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THE

MINUTES

OF THE

LONG-RUN ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT HAROD'S-CREEK MEETING-HOUSE, THE FIRST FRIDAY

IN SEPTEMBER, 1810.

Minutes, &c.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Brother Hinson Hobbs, from the 19th verse of the 4th chapter of the first general epistle of John: "*We love him, because he first loved us.*"

2d. Letters from the different Churches were read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.						Total no. in fel.
		Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed.	Secluded.	Restored.	
<i>Beargrass</i>	George Hikes, and Joseph K Har	7	6	2	1		76
<i>Brashear's-Creek</i>	Jas. M. Quade, David Standeford and Enoch Hansbrough	58	7	7	4	2	131
<i>Chinowith's-Run</i>	Edward Tylor and Thomas Graham	5	3	3		2	27
<i>Fox-Run</i>	William Ford and John Clark						
<i>Buck and Elk</i>	Joseph Acres and William Stout	50	4	22		4	146
<i>Beach-Creek</i>	S. Cares, C. Mothershead & Wm. Ware	66	13		2	5	167
<i>Harod's-Creek</i>	Wm. Kellar, Ben. Allen, & T. White	25	3	5	2	2	143
<i>Long-Run</i>	Joseph Collins and William Neil	18	9	4	2	10	81
<i>Salt-River</i>	John Penny and Robert Blackwell	112	10	2	2	8	219
<i>Bethel</i>	John Barbee, Robert Tylor, Presley Dogged, and Robert Glass	134	5	5		1	178
<i>Silver-Creek</i>	Jno. Fisler, E. Carr & Wm. Goodwine		8	2			62
<i>Buck-Creek</i>	William M. Coy and George Waller	58	9	6	3	3	125
<i>Six Mile</i>	Joshua Rucker and John Metcalf	57	13	16	8		131
<i>Eighteen Mile</i>	Wm. Daukins, J. Coons & J. Stevens	13	3	3	1		100
<i>Corn-Creek</i>	Jno. Taylor, Dan. Maddox & Fr. Fresh	6	6	3		1	82
<i>Rock-Lick</i>	Jas. Hayden, Jas. Kerlin & Wm. Jones			4	2		32
<i>Burk's Branch</i>	L. Noel, Laz. Wilcox, J. Jones & J. Green	58	12	3	1	3	99
<i>Guin and Back-Run</i>	J. Drake, J. Jones, and J. Anderson	14	5	4		3	62
<i>Little-Mount</i>	Daniel Wise and James Martin	54	7	4		3	86
<i>Sulphur-Fork</i>	Samuel Nelson and Daniel Pritchard	13	2			2	44
<i>South Long-Run</i>	Hinson Hobbs, E. Edwards & Z. Carpenter	44	10	4	1	5	91
<i>Lick-Branch</i>	Joseph Ellis and Hadley Head	2		1		1	42
<i>East Floyd's-Fork</i>	A. McGuire, I. Forbis, & V. Chastien	15	3			3	60
<i>Port-William</i>	Mordecai Jackson and John M. Price	2	2	14	10		76
<i>Drinen's-Creek</i>	Jas. Bartlett, and T. Vadivere	8	3	2	2		53
<i>Twins</i>	Saml. Simpson and J. Scott	4	12	2			117
<i>Drinen's Ridge</i>	Isaac Malon, and Francis Baxter	6	7	1	3	3	44
<i>Buffalo-Lick</i>	Philip Webber and Martin Basket	40	4	2			76
<i>South Benson</i>	William Hickman and Tho. McQuady	4	1		4		55
<i>Flat-Rock</i>	Jas. Bartlett and Saml. Vance	36	4	2	1	2	64
<i>Indian Fork</i>	Abraham Cocke and Abr'm Bohanon	36	12	3	1	2	71
<i>Crooked-Creek</i>	Jeese Vawter and Philemon Vawter		14		1		41
<i>White's Run</i>	Nathan Hare and Samuel Wilkins		4			1	19
<i>Plumb-Creek</i>	Jonathan Ozbourn and Elijah Weeks	3	1		1		17
<i>Little-Flock</i>	Thos Sanders and Saml. Paris	8	1				17
<i>Knob-Creek</i>	Allen Kindall and D. Robins						6
<i>Indian-Creek</i>	Ralph Cotton						11
Total number.		956	203	126	53	66	14,273

[Errors excepted]

3d. John Penny chosen Moderator, and William McCoy Clerk.

4th. Letters of correspondence from Elkhorn, South District, Northbend, and Salem Associations were read, and the messengers' names enrolled, (viz.)—From Elkhorn, brother Thomas Bullock; from South District, brethren Elias Fisher, and David Jones; from Salem, brethren Moses Pearson, and Absalom Holly; from Northbend, brother Christopher Wilson—Received their letter from the Wabash District Association: but no messenger.

5th. A letter from North District Association, requesting a correspondence with us was read—the Association agreed to correspond with them, and invited their messengers (viz.) Isaac Croucher, Joseph Craig, and Ambrose White, to a seat.

