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OF THE

## ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED AT

### HILLSBOROUGH MEETING-HOUSE,

### WOODFORD COUNTY, (KEN.)

*On the 9th of August, 1817.*

GEORGETOWN:

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# MINUTES, &c.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1817.**

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder DAVIS BIGGS, from Rev. 3rd. and latter clause of the 11th-verse.

Letters and messengers from 29 churches were received and read, their names enrolled, & numbers taken as follow :

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd.					Total.	
		by Bap.	by Let.	Restored.	Dismiss'd.	Excluded.		
Tates Creek	{ Thomas Watts, Joshua Quinn.	2	1	0	5	1	0	29
Clear Creek	{ Henry Tolar, John Graves, Lewis Sullivan.	10	5	1	6	0	1	145
S. Elkhorn,	{ J. Shackelford, J. Keiler, J. Parker, J. Craig, W. Gist.	158	10	12	94	3	4	346
G. Crossings,	{ James Suggett, James Johnson, William Suggett, Reubin Craig, Tho. Henderson.	2	5	0	7	0	4	264
Town Fork,	{ Wilham Stone, Hanson Williams.	0	0	0	12	0	0	68
Bryan's,	{ John Darnaby, C. Thompson, Asa Thompson.	11	1	0	14	1	0	137
Boon's Creek	{ Samuel Boone, L. Burbridge.	1	0	0	8	0	3	86
Mt. Moria,	{ Fleet Howard, Peter Weathers.	17	3	0	4	0	0	39
M'Connel's Run,	{ Samuel Trott, Rodes Smith, Toliver Craig,	0	3	0	8	2	4	155
		201	28	13	159	7	16	1147

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd.		Restored.	Dismiss'd.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
		by Bap.	by Let.					
Forks of Eikhorn,	{ W. Hickman, W. Samuel, J. Price, C. Blanton.	2	3	0	7	2	4	151
Mt. Island,	{ Edmund Sherley.	1	5	0	1	0	0	55
Silas,	{ Davis Riggs, John Chinn.	1	5	2	0	2	0	124
N. Elkhorn,	{ W. Chinn. Edmund Dingle, John Graves.	0	2	0	9	0	2	99
Glen's Creek	{ John Edwards, Robert Dale, Reuben Long.	65	15	2	2	1	0	175
Dry Run,	{ John Miller, S. Stone.	0	0	1	1	1	2	24
North Fork,	{ Presley Neal, John M'Donald.	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Clover Bottom	{ Frederic Elgin, Isaiah Boone.	13	2	2	0	0	0	44
Hillsborough,	{ Thomas Duvall, William Dale, W. Tillery.	0	0	0	12	1	1	111
David's Fork	{ Jer. Vardiman, A. Wilson, E. Darnaby, James Welch.	64	7	3	17	4	0	364
Mt. Pleasant,	{ Edmund Waller, T. Hayden, J. Lancaster.	151	14	2	14	4	1	318
Mt. Gilead,	{ Geo. G. Boone, Joseph Scroggen.	5	4	0	5	0	4	56
Long Lick, Bethlehem,	{ J. Foster, (no letter) William Boggess.	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Geo. Town,	{ William Boggess. John Thomson, B. S. Chambers.	0	1	0	0	1	1	19
Hartwood,	{ John Thomson, B. S. Chambers. John H. Ficklin, George Threlkild.	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Versailles,	{ John H. Ficklin, George Threlkild. Jacob Creath, Thomas Bullock, Peter Conoyer.	0	2	0	3	0	1	37
		0	0	0	0	0	0	17
		302	67	12	71	16	16	1353

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd.		Dismiss'd.	Excluded.	Deceas'd.	Total.
		by Bap.	by Res.				
Big Spring,	{ Silas M. Noel, George Holloway.	0	2	0	1	0	36
Providence,	{ Daniel Bryan, Peter Higby, L. Bryan, John Mason.	2	0	0	0	0	147
1st. Bap. Ch. in Lexington,	{ James Fishback, Benjamin Stout, E. Smith.	0	0	0	0	0	38
Mt. Union,	{ William Boone, E. Bryan, S. S. Wilson.	0	0	0	0	0	42
TOTAL.		503	96	25	220	23	3205

1. After the Association was organized, a private ballot was held for Moderator and Clerk; when Brother Thomas Bullock was elected moderator and Brother Silas M. Noel, Clerk.

2. After the names of the messengers composing the Association were called, opportunity was offered for the admission of new churches; when the following three were received, viz. Providence, 1st, Baptist Church in Lexington and Union.

