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# MINUTES

OF THE

*Long Run Association,*

HELD AT

SALT RIVER MEETING-HOUSE

THE FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1817.



FRANKFORT (Ky.)

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1st. The introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother WILLIAM KELLAR, from the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, and 31<sup>st</sup> verse:—"Whether therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

2d. Letters from the different Churches composing the association, were read, and the Messengers names enrolled.

| CHURCHES.                            | MESSENGERS NAMES.                                       | Baptised   | Red by letter | Dismissed by letter | Secured   | Restored  | Deaf      | Total Names |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Beargrass                            | Joseph Kellar & Wm. Atterburn,                          | 1          | 4             | 4                   | 2         |           |           | 69          |
| Brashears creek                      | James M'Quade & E. Hansbrough,                          | 9          | 9             | 24                  | 4         | 1         | 1         | 112         |
| Chinoweth's run                      | Arthur Chinoweth & Bartlett Asher,                      | 3          | 1             |                     | 2         | 1         |           | 25          |
| Fox run                              | William Ford,   |            |               |                     |           |           |           | 62          |
| Buck & Elk                           | I. Norman, D. Bennet & J. Tichener                      | 2          | 5             | 5                   | 3         | 1         |           | 146         |
| Beech creek                          | { Moses Scott, Saml. Tinsley and<br>Charles Motherhead, | 2          | 8             | 11                  | 6         | 1         |           | 161         |
| Harrod's creek                       | Wm. Kellar, B. Allen & T. White,                        | 6          | 13            | 10                  | 2         | 1         | 2         | 149         |
| Long run                             | Joseph Collins & Ben. Bridges,                          |            | 1             | 11                  | 1         |           |           | 71          |
| Salt river                           | J. Penny, R. Blackwell, & W. Baras                      | 2          | 1             | 18                  | 7         |           | 1         | 183         |
| Bethel                               | John Barbee and Robert Tylor,                           | 8          | 2             | 12                  | 1         |           |           | 170         |
| Silver creek                         | William M'Coy,  |            | 7             | 4                   | 2         |           |           | 62          |
| Buck creek                           | Geo. Walter and Peter Tichener,                         | 1          | 3             | 6                   | 2         |           | 2         | 116         |
| Six mile                             | J. Rucker, E. Ford and Jas. Ford,                       | 12         | 2             | 12                  | 8         |           | 1         | 116         |
| Eighteen mile                        | John Coors, J. Stephens & S. Rowsey                     |            | 1             | 6                   |           |           | 1         | 94          |
| Corn creek                           | John Taylor and John Conway,                            | 2          |               |                     | 3         | 1         | 1         | 80          |
| Rock lick                            | James Heydon and T. Woodridge,                          | 1          |               | 2                   |           |           |           | 31          |
| Burks branch                         | John Jones, J. Masterson, J. Stilwell,                  | 10         | 14            | 4                   | 4         |           |           | 119         |
| Cane & Bark run                      | Jesse Drake and Saml. Spark,                            | 1          |               | 2                   | 2         |           |           | 59          |
| Little Mount                         | J. Bilderback, D. Wise & J. Martin,                     | 1          | 1             | 10                  | 5         |           |           | 73          |
| Sulpher fork                         | John Ransdal and Saml. Nelson,                          | 11         | 6             | 1                   |           | 3         | 1         | 59          |
| South Long run                       | Zach. Carpenter and David White,                        | 6          | 3             | 11                  | 3         |           | 1         | 85          |
| Lick branch                          | Joseph Ellis and Hadley Head,                           | 4          |               |                     | 2         |           |           | 41          |
| E. Floyd's fork                      | Allan M'Guire and Isaac Forbis,                         | 8          | 2             | 1                   | 2         | 1         |           | 68          |
| Poit William                         | Benj. Craig and David Owens,                            | 3          |               | 3                   | 2         | 5         | 1         | 80          |
| Drennon's creek                      | James Bartlett and Eleazar Haddon,                      | 5          | 2             |                     | 4         |           |           | 54          |
| Twins                                | John Scott and John Searcy,                             |            | 3             | 1                   | 5         |           |           | 114         |
| Drennon's ridge                      | Isaac Melon and John Evans, (wood                       |            | 1             | 4                   | 1         |           |           | 40          |
| Buffaloe lick                        | P. Webber, M. Basket & J. Under-                        | 6          |               | 40                  | 4         | 1         |           | 76          |
| South Benson                         | Wm. Hickman & W. Brown,                                 | 1          | 7             |                     | 1         |           |           | 60          |
| Flat rock                            | John Netherton and Jas. Bartlett,                       | 4          | 4             | 5                   | 2         |           |           | 65          |
| Indian fork                          | Abraham Cook and A. Bohannon,                           |            | 1             | 6                   | 9         |           |           | 57          |
| Crooked creek                        | Phileman Vawter,  | 1          | 8             |                     |           |           |           | 50          |
| White's run                          | David Partlow,  |            | 1             |                     |           |           |           | 20          |
| Plumb creek                          | Elijah Weeks and Alex. Matthis,                         | 7          | 7             | 1                   | 3         |           |           | 28          |
| Little flock                         | Tyr. Harris and Joshua M'Cauley,                        | 7          | 6             | 2                   |           | 2         |           | 30          |
| Knob creek                           | David Robbins,  |            | 3             |                     |           |           |           | 9           |
| Indian creek                         | R. Cotton,  |            |               |                     | 1         | 2         |           | 12          |
| Floyd's fork                         | David Stark and Abraham Stark,                          |            |               |                     |           |           |           | 18          |
| Buck ridge                           | Jacob Haddon,   | 2          | 9             | 1                   |           |           |           | 29          |
| Upper C. Blue river                  |   |            |               |                     |           |           |           | 15          |
| Lower C. on Blue                     | William Stephens.                                       | 6          | 5             | 1                   |           |           |           | 17          |
| <b>Total Number, Errors Excepted</b> |   | <b>132</b> | <b>140</b>    | <b>218</b>          | <b>93</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>2935</b> |

