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Minutes

of the

Saline Baptist Association

The Proceedings of the Seventieth Session
Seventieth Year

Held With

Deroche Church

Twelve Miles North of Arkadelphia, in Hot Spring County. Arkansas, October 23d and 24th, 1909

Next Session

To convene with Lonsdale Church on Saturday at 9:30 a.m., before the first Sunday in October,1910, at Lonsdale, in Garland County, on the Little Rock and Hot Springs Western Railroad. Change cars at Benton. Elder C. C. Warnock to preach the introductory sermon at 11 a.m. Saturday. Elder J. T. Kelley, alternate.

Order of Business

SATURDAY MORNING-FIRST DAY.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Appointment of committee to read letters.
- 3. Call for letters from the Churches.
- 4. Introductory sermon.

SATURDAY EVENING-FIRST DAY.

- 5. Renew call for letters.
- 6. Election of officers.
- 7. Call for petitionary letters.
- 8. Invite visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats.
- 9. Appointment of Committee on Divine Services.

NIGHT SESSION-FIRST DAY,

- 10. Appointment of the usual committees.
- 11. Call for report on Divine Services.

MONDAY-THIRD DAY.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Call for the reading of minutes of first day.
- 3. Roll of messengers and marking ames of absentees.
- 4. Call for reports of committees and treasurer's report.
- 5. Call for resolutions.
- 6. Miscellaneous business.7. Adjournment.

Proceedings

SATURDAY, FIRST DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

The Saline Association convened with Deroche Church on this day, October 2, 1909. The moderator being absent, the clerk called the house to order at 9:30, and appointed Elder S. F. Funk to conduct devotional exercises, after some time spent in this service Elder M. P. Thomas preached the introductory sermon; subject, "The One Body of Christ." Elder A. Tucker concluding. Adjourned to re-assemble at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the appointed hour. Eld. A. Tucker read a portion of the Scriptures and Bro. J. C. Ross led in prayer.

The moderator appointed Bros. John Johnson, D. S. Bray and J. C. Ross as reading clerks, and called for the letters from the churches. The letters were read, showing a representation as follows:

Anticch—Represented by letter.

Bismarck-N. W. Holcolm, Munro Lain, Dan W. Diffie.

Big Creek-Represented by letter.

Brush Creek—W. F. Brashears, W. M. Lee.

Bluff Springs—Not represented.

Bethlehem—Not represented. Bellview—Not represented.

Carney—J. R. Adams, J. N. Thornton.

Cedar Grove—Represented by letter.

Corinth-A. C. Files.

Damascus—W. H. Paul, J. A. Paul, W. H. Fitzhugh.

Deroche—C. C. Orr, L. L. Neighbors, S. H. Montgomery.

Evening Shade-Not represented.

Fair Play-W. K. Johnson, J. T. Kelley, Tom Floyd.

Franceway-T. J. Silvers.

Friendsnhip-P. C. Lindsey, R. T. Foreman.

Foucheluke—L. R. Otwell.

Gravel Hill-H. T. Ashcraft, S. B. Warren, W. C. Bailey.

Happy Home-R. L. Davis, John Ashley.

Hickory Grove-W. F. Thomason, James Walden, M. O. Harden.

Hot Springs, Second Church-Represented by letter.

Hot Springs, First Church—Not represented.

Kentucky—W. W. Shillito, W. J. Singleton, T. E. Deaton, C. C. Wright.

Landmark—George W. Smith, J. R. Wallis, R. A. Almond.

Lonsdale—A. Tucker, John Harden.

Lono—Represented by letter.

Magnet Cove-J. A. Verser, R. F. Orr, W. M. Adkins.

Malvern—J. C. Ross, J. M. Clem.

Midway—J. W. Terrell, C. G. Hughes, J. E. Smith. Mount Harmony—W. B. Stricklin, J. L. Mann.

Mount Nebo—W. M. Shaw. North Fork—J. M. Green.

New Hope, No. 1-Not represented.

Oak Grove-G. W. Hardage, L. N. Warwie.

Ouachita-J. D. Nix, C. F. Berry.

Pleasant Grove—J. S. Wooten, Miss Laura Johnson. Pleasant Hill—Sam Bettis, Jim Goza, John Walker.

Pleasant Valley-Represented by letter.

Providence-A. B. Cornett.