3. Letters and messengers from the following Corresponding Associations were received, viz. *North Bend*—Brethren Absolem Graves and Jesse L. Holman—*Green River*, no messenger—*Tate's Creek*, Brother J. Hudson—*Long Run*, Brethren George Walker, William Buckley, John Coons and William Dawkins—*South District*, Brethren John Rice, E. Thomson, Gabriel Slaughter and John Higgins—*Cumberland*, Brother Elijah Barnes—*Salem*, Brother M. Uterback—*Bracken*, Brethren J. M'Cloud, W. Warder & J. Morris—*Union*, Brother G. Riley—*North District*, Brethren J. Sims and J. Masca—*Franklin*, Brethren J. Adkins, J. Edwards, S. Jesse, W. Hickman & J. Graddy—*Russet Creek*, Brother J. Richardson.

4. The circular letter was called for, which was read and referred to the Committee of Business.

5. A letter from the "Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States," was handed to the Association by brother Vardiman, which was also referred to the committee of business.

6. On motion, brother James Welch was invited to a seat in the Association.

7. On motion agreed, that after the second sermon shall be delivered on the Sabbath, a public collection be made for the promotion of Western Missions; and that brother Silas M. Noel deliver an address to the congregation on the occasion.

8. Whereas the business of this Association requires two clerks, agreed, that brother Thomas Henderson be appointed second clerk.

9. On motion agreed, that Brethren J. Johnson, B. Stout and J. Suggett, with the Moderator and Clerks, be appointed a Committee to arrange the business of the Association and report on Monday.

10. Elders James Fishback, James E. Welch and Walter Warder were appointed to preach on the Sabbath.

11. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11th.

Met agreeably to adjournment and proceeded to business.

1. The Committee of arrangement made report, which was received.

2. Agreeably to arrangement, the Circular letter was called for, read, amended and received.

3. Took up the business from Clear Creek, on the subject of Masonry. On motion agreed, to appoint a select Committee, to frame an answer to that church. Answer of the Committee.—As we understand, that the essential part of the Masonic institution is se-

creed. A resolution find themselves disqualified to give... of the morality of the institution. We therefore, in the regard to the rights of private judgement and individual situation, would advise the members in our connection, in no case, to join themselves to a Masonic Lodge; which report was received and adopted by the Association.

4. The Missionary business was called for, and taken up. Silas M. Noel, president of the board, reported that seventy-six dollars nineteen cents had been contributed. On motion agreed, to deliver the same into the hands of the Treasurer of the Kentucky Board, with a request to that Board to pay the amount to brother James Welch, (a Missionary from the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States) to promote Western Missions.

The business from Dry Run was called for, and after some debating, on motion agreed to give the following answer, viz. In the general, we conclude it improper for a church to receive persons, excluded by another church.

6. The business from Glen's Creek was called for, and without discussion, liberty was granted that church to withdraw & join the Franklin Association.

7. On motion agreed, that in future a corresponding letter be written & annexed to our Minutes, which shall be addressed to all our Corresponding Associations.

8. On motion agreed, that brethren Johnson, Suggett and Trott be appointed to write a corresponding letter for the present year.

9. The following brethren are appointed corresponding messengers:—*North Bend*, Brethren J. Suggett, Asa Thomson, P. Higbey and J. Graves—*Green River*, none—*Tate's Creek*, Brethren George G. Booz, J. Creath, W. Boone and L. Burbridge—*Long Run*, Brethren E. Wailer, John Lancaster and John Keller—*South District*, Brethren J. Creath and G. Boone—*Salem*, Brethren J. Vardiman, J. Creath, & L. Sul-

five—*Bracken* Brethren S. M. Neal, Jacob Creath,  
 J. Fishback and J. Suggitt—*Union* Brethren Dingle  
 and G. Thrikkild—*North* Brethren G. Boone,  
 J. Creath, J. Fishback and S. M. Neal—*Franklin*,  
 Brethren Silas M. Neal, Henry Tolar, W. Samuel,  
 Peter [?], Thomas Bullock, Thomas Davall,  
 Lewis Salmon, Jacob Creath, W. Stone, [?]  
 [?], B. S. Chambers & T. Henderson—*South*  
 [?], none—*Greensboro*, Brother Davis Biggs.

10. On motion agreed, that brother Silas M. Neal write the Circular letter for the next Association.

11. On motion agreed, that brother Samuel Trott write the next Corresponding letter.

12. Agreed, that the next Association be at South Elkhorn Fayette county, 2d Saturday in August 1817.

13. Appointed Elder John H. Ficklin to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of his absence Elder Henry Tolar.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

The Elkhorn Association of Baptist, met at Hillsborough, on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1817; to the churches composing the same, send Christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

We have enjoyed the felicity, once more, to meet in an associated capacity, and receive intelligence from the churches and association in our union.

The interview has been comfortable: considerable additions in some parts of our body, have been made since our last general meeting, and the churches in general, appear to be in a state of peace and tranquillity, which is ample cause of gratitude and thanksgiving to the great King of Zion. Upwards of thir-