3d. John Penny chosen Moderator, and William M'Coy Clerk.

4th. Corresponding letters called for, and the Messengers names enrolled, viz. From Elkhorn, Jacob Kreth, Lewis Sullivan, Thomas Bullock, Davis Biggs.

From South district, R. Hall, G. Slaughter, J. Rice, E. Fisher, J. Keil, J. Mayfield.

From North Bend, Robert Garnet.—From Salem, Thomas Hubbard, Warren Cash, Joseph Lewis.—North district, Robert Elkin, James Edwards, Isaac Croucher, Jesse Grady, Thomas Berry.—Wabash district, Isaac M'Coy.

5th. Three Churches, viz. one on Beech ridge, two on Blue river, one high up, the other low down on Blue river, petitioned for admittance, and was received, and the messengers invited to take their seats.

6th. The Circular letter called for, read, and laid over till to-morrow.

7th. Brethren appointed to write to the corresponding associations, viz. John Taylor to Elkhorn—to South district, George Waller—to Salem, Allen M'Guire—to Northbend, Thomas White—to North district, John Scott—to the Wabash district, Enoch Hansbrough.

8th. Brethren John Penny, Wm. Ford, and Wm. M'Coy, appointed to arrange the business of the association for to-morrow.

9th. Adjourned till to morrow 9 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment, and the moderator being providentially hindered from attending, brother George Waller was appointed moderator in his stead.

10th. The circular letter, again read, and received.

11th. The query from Salt river Church ; Is it for the glory of God, or to exalt man, that the names of ministers appointed to preach on the Lord's day at associations, are inserted in our minutes ? Attended to—Answer. We believe it to be for the glory of God, and not improperly exalting men.

12th. Request from Little Mount passed by.

13th. Query from Horrod's creek ; Is it not advisable that the ministers, belonging to the Churches of this association, visit the Churches around, and preach to them once a year ? Attended to—Answer. Yes, so far as ministering brethren will voluntarily engage in this good work ; Brethren, John Taylor, Joshua Rucker, Benjamin Allen, William Kellar,

George Waller, Abraham Cook, Allen M'Guire, James M'Quade, William Hickman, Philemon Vawters, Daniel Robins and William M'Coy, have given their consent to put in practice the above.

4th. Request from Buck and Elk creek passed by.

15th. The reference respecting Starke Dupuy's letter—referred to next association.

16th. The division of the association, referred for the consideration of the Churches, who are requested to report their conclusions to the next association.

17th. The request of brother David Benedict considered, and the Churches advised, to insert the names of ordained preachers in *Capitals*, and licensed preachers in *Italics*, the time they were constituted, and the name of the county they are in, in their letters to the association. This association requests brother John Taylor (in consequence of his age in the ministry, and extensive acquaintance with the associations and churches composing the same, in particular) to give brother Benedict all the information in his power.

18th. Corresponding letters called for, read, and messengers appointed to bear them, viz. To Elkhorn, brethren John Taylor, Joshua Rucker, Thomas White and Benjamin Craig. To Salem, Philip Webber, Wm. Hickman, jr. John Taylor, Wm. Kellar, Isaac Melon, George Waller and Thomas White. To South district association, John Taylor Joshua Rucker, Samuel Tinsley and George Waller. To North bend association, Benjamin Craig, Ben. Allen, John Scott and John Taylor. To North district, Allen M'Guire, Benjamin Allen, and Joshua Rucker. To Wabash district association, William M'Coy and Daniel Robins.

19th. Brother John Scott to write the Circular letter for the ensuing association.

20th. Money collected for printing the minutes; and brother James Heydon to superintend the same.

21st. Next association to be held at Buck's branch, Shelby County, Kentucky, the first Friday in September, 1812. Brother George Waller to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother John Taylor to be prepared.