Park Avenue—Not represented.

Reyburn Creek—Represented by letter.

Saline—O. C. Robinson.

Sweet Home—R. S. Stanley, V. M. Reynolds, J. M. Sirutt,

Sulphur Springs—Represented by letter.

Smith Creek—Not represented. Taylors Chappel—John Roley.

Ten Mile—S. F. Funk, A. B. Shockley. Traskwood—Sam Wilbanks, L. Brown.

Union-C. C. Warneck, J. M. Parker.

Unity—Not represented.—

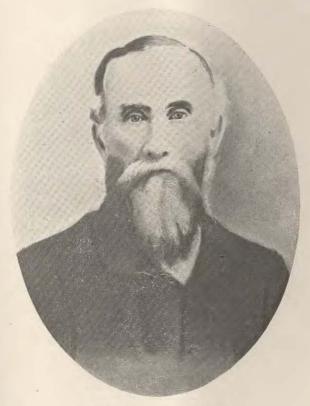
Valley-W. T. Sherfield, Wilber Thomas, M. P. Thomas, Whittington-W. M. Pigg.

Petitionary letters were called for and a letter from Providence Church, near Fairplay, in Saline County, was read, the church received and her messenger, Bro. A. B. Cornett, given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

The Association elected Eld. S. F. Funk, moderator, and

A. B. Shockley, clerk, for the ensuing year.

. The moderator appointed as a committee on Divine Service, Bros. W. K. Johnson, W. T. Sherfield, L. Neighbors, and they reported that Eld. C. C. Warnock would preach tonight at 7:30, and that Bro. J. A. Verser would lead in



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devotional exercises at 9:30 Sunday morning. At 11 a.m. Eld. S. F. Funk to preach at the church and Eld. J. M. Clem at the school house. At 7:30 p. m. Eld. J. T. Kelley to preach at the church and Eld. A. Tucker at the school house.

SATURDAY-NIGHT SERVICES.

Re-assembled at the hour appointed and after a few minutes spent in singing and prayer Eld. C. C. Warnock preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation. His subject was, "Saved by Grace Through Faith."

The clerk announced that the moderator had appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Associational Missions-W. K. Johnson, A. B. Cornett, J. D. Nix.

State Missions—C. C. Warnock, O. C. Robinson, William .. Shaw.

Foreign Missions-J. C. Ross, H. T. Asheraft, John Ashley.

Orphans' Home-J. A. Verser, P. C. Lindsey, G. W. Hardage.

Sunday Schools-R. F. Orr, C. C. Orr. C. G. Hughes.

Prayer Meetings—J. A. Paul, George Smith, W. F. Brashears.

Temperance—A. Tucker, J. T. Kelley, J. R. Adams.
Pastoral Support—A. C. Files, R. S. Stanley, W. T. Sherfield.

Literature—L. Brown, J. N. Thornton, M. P. Thomas. Woman's Work—J. M. Clem, W. M. Adkins, L. N. Warwick.

Ministerial Education-J. C. Ross, J. R. Wallis, Sam Bettis,

Nominations—J. M. Parker, Tom Floyd, J. M. Green. Obituaries—J. M. Siratt, L. R. Otwell, M. O. Hardin. Finance—J. M. Terrell, N. W. Holcomb, Dan W. Diffie. Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

A large congregation had assembled at 9:30 a. m., and Bro. J. A. Verser read a portion of the 14th Chap, of John, and conducted devotional exercises. A number of good, feeling talks were made by the brethren, and everybody seemed to enjoy the meeting. At 11 a. m. Eld. S. F. Funk preached to a large audience at the church house. Text, "Ye are my

witnesses. sayeth the Lord," Isa, 43:10, and at the same hour Eld. N. D. Jones preached to a good congregation at the school house. Text, 7th to 12th verse of the 12th Chap., 2nd Cor. At the conclusion of these services \$16.97 was collected for state missions, and turned over to the treasurer.

At 3 p. m. Eld. L. N. Warwic preached at the church, and Eld. J. M. Clem at the school house. Text, Math. 28:19, 20. At 7:30 p. m. Eld. J. T. Kelley preached to a large congregation, using as a text, 6th verse, 5th Chap. Paul's Letter to Corinth.

Great interest was manifested at all these services, especially at the night service, when a number of young people came forward and gave their hand for paryer.

