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MINUTES

OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION,

Held at Simpson's Creek Meeting-House, in Nelson County, on Friday and Saturday, the 7th and 8th of October, 1808.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother Warren Cash, from the 16th verse of the first Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans—"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

2. Letters from the different churches were read, and the messenger's names enrolled:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Relieved.	Baptized.	Rec. by Let.	Rec. by Refs.	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded.	Letters Returned.	Dead.	Total
Cedar Creek,	Joshua Morris, Anth. Foster, Jas. Packley,	1	1	1					1	70
Cox's Creek,	M. Pierson, Wm. May, Jos. Lewis, J. Hobbs,	1	1	1					1	120
Hardin's Creek,	H. Moor, Wm. Philips, Edm. Rutter,					1	1		1	26
Simpson's Creek,	Walter Stallard, Solomon Bishop, Alexander M'Daniel, Francis Davis, Wm. Davis,	2	3	4	3				2	133
Mill Creek,	J. Chensult, W. Kendrick, Tho. Hubbard, Benj. Meason.		1							67
Lick Creek,	Joseph Brown, James Hamilton,					3			1	22
Watson's Creek,	Dan'l Walker, Edm. Abel, Samuel Abel,					1	2			32
Hite's Run,			3	2						29
Rock Creek,	John Doran, William Cleaver,					1	3			55
Rolling Fork,	Mar. Marshall, A. Chambers, Sam'l Miller,									15
Cedar Ck. Salt R.	Rodolphus Bukey,		1				2			30
Severn's Valley,	John Scott, Anthony Vernon,		1			4	2			57
Nolin,	Alexander M'Dougal, Henry Coats,					6	4	3		29
Beaver Dam,	Elisha Dewit, John M. Harris,	6	7			1	4	1		17
Bacon Creek,	William Meek, Samuel Watkins,		2				6			15
Bethel,	Warren Cash, Martin Uterback,		2							24
Mill Ck. Hardin,	Thomas Piety, John Hawkins,		5				1			15
Short Creek,	John Wilson,									24
Union,	Luas Arnot, Alexander Keath,	6	1						1	15

3. Brother Walter Stallard chosen Moderator, and brother William May, clerk.

4. Received letters and messengers from the following corresponding Associations, to wit: From Long Run, by Elder William M'Cay and George Miller; Cumberland sent a letter with her ministers, Tate's creek, by brother Hugh Hagans and Stephen Hancock, Russell's creek, by Elder William Hiter. Green River sent their letter, Elkhorn, by Elder James Lugget, South District, by Samuel Denny and David Jones.

5. Union church, in Hardin county, petitioned for admission into the Association, and was received.

6. The Circular Letter was read, and referred to the committee of arrangements, hereafter to be appointed.

7. Brethren Walter Stallard, William May and Joseph Lewis, appointed to arrange the business of the ensuing day.

8. Brethren Benjamin Meason, Joshua Morris, Alexander M'Dougal, Martin Uterback and Thomas Hubbard, appointed to write the corresponding letters to the different associations.

9. Brother Moses Pierfon, appointed to write the Circular letter for the next year.

10. Brethren Benjamin Meason and Alexander M'Daniel, appointed messengers to the Elkhorn Association, brother Alexander M'Dougal to Cumberland, brethren Moses Pierfon, Warren Cash and Francis Davis, to the South District, brethren Anthony Vernon and John Scott, to Tate's creek, brethren Edmund Rutter, William Kindrack, and Walter Stallard, to Russell's creek, brethren M'Dougal and Daniel Walker, to Green River, and brethren Moses Pierfon, Warren Cash and William Davis, to Long Run.

11. Brethren Walter Stallard, Warren Cash, Alexander M'Dougal and Martin Utterback, or any three of them, appointed to visit the brethren on Rough creek, agreeably to their request, and after the necessary enquiry, constitute them into a church, if they judge it advisable.

12. Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock.

