i>Judah</i>	No account.							
<i>Bethel</i>	John Hunt, John Gilbreath	1	3	5	2			31
<i>Salem</i>	John Southern, Henry Colgan, Chas. Gum		1					12
<i>Trace Creek</i>	No account.							
<i>Three F. B. Crk.</i>	Philip Buckner, Archibald Moore							17
		83	43	74	26	2	7	1006

N.R. The Last Church on the list is a New Constitution, and was received into this Association at her request.

The former Moderator and Clerk, re-chosen, and the Association proceeded to business.

Saturday, 21 September 1816 ...till Monday the 23rd. Met at Sion Meeting-House, Adair County, KY.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by elder Isaac Hodgen, from 2. Cor. 5. 20.

2. Letters from the several Churches were read and their messengers names enrolled in the following order; the last of which was constituted since our last assn.

Note: Ordained ministers names are in capitals, and Licensed preachers in Italics.

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Messengers</u>	B	RL	DL	E	D	T
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<i>Meadow Creek</i>	Thomas.Moore	2	5	1	1	2	61
<i>Brush Creek</i>	Johnston Graham, William Whitman	2	5	5	4		81
<i>Mount Gilead</i>	Isaac Hodgen, Joshua Taylor, Beverly Caldwell, Thomas Willian	14	4		2	1 1	159
<i>Good Hope</i>	Enoch Jones, William Ratcliff	2	1	1			33
<i>Sion</i>	HERBERT G. WAGGONER, JOHN WHITE, W. Barbridge, John Waggoner, Francis Montgomery	1	6		1		140
<i>Pitman's Creek</i>	JOHN HARDING, Rech'd Ship, Joseph Richeson, Horatio Chandler	1	2	8	3	1	2 160
<i>Otter Creek</i>	Stanley Walker, Thos. Prince, David Miller	4	2	4		1	47
<i>Hopewell</i>	JAMES KING, Morgan Morgan, Geo. Barger	1	3	2			25
<i>Friendship</i>	John Thurman, James Moncy	1	5	7	2		103
<i>S.F. Nolin</i>	Shadrach Duncan, Isaac Ducworth, Jno. Lemmon	3	2	4	1		1 42
<i>Union</i>	Charles Creel, ELIJAH KING, SAMUEL HARDING, W. Crawley	3			1		52
<i>Linn Camp</i>	No account. Their number last year.						31
<i>Judah</i>	No account last year nor this.						
<i>Bethel</i>	Wm. Barley, John Hunt, Lewis Sheppard		2	9	3		24
<i>L. Barren</i>	No account number last year.						12
<i>Trace Creek</i>	Nearly extinct.						
<i>Salem</i>	No account. No. last year.						12
<i>3 F. Bacon Ck.</i>	Philip Buckner	5	4			1	26
<i>Stewart's Ck.</i>	JOHN CHANDLER, DAVID THURMON						15
							1023

3. Isaac Hodgen chosen Moderator, and John Chandler Clerk.

4. The messengers from sister associations were called on, and came forward in the following order, with their letters and took their seats: viz: Brethren, Jeremiah Brisco and Jas. Montgomery from S. District – brethren Walter Robinson, Lewis Ellison from Stockton's Vally – brother William Logan from Green river – Brethren Ellijah Barnes and Peleg Baker from Cumberland river – from Taits creek no account – from Elkhorn neither messenger nor letter. Brother Stephen Trabue presented a letter from Red River assn suing for correspondence which was agreed to, and brother Trabue invited to a seat.

5. Appointed brother Horatio Chandler, David Thurman, Wm. Whitman, Beverly Caldwell and Joseph Richeson to write letters to corresponding associations.

6. Appointed Brother Hodgen, Ellison and Barnes to preach tomorrow.

7. Appointed Brother Hodgen to prepare a circular address to be read on Monday morning.

8. Appointed brethren John Harding, Beverly Caldwell and Johnston Grayham to assist the moderator & clerk, in arranging the unfinished business of the association.

ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK

1. The Brethren appointed to visit Liberty, reported that they found no disposition in that church as a body, to return; she is therefore dropped from the association.

2. The brethren sent to Judah reported, that the brethren there stated, that they had dissolved, not on account of any dissatisfaction with the association, but on account of their weakness in number, together with some other difficulties. Agreed that brethren Elkin, J. Harden and Walker, visit those brethren, give them all the aid they can, and report the result next year.

3. The association received information that the church at Trace creek had nearly wasted away.—Agreed to advise any remaining in good order, to join some other church in the union. Brethren Grayham and Creel requested to give them the information.

5. Petitions from several churches appearing in their letters to b...(line unreadable)..., and especially a request from Mt. Gilead, to adopt the measure of appointing ministers to visit all our churches, after deliberation it was the opinion of the assn. that it would be more conducive to the glory of God, and the benefit of the churches, to dispense with union meetings as being too restricted, and adopt the following plan, To wit To engage all our preachers, ordained and licensed to visit all the churches in the course of the year. They are therefore aloted and ap[]ointed to the following order, viz: Isaac Hodgen, Joel Gordon and William Burbridge to commence at Hopewell the 1st day of March next. At Bethel the 2nd. At Sion the 3rd. At Union the 4th. At Mt. Gilead 5th. At Little Barren the 7th. At Salem the 8th. At Brush Creek the 9th. – At Linn Camp the 10th. At Meadow creek the 11th. At S.F. Nolin the 12th. At Otter creek the 13th. At Stewarts creek 15th. At Good Hope the 16th. – At Meadow creek the 19th.

David Elkin, Joseph Cogdill and Joshua Taylor to commence at Hopewell the 1st day of April, and so on according to the above order, around the churches. John Harding, Stanley Walker, and Elijah King to commence at Hopewell the 1st day of May, and go around in the aforesaid order. John Chandler, Herbert G. Waggoner and Wm. Bailey to commence and progress in the same order, beginning the 1st day of June. James King, Samuel Harding and Thomas Whitman to commence the first day of July at the same place, and in the same order as above. John White David Thurman and John Steel to commence the 1st day of August in the same order. John Chandler, Williamson Trent and Jacob Gum to commence the 1st day of Sept. in the same order as above.

6. Corresponding letters approved, and messengers appointed to bear them in the following order, To wit. To Long Runn, Isaac Hodgen and Samuel Harding; To Elkhorn, David Thurman, Samuel Stanley Walker, and Joseph Richeson --- To S. District, John Chandler, David Thurman, S. Harding Joseph Richeson, Wm. Whitman Horatio Chandler. --- To Stockton's Valley, Johnston Grayham and John Steel --- To Green River, Isaac Hodgen, John Harding Washington Crawley, Beverly Coldwell. To Cumberland, H.G. Waggoner, J. Steel, W. Burbridge, To Red River, Isaac Hodgen, John Harding. Agreed to discontinue correspondence with Tate's creek on account of the distance, and sent them a friendly letter by brother Barnes, stating the reason.

9. Agreed to unite with the Missionary societies in America, Europe and Asia, to set apart the evening of the first Monday in every month in prayer to almighty God, that he may crown with success, every honest attempt to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth, & recommend the same to the Churches under our care.

10. Brother Hodgen to write the next circular letter.

11. Brother Hodgen to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure Brother Saml. Harding.

CIRCULAR ADDRESS.

Dearlly beloved brethren in the Lord.

By reason of the death of our beloved brother, James Ship, who was appointed to write the Circular address this year, we had nothing ready, but feel unwilling to return to our homes, without offering you something that may be to your benefit, either in stiring up to Duty, or that may minister comfort and consolation. ... [Copies of the complete Circular Address (3.5 pages) available from Crystal Dingler]