MONDAY FORENOON SESSION.

Met at 9 a. m. The moderator read the 18th division of the Psalms, and Bro. W. K. Johnson led in prayer. The minutes up to the present time were read and adopted.

Reports of committees called for and report on Orphans' Home after being read and discussed by Bro. J. A. Verser and others, was adopted. Bro. Verser said in part: "The Baptist people are a willing people, earnest and zealous in the Lord's work. Fifty years ago Old Saline Association began supporting orphan children. Any one who will not contribute to the support of a poor, hungry, orphan child, has but very little sympathy."

A public collection amounting to \$12 was taken, and turned over to Bro. Verser for the Orphans' Home at Texarkana.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, submit the following report. We have twenty children in the Home at Texarkana, their ages range from four to thirteen years. They are under the watchful care of Bro. T. H. Carter, wife and daughter. They are dependent on the contributions of the church and friends for their support. We recommend that some one in each church be appointed to collect money and clothing for them, send all money to J. W. Sims, who is the treasurer, and all clothing and supplies to T. H. Carter. We are glad to say

that some churches are already at work on this line. Brethren, these children are ours, shall we neglect them?

> J. A. VERSER, P. C. LINDSEY, J. W. HARDAGE,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

Report read, discussed by Bros. W. K. Johnson, A. Tucker and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following as our report:

We believe there is a duty devolving upon our Baptist Churches to give the Gospel to the destitute portions of our State. This duty devolves upon the churches. We have no authority higher than a Baptist Church, except Christ, who is the head of the church. The church is the unit, and through her we should send the Gospel to the destitute parts of our State. Brethren, if you had heard the reports of our State missionaries at the last General Association at Malvern, your hearts would be fired with the need of supplying the destitution. We recommend that the churches take collections and help support the missionaries sent out by our State General Association.

C. C. WARNOCK, WILLIAM SHAW, O. C. ROBINSON, Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

We recomend that the churches do more toward the support of the ministry, financially and otherwise, and that the ministers be urged to work the destitute places in the localities until the first of July, 1910. We further recommend that this Association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to send out a missionary to take up the work for the remainder of this associational year. We further recommend that this Association take pledges from the churches to the support of a missionary, and that the missionary be instructed

to take collections on the field and report all collections to the next meeting of this Association.

W. K. JOHNSON, J. D. NIX, A. B. CORNETT,

Committee.

The foregoing report, after being discussed by Bros. C. C. Warnock, J. M. Clem. M. P. Thomas and others, was adopted.

The following amounts was pledged by the messengers for the churches, to the support of an Associational Mission-

ary:

Caney, \$3.00; Deroche, \$5.00; Friendship, \$10.00; Fair Play, \$10.00; Happy Home, \$2.00; Kentucky, \$3.00; Lonsdale, \$5.00; Mount Harmony, \$2.00; Union, \$5.00; Providence, \$3.00; total, \$48.00.

OBITUARIES.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following as our report: We find from the letters sent up from the churches that thirty-five members have passed to their reward since our last meeting. We therefore tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones, and wish to encourage them to humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

J. M. SIRATT, M. O. HARDEN, L. R. OTWELL,

Committee.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We believe that Christian women can do a great work for the Lord. The women of Samaria said, "Come and see the Christ." Mary carried the glad news of a risen Savior to the disciples. We recommend that the sisters be encouraged in their Christian work, and that wherever possible they should organize a Ladies' Aid Society to help in the work of the church and work in harmony with the church.

> J. M. CLEM, W. M. ADKINS, L. N. WARWIC,

Committee.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Report read and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, would recommend that our pastors be better paid, in order that they may give more time to study and pastoral work. We further recommend that the deacons attend to the matter of collecting the pastor's salary.

A. C. FILES, R. S. STANLEY, W. T. SHUFFIELD,

Committee.

LITERATURE.

Your committee submits the following report:

We recommend the adoption of the Landmark Baptist series of literature for our Sunday Schools. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist, published by the Baptist Publishing Company, Little Rock, Ark.

L. BROWN, J. N. THORNTON, M. P. THOMAS,

Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommends and nominates Lonsdale Church as the next place of meeting of this Association, and that Eld. C. C. Warnock preach the introductory sermon; Eld. J. T. Kelley, alternate.