13. Saturday met pursuant to adjournment.

14. The committee appointed to arrange the business of the day, made their report.

15. The Circular Letter referred to the committee of arrangements yesterday, was read and approved.

16. The corresponding letters to the associations were read and approved.

17. Query from Cedar Creek. Is it the duty of a Gospel church to continue a member in fellowship, who, after the death of her sister, should marry her sister's husband?

Answer. Yes.

18. The next Association to be held at the Rolling Fork, on the first Friday in October next, the introductory sermon to be preached by brother Moses Pierfon, in case of failure, by brother Martin Utterback,

19. Quarterly meetings appointed, the first at Rock creek, on the 2d Saturday in November next, to be attended by brethren Pierfon and Stallard, the second on Short creek, on the second Saturday in April, to be attended by brethren Cash, Stallard and Utterback, the third at Mill creek, Hardin county, to be attended by brethren Utterback and Cash, on the fourth Saturday in July.

20. The Elkhorn association is to be held at South Elkhorn, Fayette county, on the second Saturday in August next, Long run, at Corn creek on the first Friday in September, Cumberland, on the Friday before the third Sabbath in September, South district, on the third Saturday in August at Doctors Fork, Tates creek, on the fourth Saturday in August, at Whiteoak Pond Meeting house, Madison county, Russell's creek, at Zion, in Adair county, on the third Saturday in September, Green river, at Union Meeting-house, in Warren county, on the fourth Saturday in July.

21. Brother May to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Circular Letter.

WALTER STALLARD, MOD.

WILLIAM MAY, CLK.

C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

TO THE CHURCHES THAT COMPOSE OUR BODY.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE BUSINESS that came before us you will see on the face of our minutes. The accounts we received from the churches, shew that a general coldness and barrenness abounds, and many who were formerly professors in the house of God, have turned again to the vanities and love of this world. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire. Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And even the winter season of the church has its usefulness, it rids her of many false brethren. The people of God are subject to distresses and afflictions while they continue in this world of woe, surrounded by enemies. Yet blessed be God, our Jesus has left us in his word, many great & precious promises. He there tells us he will never leave us nor forsake us, and says we are graven on the palms of his hands, and the walls of Zion are ever before him. Seeing we are under the care and direction of such a loving and Almighty friend, let us be cheerful, and courageous under the most afflicting and trying scenes that may await us in the way to a better country. Our afflictions here are light, and not worthy to be compared with that exceeding and eternal weight of glory, that God has laid up for all those that love him. They that have gone before, and are now around the celestial throne, went thro' great tribulation; and had strength given equal to their day: and we have the same almighty friend to support and help us thro' this vale of tears. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, our warfare is nearly over; a kingdom and a crown awaits all the faithful followers of the lamb; but while it is his pleasure to continue us here, he has something for us to do: Therefore, let us search his word, obey his commands, and all shall be well. We are said to be the light of the world, and like a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Therefore, let your light shine before men, that they, seeing your good works, may glorify your father which is in Heaven. Beloved, we have many eyes upon us, the eye of God is even on us for good, he watches the motions of our enemies, and lends us a helping hand in every time of need; the eyes of angels are on us; they act a friendly part, and minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation. The eyes of christians are on each other, let us therefore provoke one another to love, and good works. The eyes of wicked men and devils are on us, who are ever plotting and seeking our ruin: and as these things are so, what manner of persons ought we to be, in all holy conversations and godliness? Permit us brethren to excite you to that new commandment our Lord gave his disciples in John the 13 and 14th. That ye love one another. Love is the characteristic of a true disciple of the blessed Jesus, and is more convincing to an unbelieving world, than all our high pretensions to religion where it is wanting. But as this charming theme was the subject of our last years letter, we shall let what we have said suffice at the present, hoping to meet you ere long in that world of love, where no sorrow nor afflictions can enter. Peace and love be with all the holy brethren. Amen.

WALTER STALLARD, Mod.

WILLIAM MAY, Clk.