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MINUTES  
OF  
THAT MEETING  
OF THE  
GEORGIA  
ASSOCIATION,

WHICH WAS  
AT NEWFORD,  
IN WILKES COUNTY,

*The 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th*

*Of October, 1804.*

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## MINUTES, &c.

1. **T**HE sermon, introductory, was delivered by Brother M'Ginty, from Revelation 11, and 1. "*And there was given me a reed, like unto a rod, &c.*"
2. Received and read letters from thirty-four churches, and recorded the names of their messengers.
3. Chose brother Marshall, *Moderator*, & brother Mercer, *Clerk*.
4. Letters of correspondence were received from the Neuse, and Charleston Associations; but no messenger attended. Also, Brother Morton, *Messenger*, from the Serepta, Brother Eddens, from the Bethel, and Brother Ross and Talbot, from the Hephzibah, presented letters from their respective Associations, which were read and the Brethren, severally, received with pleasure.
5. Appointed, in the usual way, Brother Mercer, Morton and Marshall, to preach on the morrow.—On the Sabbath, an extensive and attentive congregation attended, the brethren preached with fervor and solemnity, and we trust not in vain, in the Lord.
6. Ministers present, not under deligation, were invited to sit with us, and their lights requested.
7. A circular address was received from the general committee of correspondence, at Philadelphia, requesting information, relative to the state of religion and other religious, interesting intelligence; when, after some deliberation, and recommending individual patronage, the subject was referred to the general committee of this state, as the most suitable, to carry it into full execution.
8. Read the minutes and circular address of the general committee of Georgia Baptists, and appointed Brother Marshall, Mercer and W. D. Lane, to represent us, in the next session of the committee, to be at Bark-Camp, in Burke county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May.
9. The following query was laid before the association by the Bethel church (in Hancock county) (*to wit.*) Is it consistent with divine writ, for a member of the church, whose wife has taken up with another man, to marry again, after obtaining a bill of divorcement? After deliberately weighing the subject in the balance of the sanctuary, and taking into view the probable consequences attending such suffrage, it was answered pretty unanimously in the negative.

10. Brother Mercer was requested to prepare a letter of respect and intelligence, to the Charleston Association, Brother Lane, to the Savannah, Brother Rabun, to the Bethel, Brother Flournoy, to the Hepzibah, Brother Mathews, to the Serepta, Brother Wynn, to the Neuse, and Brother Melton, to the general committee of Georgia Bapstists.

11 Brother Marshall, laid before the association, a circular letter, which he had prepared for inspection, which was read and received.

12. The Brethren brought in their several letters which were read and signed; and the following Brethren nominated as messengers (*to wit.*) Brother Mathews to Savannah, Brother Marshall, and Mathews, to Bethel, Brother Harvy and Thompson, to Hephzibah, and Brother Mathews, and Mercer, to Serepta.

13. Agreed to have three general meetings, namely, on Friday before the third Sunday in December, at Big-Creek; on Friday before the third Sunday in April, at Ebenezer; and on Friday before the third Sunday in July, at Town-Creek. 'Tis also recommended, that the Saturday, preceeding each of these meetings, be observed as days of fasting and prayer, and that the churches severally gather at their meeting-houses for that purpose.

14. On motion, it was *Resolved*: For the better circulation of the sessions of the association, that the same be divided into four districts, and numbered in order: That the one, in which the next association may be, shall be first; and so on in rotation: That the churches of that district in which the association, is next to be, shall always, exclusively, fix the place of meeting. Brother Bledsoe, M'Ginty, Marshall, Mathews and Mercer, were appointed a committee to execute the above resolve, and to report to the next association.

15. On request the churches, in South-Carolina, at *Calabam's Mill*, and *Plumb-Branch*, were dismissed to join a more convenient association.

16. Agreed to meet next year at Powell's Creek, Brother Bledsoe, to preach the sermon, if present, if not, Brother Mathews.—Brother Lane, to write the Circular Letter.

17. Collected for the printing of these minutes, and requested Brother Mercer, to superintend the business, as formerly; and that he have fifteen hundred copies printed.—*Then concluded by Prayer.*

ABRAHAM MARSHALL, *Moderator.*

JESSE MERCER, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ministers Names are in Capitals ; Licenced Preachers in Italics—Those whose Names are marked thus † were not present. The figures in the last Column express the Contribution from each Church.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized	Rec. by L.	Dismissed	Excommu.	Restored	Dead	Number	Dollars.	Cents.
1. AUGUSTA AFRICAN CHURCH.	—							427		
2. BIG-CREEK, Oglethorpe County,	Thomas M'Coy, George Farrow,	4	7	12	12		3	126	287	
3. BETHEL, Wilkes County,	F. Flournoy, John Walker,	8	9	1	3			62	125	
4. BETHEL, Hancock County,	B. THOMPSON, J. Huddleston,	33	9					81	2	
5. BUFFALO, s. c. Abbeville County,	Uil Hill, Caleb Jennings,				1			18	50	
6. CLARK'S STATION, Wilkes County,	JAS. MATHEWS, John Wynn,	1	1	3	1	2	1	62	175	
7. CALLAHAM'S MILL Edgefield County, s. c.	S. CARTLEGE, William Cox,	10	4	8	7		3	93	175	
8. COUNTY-LINE, Oglethorpe County,	S. WALKER, T. RHODES,	2	3	5	4	1	1	83	2	
9. DOUBLE-BRANCHES Lincoln County,	Henry Smith, Thomas Curry,	2		1				22	75	
10. EBENEZER, Wilkes County,	S. GAFFORD, Green Baily,		1	8	2	1		56	125	
11. FISHING-CREEK, Wilkes County,	Lesly Coats, James Anthony,	7	3	4	5	2		135	218	
12. FISHING CREEK, Oglethorpe County,	Samuel Piles, † Thomas Ward,	1	3	6	6		2	56	175	
13. FREEMANS-CREEK Clark County,	WM. WRIGHT. Jacob Mercer,	6	10	10	5	1	1	104	225	
14. GREENWOOD, Wilkes County,	† Leven Parkson, † John Hamrick,		1	2	2		1	58	150	
15. HEBRON, Elbert County,	M. I. Williams, James Pace,	6	2	2	1		1	63	125	
16. HOREB,* Hancock County,	—	6	1	3	1			28	50	
17. ISLAND CREEK, Hancock County.	Lazerus Battle, George Rofs,	20		1		1	1	100	3	
18. KIOKEE, Columbia County,	A. MARSHALL, JOHN BOYD, Elisha Perryman,	27	2	7	3			190	150	
19. LONG-CREEK, Warren County,	Littleton Chanclers, William Lynn,	21	7	8		1	1	130	175	
20. NEWFORD, Wilkes County,	John Slack, John Russell,	30	5	2		2	1	83	125	