J. M. PARKER, J. M. GREEN, W. T. FLOYD.

Committee.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your committee finds that only three churches have reported that they have regular prayer meeting services. We understand that several other churches have regular prayer services, but failed to report them. We recommend and urge that every church have a regular prayer meeting, for we believe that it is the life of the church.

J. H. PAUL, GEO. W. SMITH, W. F. BRASHEARS, Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the follow-

ing as our report:

We recommend that the various churches exert their utmost influence to crush intemperance in all its phases. We further recommend that the churches practice a strict and prompt discipline with their members who indulge in intemperance. We also recommend that this body endorse any move looking toward statewide prohibition. We further recommend that the churches pass resolutions making a chronic dram-drinker a subject for discipline, since social dram-drinking leads to more drunkenness than any other one thing, and to cure the disease you must remove the cause.

A. TUCKER, J. T. KELLEY,

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject

of Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The commission says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." If we believe that this is our duty, it makes us believe in Foreign Missions. Our duty is not only to Jerusalem, not only to Judea, but to the uttermost parts of the earth. We must be ready to contribute to help "Jerusalem," which may be said to represent our home country. We must be ready to contribute to Judea, which we may call our State, and surely not the least of all, the uttermost parts of the earth, which is the whole world. There comes up the Macedonian cry ever and anon, "Come over and help us."

Let it never be said that we, as Baptists, fail in our duty to lead to light the people who in heathenism bow to wood and stone. We recommend that our churches set apart a certain day or days to take collections for foreign missions, and thus show our faith by our works.

> J. C. ROSS, H. T. ASHCRAFT, JOHN ASHLEY,

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee believes that our work in the Sunday School is one of the most important duties we have to perform. We are instructed in God's word to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4. The fathers and mothers, as well as the children, should be in the Sunday School and study God's word and learn more of the obligations God has placed upon them in training up their children. What saveth the word? "Gather the people together, men and women and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and to observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, which have not known anything, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." Deut. 31:12, 13, See also Nehe. 8:1, 2 and 8. "And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate. and they spake unto Ezra, the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel, and Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month, so they read in the book the Law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused to understand the reading.'

Therefore, we urgently recommend a more careful study

of God's word on teaching and training the children.

R. F. ORR, C. C. ORR, C. G. HUGHES,

Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following as our report:

God's ministers are admonished to study to show themselves approved. We believe it is the bounden duty of ministers of the gospel to prepare themselves for the ministry. If they go to their tasks unprepared they cannot expect to do the best work for the Master. The preparation needed for the ministry may be acquired at school or it may largely be acquired by study at home. All the college education that it is possible to acquire will not of itself fit any man for the ministry. Some of the theological schools have a tendency to explain parts of the Bible away instead of holding fast to it. Such a school is a curse to any young minister, and when our young men start to a school to educate themselves for the

ministry they ought to inquire very carefully whether they are going to a school where the Bible or infidelity is taught. The first thing a young minister needs is the spirit of God. Paul was an educated man; he had all the learning of his day, but he went and preached to the poor; his home was among them. We commend his example to some of our educated ministers of the present day. We say to our young ministers, study to understand the Bible, and then teach its precepts to the multitudes.

J. C. ROSS, J. R. WALLIS, DAN BETTIS,

Committee.

FINANCE.

Your committee report as follows:

We have received-

For	Associational Missions	6.75
For	State Missions	1.00
For	Home Missions	4.00
For	Foreign Missions	2.10
For	Orphans' Home	21.05
For	Minutes	38.25

Total \$72.65

S. H. MONTGOMERY. N. W. HOLCOMB, ROBERT FOREMAN,

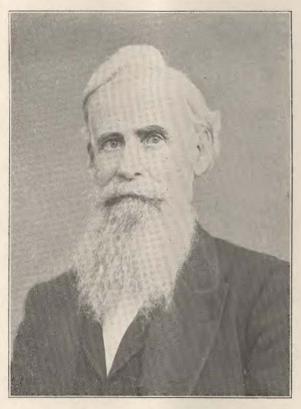
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 2, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Amounts received from Finance Committee Octo	ber 5,
1908:	
For Associational Missions. \$	47.45
For State Missions	3.35
For Home Missions	.3.00
For Foreign Missions	1.00
For Orphans' Home (Texarkana)	11.40
For Minutes	41.20
From individuals for Minutes	5.50
To amount brought forward, Associational Missions	78.33
Ao amount due on printing Minutes last year	10.84