6th. Five churches newly constituted, petitioned for admittance into this Association, and were received.

7th. Two letters presented from Rock-Lick Church, were read, ordered to be referred, till to-morrow.

8th. The Circular Letter called for, read, and referred till to-morrow.

9th. Brethren appointed to write letters of correspondence to the different corresponding Associations (viz.)—Brother George Waller to Elkhorn; brother Tho. Vandivere to South District; brother Isaac Forbis to Salem; brother Robert Glass to Northbend; brother William Kellar to Wabash District Association; brother A. M'Guire to North District.

10th. The moderator and clerk, with brethren John Taylor, and John Scott, appointed to arrange the business of the Association for to-morrow.

11th. Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

12th. Met according to adjournment.

13th. The case of Rock-Lick sending two letters attended to, and the letter presented by brethren James Hayden, Jas. Kerlin, and William Jones received.

14th. The Circular Letter read and received.

15th. Brother Starke Dupny's letter, at the request of several churches was read, and referred for the consideration of the different churches, forming the Association—said letter being on the subject of sending missionaries to the Indians.

16th. Query—from Beargrass. Is it right to receive negroes, that are the property and slaves of other men, into churches, as members in full fellowship, or not? Answer—Yes, by the consent of their owners.

17th. A reference from Corn-creek attended to, and voted out of the Association.

18th. Letters of correspondence attended to, and messengers appointed to bear them (viz.)—Brethren John Taylor, Wm. Hickman, Joshua Rucker, and George Waller to Elkhorn; brethren George Waller, John Taylor, and Joshua Rucker, to Salem; brethren John Taylor, John Scott, Joshua Rucker, A. M'Guire, and Jas. Bartlett, to North District; brethren John Taylor and John Scott to Northbend.

19th. Brother Wm. Ford to write the circular letter for the ensuing Association.

20th. Next Association to be held at Salt-River meeting-house, the first Friday in September, 1811.

21st. Brother Wm. Kellar to preach the introductory sermon; and in case of failure, brother John Taylor to be prepared.

22d. Brethren John Penny and Robert Blackwell to superintend the printing the minutes and make distribution of them.

23d. Brethren John Taylor, Joshua Rucker, and Christopher Wilson, to preach to-morrow.

JOHN PENNY, Moderator.

WILLIAM MCCOY, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Long-Run Association, to the Churches with whom we are connected.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the goodness of God, we are favored with another meeting ; and in token of our love to you, shall recommend a few hints, on the important subject of watchfulness, good order, and discipline. " What I say unto you, I say unto all ; *watch.*"—Mark 13th and 37th. In the first place, watch against a spirit of self-conceit and high-mindedness, and ever fondness of self-importance—Remember you are far from infallibility, or perfection in knowledge. But at the same time, watch against a lazy indifference to a progressive acquaintance with the things of God ; and remember that the Bible contains an inexhaustible treasure of religious knowledge, which you have not fully explored—Watch against all notions which tend to flatter human pride, and encourage the idea of merit in a sinner ; and ever remember that the design of God in the dispensation of his law, is to abase the haughtiness of man ; that his free grace may be exalted as the only source of the sinner's salvation—And watch equally against the sentiments which tend to encourage licentiousness or sloth—remember it is Christ's design in the gift of the Gospel, to bring apostate creatures back to God. Watch against degrading ideas of the person of Christ ; and remember he is the only foundation of a sinner's hope, and the efficacy of his atoning sacrifice, depends on the dignity of his person, as God over all blessed forever—Watch against all sentiments that would lessen your abhorrence of sin—remember one neglect leads to another—let each one watch his own heart, remembering the charge given by the wisest of men—" Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4 & 23. Be watchful over the whole tenor of your lives—remember the grace of God teaches us to live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world.

We now address you on the subject of good order. There is nothing tends more to the unhappiness of churches, than a Presbytery neglecting or abusing the trust vested in them, by the great Head of the church. In the constitution of a church, great care should be taken that it is not carried into effect by the arts of designing men, to the injury of other churches, and dishonor of the cause of God. In licencing a man and sending him out to preach, great care and caution should be exercised by the church, as honor of the cause of God, much depends on his being acquainted with the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments—and the church should have satisfactory evidence of his being called to the work. As to the ordination of a minister, remember the charge given by Paul to Timothy and Titus ; and lay hands suddenly on no man—especially on a novice.

A few remarks on discipline. A strict reign of government and good order held in the churches, and their advisory councils will always be found productive of peace and harmony. Watch with a single eye to the glory of God—be careful of the weak and lame—remember they are as the apple of his eye—make the scriptures your only rule of faith and practice ; and also discipline. For if you do these things, you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.

Now the God of peace himself give you peace always by all means—the Lord be with you all. This salutation is the token of our love to you—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all—AMEN.

JOHN PENNY, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM M'COY, *Clerk.*