\* The Horeb Church made the necessary arrangements ; but her messengers failed, they since have sent the numbers forward, which have been inserted by the Clerk.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS	Baptized.	Rec. by L.	Dismiss'd.	Excomms.	Restored.	Dead.	Number.	Dollars	Cents.
21. NEWHOPE, Green County,	Nathan Williams, James Green, JESSE MERCER,		19		1	1	1	51	1	25
22. PHILIP'S MILL, Wilkes County,	JACOB TARVER, J. ROBERTSON, PETER POYNER,	11	3	6	3	1	1	195	3	50
23. POWEL'S-CREEK, Hancock County,	JOHN HARVY, WM. LOVELL, William Rabun,	8	5	4	2	2	7	153	2	50
24. PLUMB-BRANCH, Edgefield County, S. C.	ENO. BRAZEAL,	7		3	1		1	41		
25. POPLAR-SPRING, Columbia County,	David Satterwhite, William Willingham	1			2		2	69		
26. RICHMOND, Green County,	FRANCIS ROSS, William D. Lane,	10	13	5	1			104	2	25
27. RED'S CREEK, Columbia County,	Philip Walker, John Fitzjarrell,	13		3			1	75		25
28. ROCKY-SPRING, Lincoln County,	William Wright, Robert Ware,	12	7	3	4	2		96		
29. SOUTHFORT CREEK, Hancock County,	John Pewisoy, Shadrack Roe,	20	5	9			4	71		
30. SHOULDERBOLE, Hancock County,	Moses Powel, Lewis Handy,	2	2		1		1	36		12
31. SARDIS, Wilkes County,	James Spratlin, Joel Applin,	2	3	11	5		1	93	2	25
32. SALEM, Oglethorpe County,	MIL. ELEDSON, Mathew Rainy,	1	1	3	3			91	2	12
33. SKULSHOLE, Oglethorpe County,	A. FERRELLSON, Afa Chadon,	10	6	11	2			79		
34. TOWN-CREEK, Green County,	William Melton, John Browning, Anthony Joy,	8	3	3			1	79	2	62
35. WHATLEY'S MILL, Green County,	Skelton Standefer, Joseph Roberts, Smith Scoggin,	16	7	8	5	1	1	205	3	
36. WILLIAMS' CREEK, Warren County,	Stephen Derdan, Samuel Johnston,			2	2	1	2	59	2	
Total.		284	149	155	84	19	39	3544	60	93

## The Circular Letter.

The GEORGIA ASSOCIATION, at NEWFORD, to the  
CHURCHES they represent, send Christian Salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

*THROUGH* the tender mercies of our God, we have once more had the privilege of sitting together in Heavenly places: And truly we may say, HOW AMIABLE ARE THY TABERNACLES O LORD! The zeal and engagements of our Ministers, the awful solemnity of the thousands who attended, the pleasing and encouraging accounts from abroad, and our increase at home, authorize us to believe, that the glorious prediction, of the sublime and Evangelical Prophet, will shortly be accomplished: when "the mountain, of the house of the Lord, shall be established above the top of the mountains, and all the people shall flow unto it; saying, come let us go up unto the house of the Lord; and to the mountain of the house of our God, for he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in them."

Blessed be God! He has made bare his wonder working arm, and his right hand hath taught him terrible things. He has brought the man of sin, like Dagon, with the loss of both his arms, in the dust before the Ark. Ignorance and superstition are in expiring agonies by his side. Civil and Religious liberty have spread with astonishing rapidity, and the Gospel with its benign influence, is making glorious conquests in almost every quarter of the world.

Beloved Brethren, we hail you as highly favoured of the Lord. Surely, the lines have fallen to you in pleasant places, you have a goodly heritage. Yea, blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear those good, great and glorious things, which kings and righteous men, have waited for. What grand events have taken place in half a century past? And we believe still more great, more good, more glorious things are just at the door. We therefore address you in the language of St. Peter, seeing we look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless in all holy conversation and Godliness. Take the whole armour of God; quit yourselves like men. Be faithful to your own souls; be faithful to your families; be faithful to your Church; be faithful to your Ministers; be faithful to your GOD; and the God of peace shall be with, and bless you always.—AMEN.

ABRAHAM MARSHALL, Moderator.

JESSE MERCER, Clerk.



presented to Abraham Booth  
in London by his unworthy  
friend in America A. Marshall