Total \$202,07



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DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid G. R. Roebuck, State Missions.	3.35
By amount paid G. R. Roebuck, Home Missions	3.00
By amount paid G. R. Roebuck, Foreign Missions	1.00
By amount paid J. W. Sims for Texarkana Orphans'	
Home	11.40
By amount paid for printing and mailing out Minutes	35.04
By amount paid Associational Clerk.	20.00
By amount paid for printing and mailing Associa-	
tional blank letters	2.50
By balance on hand, Associational Minutes	125.78
Total to balance	202.07

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

The foregoing reports were all adopted as read.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1 p. m.

Bro. J. A. Verser offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Deroche Church by this body for their liberality in entertaining us during our stay with them."

A motion carried instructing the clerk to pay any amount due on minutes out of whatever funds were on hand in the treasury.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$20.00 for his services and instructed to have 1,000 minutes printed.

A motion carried requesting Bro. W. K. Johnson to write an obituary notice of the death of Bro. S. N. Rucker.

A motion prevailed to adjourn, and during the singing of a good old hymn the parting hand was given, the very best of fraternal feeling prevailed, harmony and good will had ruled throughout the whole session, and everybody seemed to feel that it was good to be there. Eld. J. T. Kelly led in prayer, and thus closed another successful session of Saline Association.

ELD. S. F. FUNK, Moderator. A. B. SHOCKLEY, Clerk.

History and Statistics of of the Saline Baptist Association

This Association was organized at Spring Creek Church, near Benton, Saline County, Arkansas, October 1, 1836. Eld. Samuel Henderson was chosen moderator and Robert Daniel clerk. The churches represented were: Spring Creek, Saline and Union, of Saline County; Mt. Gilead, of Hot Spring County; Mt. Bethel, of Clark County, and Mt. Olive, of Hempstead County.

Three years during the Civil War there was no meeting of this Association. It met in 1866-67, but we have failed to find any record of its proceedings during these two years, and if anyone will send us any information or minutes of these two sessions it will be most highly appreciated.

This is the oldest Association west of the Mississippi River, and, with one exception, has the largest membership of any in the State, there being about 4,000 members in the fifty-two churches that belong to this organization. It is very seldom, if ever, that all the churches are represented in any one meeting. In 1907 fifty churches reported a total membership of 3,922.

For many years the churches in twelve counties sent messengers to the Saline Association. Some of these messengers had to travel across this country over hills and hollows for a hundred miles, camping at night by the roadside, and sometimes where the nights were made hideous by the howling

wolves and the occasional scream of a panther.

In 1846 this Association met with Red River Church, in Lafayette County, and in 1885 with Bethel Church, in Perry County. These two churches were more than a hundred miles apart. Then in 1844 it convened with Liberty Church, in Union County, and in 1847 with Union Church, in Saline County, these two churches being about a hundred miles apart, and yet our foxefathers, heroes in pioneer days, when this country was young, wild, and a howling wilderness, full of lurking savages and ferocious beasts, traveled these miles back and forth amidst hardships and dangers, blazing the way and spreading the gospel of a risen Christ, lighting up the dark valleys of a great destitution and made bright the dawn of a glorious civilization, and it is to honor the memory

of these old soldiers of the cross, who fought back the savages, destroyed the wild beasts and planted on a hundred hills in Arkansas churches and schools, that we give in this issue of our minutes the pictures and biographical sketches of all of these old pioneer stick-breakers that we could get pictures or life sketches of, especially of those who served the Association as moderator, fought a good fight, finished their course, and are now gone to their reward. W. M. Daniel served this Association seven years as clerk and six years as moderator, but we have failed to get any picture of him, or even a sketch of his life. The last time he served as moderator was when the Association met with old Union Church, in Saline County, in 1884. In speaking of old Union Church we wish to say that she is very likely the oldest church in the Association, as she was organized in 1830, six years before the Association was organized.

ELD. SIDNEY F. FUNK.

