

MINUTES

OF THE

LONG RUN ASSOCIATION,

Held at Corn Creek Meeting-House, Gallatin County, the first Friday in September, 1809.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by brother GEORGE WALLER, from 1st Cor. 15th chap. 19th verse—*"If in this life only, we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."*

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

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Relinqu.	TOTAL.
Beargrass,	Samuel Wells,	3	8	3	1	1		66
Bear's Creek,	James M'Quade, David Standeford, E. Hansbrough,		3	7	1			74
Chinoweth's Run,	Robert Taylor and Thomas Grimes,		1					20
Fox Run,	William Ford, Oswald Thomas and Dan. Barnet,							55
Buck & Elk Creek,	Reuben Stout, John Gonterman,	2		4	2	2		111
Beaib Creek,	John Basket,		1	5		1		89
Harrod's Creek,	Wm. Kellar, Lawrence Clair and Benj. Allen,	8	2	9	6		2	115
Long Run,	Harry Morris and William Neil,	1	1	1	3		1	52
Salt River,	John Penney, Charles Motherhead,	1	5	4	4			93
Tick Creek,	Robert Tyler and John Barbee,	1	2	1				42
Silver Creek,	Wm. Goodwine, James M'Coy and Ph. Hart,	4		2	2	2	1	57
Buck Creek,	William M'Coy and George Waller,	1	9	3				65
Six Mile,	John Miles and John Metcalf,		2	5		1		69
Eighteen Mile,	John Coons, ten. Wm. Dawkins, James Stevens,		3			1		88
Corn Creek,	John Taylor, Philemon Vawter, Jessie Conell,		5	4				76
Reck Lick,	James Hayden and Wm. Jones,	1			1			37
Burk's Branch,	Alberton Brite and Robert Get,		4	1				31
Cane & Back Run,	James Anderson,		2	2				47
Little Mount,	Isaac Edwards and Nelson Nowlan,		4	5		1		33
Sulphur Fork,	Wm. Fore and Samuel Nelson,	3	2				2	30
South Long Run,	Hinson Hobbs, D. White, Z. Carpenter,	1		2				37
Lick Branch,	Joseph Ellis and Bradley Head,				3	1		40
East Floyd's Fork,	Allen M'Guire, V. Chasteen, Ch. M'Calaster,		4		1			40
Port William,	Thomas Craig and Mordecai Jackson,	23	7	1	2		3	106
Drennon's Creek,	Thos. Vandever and James Bartlet,	9	12					44
Blue Stone,	Lawrence Tilly,			2		1		19
Twins,	John Scott, Wm. Blanton and Samuel Simpson,	43	7	1	1			104
Drennon's Ridge,	Isaac Malon, John Baker,	6	5	1			4	46
Buffalo Lick,	Philip Weber, Joseph Underwood,		5					34
South Benson,	William Hickman, Thos. M'Quady,	14	1	1	1			56
Flat Rock,	James Bartlet,			1				25
Indian Fork,	Abraham Cook and James Christy,	1		1				27
Crooked Creek,	Jessie Vawter and James Underwood,		1					27
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ERRORS EXCEPTED,

3d. JOHN PENNEY chosen *Moderator*, and WILLIAM M'COY *Clerk*.

4th. Letters of correspondence from Elkhorn, Salem and North-Bend Associations were read, and the Messengers' names enrolled, viz—From Elkhorn, *James Suggot & Joshua Rucker*—*Moses Pierson, Warren Cash & William Davis* from Salem—*Christopher Wilson & Moses Scott* from North-Bend—*David Jones* from South District, but no letter, it not having come to hand.

5th. The Circular Letter read, and committed to the Committee of Arrangements.

6th. Brethren appointed to write Letters of Correspondence to the Corresponding Associations—*George Waller*, to Salem; *Enoch Hansbrough*, to South District; *Philemon Fawceter*, to North-Bend; *John Scott*, to Elkhorn.

7th. Brethren John Penney, George Waller, William M'Coey, William Ford and Hinson Hobbs, appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association for to-morrow.

8th. Then adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

9th. Met according to adjournment.

10th. The Circular Letter read and received.

11th. The query from Corn Creek—"Is there any other mode pointed out by Scripture, to bring a complaint into the Church for improper conduct, but the eighteenth of Matthew?" Attended to, and referred for the consideration of the Churches, till our next Association.

12th. The query from South Long Run—"Is there not an evil arises from the practice of members moving from one Church into the bounds of another and holding their letters; and if an evil, cannot it be remedied, and how?" Considered. *Answer*—We think there is an evil, and advise the Churches in such a case to treat such a member with tenderness and brotherly love, and in the spirit of meekness exhort to duty; if such a member continues to hold back his letter, let them write a statement of the matter to the Church from whence he came.

13th. The petition for a correspondence from the Wabash District Association attended to—and agreed to correspond with them by letter and delegate.

14th. Letters of Correspondence to the different Corresponding Associations called for, read, and the Messengers appointed to bear them, viz—Brethren *John Taylor, Philip Webber* and *George Waller*, to Elkhorn; *John Taylor, John Penney* and *George Waller*, to South District; *Philemon Fawceter, John Taylor* and *John Scott*, to North-Bend; *John Taylor* and *George Waller*, to Salem; *Mordecai Jackson* and *Benjamin Allen*, to the Wabash District Association.

15th. Brocher James Hayden to write the Circular Letter for the ensuing Association.

16th. Our next Association to be held at Harrod's Creek Meeting-House, Jefferson County, on the first Friday in September, 1810, Worship to begin at the hour of eleven.

17th. Brother Hinson Hobbs to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother John Penney to be prepared.

18th. Brethren James Sugget, Joshua Rucker and William Kellar appointed to preach to-morrow.

19th. Brother John Penney to superintend the printing of the Minutes.—Money collected for that purpose.

JOHN PENNEY, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM M'COY, *Clerk.*

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

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

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the indulgence of our kind Benefactor, we have been blessed with another annual meeting; the business that came before us was transacted as appears in our Minutes.

We hear some complaining of coldness and leanness in religion, of barren and unfruitful minds—to remedy which we exhort you to be diligent in searching the Holy Scriptures, and endeavor to exercise an humble dependence on the Lord for instruction: these lively Oracles discover to us the infinite perfections of the divine character, and the exceeding sinfulness of sin; they also bring to our view the infinitely free grace and self-moving love of God, in setting forth his only begotten Son to be a propitiation through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus: these sacred pages are the only infallible criterion by which we can decide between truth and error; and it is by this divine standard alone, that we can satisfactorily determine whether we are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. When Christians attend to reading of the Scriptures as they ought, it has a tendency to keep their affections from being too much set on this world and the things thereof; it tends to make our minds fruitful in the knowledge and love of Heavenly things; the more we search the word of God, the more comfort and edification we are likely to receive from it; the more closely we adhere to the written word, the better we shall be prepared to understand and perform the good and acceptable will of God aright:—Wherefore, beloved brethren, seeing that the Lord has designed that we should derive such infinite advantages from the Scriptures, let us not be neglectful of so great a benefit—
“Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and

they are they which testify of me," is the exhortation of the Great Leader of his people.

We pray you brethren be engaged in that noble exercise; and may the Lord, by means of his word, build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified, is the prayer of

Yours in Gospel bonds,

JOHN PENNEY, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM M'COY, *Clerk.*

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