22d. Brethren, John Taylor, Jacob Kreth and Joshua Rucker, to preach to-morrow.

GEORGE WALLER, MODERATOR.

WILLIAM M'COY, CLERK.

[ *Circular Letter.* ]

THE LONG RUN ASSOCIATION,

TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED:

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH divine goodness, we have been favoured with a another annual meeting, and have been blessed in our conference on matters of religion, with much unanimity and affection; the information received in the letters from the Churches, are in general pleasing; and as the business transacted appears in our minutes, we refer you to them; and take the liberty of addressing you on some other subjects, which we think highly interesting. Although the letters from the Churches inform us, that tranquility and good order, in general exist among them; yet we fear, there is a night season approaching, which you know brethren is generally accompanied with coldness and languor among Christians, and abounding iniquity, among the ungodly; the propagation of many anti-christian doctrines, some saying LO! HERE, and others, LO! THERE; if it should be the case, go not after them, attend to the words of him who cannot err, to the LAW, and to the TESTIMONY; if any doctrine accord not with that divine rule, reject it—and we desire to remind you, that a friendly intercourse between Churches, is evidently of great use to the cause of God, and though they are severally independent, yet in a variety of instances, they both need, and have it in their power, to afford each other essential assistance, by keeping up an intimate acquaintance, exercising a serious and mutual regard for their several rights and interests, contributing their parts for the benefit of the union, and sympathising in the joys and sorrows of each other; an excellent example of all which, we have in the state of the primitive Churches, as exhibited in the new Testament history; and we trust, are not without evidence of their existing (in some good degree) in our associational union. We also desire to rejoice with you, in viewing the happy effects the preaching of the gospel hath had, in our favoured land of late, and increase of the Redeemer's kingdom; and if we can derive consolation, from a prospect of Christ's kingdom advancing on earth, while yet it remains imperfect; how much more should we rejoice, in the view of its consummation in glory? Here Brethren, at one time, you are assault-

ed by Satan's temptations, and feel the motions of remaining corruption in your own hearts, prompting you to what your souls disapprove, and against which, you have sincerely resolved; at other times by an unguarded action, or incidental circumstance, you wound the peace of your best friend, or have a wrong construction put on your own intention, and feel in return, the effects of the same imperfection in others; but in the blessed state above, all causes of offence will cease, the sweetest harmony shall reign, and reign for ever. And while this perfection and happiness are in prospect, let us anticipate as much as possible, the life of heaven, by undissembled holiness, and keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. As ministers are the most public, and ordinarily, the most influential characters in the Church, much depends on them, for carrying the scriptural rules, respecting moderation, forbearance, and mutual love into execution: their sermons therefore, *their* private conversation, and whole conduct should breathe such a spirit. It is justly asserted, that in a public teacher example is necessary, to enforce his doctrine; and while consistency in the character of the teacher, prevents on the one hand his sincerity from being called in question, the uniform appearance of the peaceful, and amiable virtues in his conduct, on the other, must have an attractive influence on every beholder. Too often it is found, that men declaim with great apparent zeal on the amiableness of peace and charity, pretending to a design of promoting those excellent graces, but with a real intention to gain the confidence of weak, but well disposed Christians, that so they may be enabled to execute the purposes of party and private interest; such conduct is unworthy of a man, how much more of a Christian and a Minister; and however the authors of it may, in some instances succeed, yet in the eyes of a holy God, and of all good beings, must appear base and detestible.

We would also remind you who are called to the ministry of the word, that the spirit which produced the dispute among the Apostles, concerning "who of them should be the greatest," exerts great power to the present day; prompted by this, some aspire to a state of superior and permanent dignity, as of higher office than their brethren; others who do not make this pretension, yet seem to claim higher respect, on the foundation of worth and abilities. The charge

given by Christ to his disciples on this subject, Matthew, 23d Chapter, 8, 9, 10, &c. verses; and the exhortation of St. Peter to "be clothed with humility," are designed to counteract the operations of this spirit; therefore, Oh! ye ministers of the gospel of peace, suffer a word of exhortation, be not high minded, esteem each other better than yourselves; always remembering that "he that exalteth himself, shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Beware lest the busy and artful enemy of Zion, sow his seeds of discord among you, who ought at all times, and on all occasions, to be workers together, as children of the same Father, engaged in the same common cause, excited by the same motives, pursuing the same objects, and having the same end in view. Beware also, of a strange, distant, or lukewarm treatment of each other in the course of your ministry; and be doubly watchful of a Lordly spirit over the heritage of God.

And finally (brethren at large) "be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind;" let your souls be cemented together in love—and in all your trials, temptations and difficulties which you have to endure, let the sacred Oracles be your guide, looking unto Jesus the author, and finisher of your faith, who alone is able to sustain you through them all. And now may the God of all grace, stablish, strengthen, and settle you in every good word and work—Such is the prayer of your Brethren in the bonds of the Gospel.