Born May 29, 1840, in Oaktibaha, Miss.; came to Arkansas with his parents in 1848; lived one year in Jefferson County and two years in Bradley; he then moved to Hot Spring County, where he resided until he came to Saline County in 1890, where he has since made his home. He was ordained to the ministry at Brush Creek Church in Hot Spring County in November, 1873, the Presbytery consisted of Elders R. M. Lindsey, W. M. Young and J. E. McGovern. He has been engaged in pastoral work since his ordination. except two years that he was missionary for Saline Association. He has preached near two thousand sermons and baptised over five hundred converts; this is a good work considering the fact that he has supported his large family principally by farming. He is now near 70 years of age, but is still actively engaged in the ministry, and at the last session of the Association he was elected moderator, an honor bestowed on a worthy brother who has grown old and grey in the Lord's vinevard.

ELD, ROBERT M, THRASHER

Was born in Lafayette County, Tennessee, December 14, 1827; came to Dallas County with his parents in 1843, where he attended the Military Institute at Tulip for two years and was then chosen as one of its teachers. He came to Hot Spring County, Arkansas, January 15, 1867, where he resided until his death, which occurred February 15, 1896. He enlisted

in the Eighteenth Arkansas Infantry (Confederate) in 1862. and was promoted to the captaincy of his company. He participated in several battles—at Farmington, Iuka, Port Hudson, Corinth, and a number of skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at the surrender of Port Hudson, and was held as a prisoner of war on Johnson's Island for a long time, and while there he preached to his fellow-prisoners, and several of them were converted and he baptized them. He was county examiner of Hot Spring County several years, and represented the county in the twenty-fourth session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

He was licensed to preach in 1850, and was ordained an elder in the Baptist Church November 22, 1852, at Samaria Church, in Dallas County, Arkansas, the presbytery consisting of Elds. W. W. Wyatt and J. T. Craig. He was actively engaged in the ministry from the time of his ordination until his death.

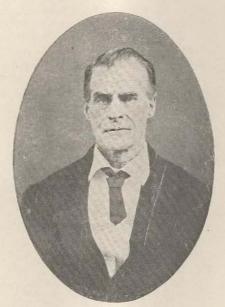
He married Miss Caledonia McKay July 15, 1858. She died November 2, 1867. He left three children, Mrs. Sallie B. Adams, Anna C. and Robert W. Thrasher.

He was a Master and Royal Arch Mason, a lover of his country, a friend to the poor, and a Christian indeed. He served Saline Association as elerk six years and as moderator nine years, and was one of the most powerful ministers in the history of the Association.

ELD. JOHN C. HENDERSON

Was a son of Eld Samuel Henderson, who came to Saline Township, in Pulaski County (now Saline County), in 1834, and was the first Baptist preacher in the township. He preached his first sermon under a large oak tree, near where Saline Association was organized, in 1836. He was pastor of Union Church from 1834 to 1840. He organized North Fork Church in 1837 and served her as pastor until 1841. He assisted in the organization of this Association in 1836, and was its first moderator; was also chosen moderator in 1837. He died in Perry County, Arkansas, in 1842, where he was at the time engaged in his ministerial work. He had an exceedingly strong and clear voice, and its echoes came back from the surrounding hills and valleys and seemed to repeat his words, "Come to Christ."

John C. Henderson was ordained at Old Union Church in 1868. The Civil War had left the churches in a deplorable condition, many of their members were scattered to the



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four winds, and a number of them had been slain on the battlefield. A calling together and a great revival was needed, and God called John C. Henderson to help do this work, and we know how well he did his part; hundreds were converted under his preaching; many churches revived and new ones were organized. He was chosen as moderator of this Association in 1869, and in 1870, then again in 1889. He went to his reward in August, 1894, leaving a son, C. B. Henderson, who was also a Baptist minister, and did a good work for the Master, but he, too, a few years ago was called to rest from all his labors.

It will accomplish great good and strengthen our faith and love to commemorate the memories of—

These old soldiers of the cross.

Followers of the Lamb,
Who did not fear to own His cause
Nor fear to speak His name.

ELD. H. H. COLEMAN

Was moderator of Saline Association when it met with Bluff Springs Church, in Dallas County, in 1851; also at New Hope Church, same county, in 1854.

A BIT OF HISTORY

From the County Court Records

Territory of Arkansas, | County of Saline,

January 25, 1836.

At a court began and held this day at the Baptist meeting house near Duncan's, being the time and place fixed on by law for the courts to be holden in and for the County of Saline.

Present: Hon. Thomas S. Huchingson, Judge.

Samuel V. Caldwell produced his commission and was sworn in as Clerk of said Court.

Valentine Brazil produced his Commission and was sworn in as sheriff of said County.

Ordered that Court adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

NOTE: The records show that all the County Courts were held at the Baptist meeting house until April 3, 1837, when they were moved to Benton.

The following table shows the date and place of meeting, name of county, moderator and clerk, the number of churches represented, number of baptisms during each year, and the total membership reported:

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1872	Salem,	Saline	**	41	11 41	34	101	1266
1873	Brush Creek	Grant	44	11	de tt	41	49	1293
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1875	Oak Grove	Hot Spring	45	6+.	44 14			1296
	Ten Mile	Saline			1	41		1279
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		Garland	46	61	6 14			1423
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1888	South Fork	Garland		44	J E McGovern	47		1272
1884	Union	Saline	44	44	R M Thrasher			1459
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	Hot Springs, 1st Ch'ch	Garland		41	44 44			1203
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^{*} No record on account of war between the North and South, but according to tradition, the Association met in 1866-'67.

Statistical Table--Continued

Date	Church,	County.	Moderator.,	Clerk.	No. Represented	No. Baptisms	T'tal Membership
1887	Smith Creek	Saline	Isaac Harrison	B N Hultsman			2361
	Malvern		R. M. Thrasher	C T Glenn			1534
1889	Salem	Saline	J. C Henderson	H McCollum			2712
1890	Reyburn Creek	Hot Spring		J H Bennett			2816
1891	Deroche	Hot Spring		J D Kenedy			2329
1892	Big Creek	Hot Spring	J. A. Verser	S L Holiway			2539
1893	Ten Mile	Saline	14	S L Holiway C T Glenn	43	166	2607
1894	North Fork	Saline	E. C. Ellis	J C Ross	47	164	2747
1895	Lono	Hot Spring	66 50	J W McDonald			2238
1896	Fairplay	Saline	J. A. Verser	J C Ross			5888
1897	Oak Grove	Hot Spring.	E. C. Ellis	11 11			2947
	Magnet Cove	** ***		44 44 1 7			2882
	Kentucky	Saline	46 66	A B Shockley			2813
1900	Onachita	Hot Spring	J. A. Verser		37	180	2397
901	Malvern.	44 44	W. A. Clark				3036
	Little Rock, 1st Ch'ch	Pulaski	16 16				3238
	Lonsdale	Garland.	46 46		49	271	3707
	Friendship .	Hot Spring.	J. W. McDonald				3470
	Franceway	11 66	M. P. Thomas	** **			3801
	Brush Creek		A. Tucker				3453
1907	Pleasant Hill		46 44	45 46			3922
1908	Fairplay	Saline	a a		45	303	3053
1000	Deroche	Hot Spring		17 17 101	42	251	3851

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only

rule of faith and practice.

- Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
- Art. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Art. 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. 7. We believe that saints shall be preserved in

grace, and never fall finally away.

- Art. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.
- Art. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
- Art. 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

Art. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

Art. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A moderator and a clerk shall be chosen by the suf-

frages of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.

 A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise

on his feet, and, obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the

person, or otherwise.

- 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection. Every notion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of this Association unless withdrawn by him that made it.
 - 8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be de-

cided or withdrawn before another be offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats, and those in the negative retain theirs.

10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before

the standers resume their seats.

11. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permis-

sion from the moderator.

12. No person shall speak more than twice or the same proposition without permission of the Associatio, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have done so; nor shall any proposition be made to the subject till the debates have been earried through.

13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the

Association by members in their address to one another.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The names of members shall be called as often as

the Association may direct.

16. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating the rules may be reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach

shall be made.

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Baptist Association."

Art 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and shall continue in office until their

successors are chosen.

Art. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches. or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members-the messengers from the churches-and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel, and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order may be admitted into this union on their sending three messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of

principles herewith published.

Art. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since the last session.

and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minutes accordingly.

Art. 7. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association, and shall present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and sufficient statements of all the receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with

the minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body, and to deliver over the same to his suc-

cessor in office.

Art. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS. 1 1 1. 160.

. Churches and Ministers.	Post, Office.	County.
Big Creek—J L Byrd	Ops	Hot Spring
Caney-J. W. Holt-J. N. Thornton	Deroche .	Hot Spring
	Deroche	Hot Spring
Fairplay-I. T. Kelley-I. L. Wal-		11.
droup - J. M. Beard		Saline
Franceway -W. A. Winston		Hot Spring
Friendship-R. F. Russell		Hot Spring
Happy Home-J. W. Burks		Hot Spring
Hot Springs 2d Ch-G. W. McCarty	The second second	the Control Control
N. H. Harley-T. B. Burk-A. Mc-		
Connell-C. A. King-C. E. Smith		Garland .
		Hot Spring
Lono-N. D. Jones Lonsdale-A. Tucker	Lonsdale	Garland
Landmark- J. H. Howard-Ino Elmore		Hot Spring
Mt Harmony-J. O. Booth	Mt. Harmony	Garland
Magnet Cove-J. T. Thornton	Magnet	Hat Spring
Malvern - W. M. Wright-J, M. Clem-		1
R. C. Rhoden	Malvern	Hot Spring
Mt. Nebo-R. B. Hunt-William Shaw	Paron '	Saline
North Fork-T. H. Green		Saline
Oak Grove-L N. Warwic	Social Hill	Hot Spring
Sweet Home -W. B. White	Sanders	Hot Spring
Taylor's Chapel-John Thompson	Malvern	Hot Spring
Ten Mile-S. F. Funk	Slocumb	Saline
Union-C.C. Warnock	Bland	Saline
Valley-M. P. Thomas	Bismark	Hot Spring

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Bismark-W. T. Hardage-S D Allen	Bismark	Hot Spring
Cedar Grove-J.C. Ellard	Fairplay	Saline Thu
FourchelukeG. W. Arange		Garland
Hickory Grove-T. W. Thornton		Hot Spring
Hot Springs 2d Ch-H. E. Kirkpatrick	Hot Springs	Garland
Kentucky-Geo. Hubanks - Candfield		Saline
Malvern-W. L Sanford		Hot Spring
Oak Grove O M. Burnett		Hot Spring
Revburn Creek-M. G. Wade-J.M.L.		200 C 4 500 C 10
Westerman .		Hot Spring
Sweet Home-Oba Burnett	Social Hill	Hot Spring
Saline-J. A. Moore		Saline
Ten Mile-Hosa Lecroy	Lonsdale	Garland
Traskwood-Sam Wilbanks	Traskwood	Saline

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTEND- ENT.	SECRETARY.	POST OFFICE	Number of Papils.	Cost of Literature
Brush Creek	J H. Rankins	Felix Brashears	Lucian	40	\$ 3 25
Big Creek	W. W. Morrison	C. A. Hendrixson	Ops	38	2.00
Caney	J. N. Thornton	C. A Wesley	Deroche	30	
Corinth	O. C. Williams	Ella Kirkpatrick	H. Springs, 2	50	9.00
Damascus	J. A. Paul	Effie Paul	Malvern	60	3 60
Fair Play	J. M. Floyd	J H Floyd	Slocomb	50	8 80
Friendship	R. T Foreman	Annie Lawrence	Friendship	57	7.00
Hickory Grove	E. W. Thornton	Hattie Moore	Deroche	45	4 00
Hot Springs, 2d Ch.		O. E. Woods	Hot Springs	73	
Kentucky	J. W. Henson	Ella Harrison	Grape	23	1.20
Lonsdale	H. Richardson	Ida Williams	Lonsdale	65	
Landmark	B. C. Fitzhugh	Annie Dyer	Malvern.	61	26 00
Malvern, 1st Ch.	R. E. Snow	W. K Smith	Malvern	100	200 500 000 000
Midway	C. G. Hughes	Lillie Nix	Honey	80	6 00
North Fork	T. H. Green	Ardie Johnson	Paron	65	9 7 5
Ouachita	J D Nix	Callie Nix	Donaldson	40	
Pleasant Valley	W. R. Barker	Fannie Hudspeth	Magnet	35	1.00
Providence	A A Sheppard	Mollie Sheppard	Haskell	56	3 25
Pleasant Grove .	John Pressley	J. S. Wooten	North Point	100	-
Traskwood	J. E Dawson	Cora Edwards	Traskwood	109	
Union	O. E Watson	J. M. Parker	Bland	50	2 00
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^{*}Churches not represented nor making any report.

Note-The amount contributed annually by all the Churches, including Pastors' salaries, for Sunday schools, etc., is in round numbers about \$10000.00.