



MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

BUCKNER © BAPTIST © ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Glendale Church, Logan County, Ark.

October 20, 21, 22, 1894.

OFFICERS:

R. P. CLABORN, MODERATOR, Mansfield, Ark.

G. P. WATKINS, CLERK, Farmer, Ark.

JAMES EDMONSON, TREASURER, Hackett City, Ark.

The next Session is to hold with Poteau Church, in Scott County Ark.,
Six Miles West of Waldron, on the Third Saturday in
October, 1895, at 11 o'Clock, A. M.

Minutes:

The 24th Annual Session of the Buckner Baptist Association of Western Ark., met pursuant to adjournment with Glendale Church in Logan County, Ark., on Saturday, the 20th day of October, A. D., 1894, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Come together by singing; Bro. J. H. Anderson read the first fourteen verses of the first chapter of I. Corinthians; prayer by Bro. J. H. Anderson. The Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. H. Anderson; text, 8:26 Acts of the Apostles, followed by W. P. Hall.

The Moderator appointed a committee on preaching, consisting of the ministers and deacons of Glendale church with Bros. Wm. Trusty and James P. Stephens committee.

The Moderator appointed a committee on enrollment, viz: Bros. James Edmondson, W. L. White and B. D. Barnes.

A motion prevailed to adjourn till 1:30 p. m.; benediction by W. P. Hall. At 1:30 p. m., the body come together by singing; the Moderator read the 16th Psalm; prayer by Bro. James Edmondson; called for the letters from the different churches of this association; the Moderator appointed Bros. James Edmondson and W. L. White to read the letters from the different churches composing this association. The Moderator appointed Brother D. C. Yeargin to take the vote for Moderator; Brother James N. Pennington to take the vote for clerk, and R. T. Little to take the vote for treasurer. After the vote was taken Elder R. P. Claborn was declared Moderator, Bro. G. P. Watkins, clerk, and Elder James Edmondson, treasurer on permanent organization of the body.

Called for petitionary letters, received one from Hackett City church. Motion and second that Hackett City church be enrolled in this body as one of our churches; carried. Motion and second that the other four petitionary letters from Ross Creek, Smyrna, Pleasant Valley and Shady Grove Churches be received into this body, and the right hand of Associational Fellowship given to their messengers. Carried. Call for correspondence. Brethren James N. Pennington, T. A. Rippey and D. C. Yeargin reported as correspondents from Concord Association. Motion and second that the correspondents from Concord Association be seated. Carried. Motion and second that Brother John Condrey be seated as a messenger from Dayton. Carried. Motion and second that Bro. A. J. Rippy, of the Concord Association, be seated in this body, adopted. Motion and second that Bro. T. H. Ward be seated in this body as a messenger from Saloh church, carried.

Report of Preaching Committee:—At Glendale at night, Bro. R. L. Bean, followed by Bro. Haddock; at Central Point, Bro. T. N. Watkins, followed by Bro. J. H. Anderson; at Hickory Grove, Bro. T. A. Rippy, followed by Bro. T. W. Linsey.

Motion and second that the money for Home Missions sent in by the different churches and the collection on the Sabbath, be applied to liquidate the debt that this body owes to Bro. R. P. Claborn for past services as missionary of this body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.—John W. Cross, James P. Stephens, M. S. Condry.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.—W. D. Looper, W. L. White and J. W. Jones.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—James Edmondson, H. L. Roberts and James W. Bruce.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—John H. Anderson, Wm. Trusty and J. J. Winters.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—B. F. Haddock, A. D. Vineland and J. N. Fuller.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—B. F. Haddock, Wm. Trusty and James P. Stephens.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS.—W. P. Hall and Lewis Walker.

ON NOMINATIONS.—M. M. Hullender, T. W. Denton and J. W. Linsey.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—B. F. Haddock, G. H. Council and G. P. Watkins.

Motion and second, as the appointee and alternate that was to preach the missionary sermon are absent, this body appoint Bro. W. P. Hall to preach the missionary sermon on the Sabbath; carried.

The Moderator appointed Bro. R. R. Pace to conduct prayer meeting at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Motion and second that this body adjourn until 8 o'clock a. m., October 22; carried. Benediction by R. P. Claborn.

Sunday Morning, 10 o'clock a. m.—Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. R. R. Pace; prayer meeting dismissed for 11 o'clock services; at 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. W. P. Hall read the 9th chapter of I. Corinthians. The missionary sermon was preached from the 9th chapter and 9th verse of I. Corinthians, followed by Bro. James Edmondson.

The missionary collection on the Sabbath was, home missions, \$8.65; foreign missions, \$4.00. Benediction by Bro. W. P. Hall, At 2:30 o'clock p. m., preaching by Bro. D. C. Yeargin; text, 3:9 of I. Corinthians. Dismissed without the benediction. Preaching at night at Glendale by Bro. John Young; text, 3:14-16 of St. John; benediction by Bro. John Young; at Hickory Grove by Bro. T. N. Watkins, followed by Bro. Anderson; text, 10:9 St. John. At Long Ridge, Bro. R. L. Bean, followed by L. W. Linsey. At Center Point, by Bro. B. F. Haddock, followed by B. F. Hall. At Ferguson's School House, by Bro. James P. Stephens.

The committee on Circular Letter made their report; moved and second that the letter be received, read and printed in the minutes of this body, (for report see appendix J,) carried.

Monday Morning, Oct. 22.—Met pursuant to adjournment; come together by singing. The Moderator read the 15th Psalm; prayer by Bro. D. M. Bryant; minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved; the roll was called and corrected. Motion and second that Bro. D. M. Bryant be seated as a visiting Baptist, also Bro. R. R. Pace as a visiting Baptist; carried. Called for correspondence, Bro. John Young reported from Dardanelle association; motion and second that Bro. John Young be seated as a corresponding messenger from Dardanelle association. carried; called for reports of committees.

The committee on religious literature made their report and was adopted as read.

Motion and second that speeches on reports be limited to five minutes; carried. (See appendix A.)

The committee on temperance made their report; after some discussion on the report the report was adopted as read. See appendix B.

The committee on foreign missions read their report; motion and second that we receive the report; after some discussion the report was adopted as read. For report see appendix C.

11 o'clock a. m.—Bro. T. N. Watkins preached the 11 o'clock sermon; prayer by Bro. T. N. Watkins; text, 16-17:14 St. Luke, followed

by Bro. James Edmondson; foreign mission collection taken up and received \$6 10; benediction by Bro. T. N. Watkins; adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

At 1:30 the body came together by singing; the Moderator read the 34th Psalm; prayer by Bro. T. A. Rippey.

The committee on home missions read their report; moved and second that the report be received; adopted as read. See appendix D.

The committee on nominations read their report; moved and second that the report be received; the report was adopted as read. For report see appendix E.

The committee on Sunday schools read their report; motion and second that the report be received; motion and second that the report be adopted; the report was adopted as read. See appendix F.

The committee on deceased ministers read their report; motion and second that we receive the report; motion and second that we adopt the report; the report was adopted as read. For report see appendix G.

Committee on finance made their report; motion and second to receive the report; the report was adopted as read. For report see appendix H.

The treasurer made his report which was examined, found to be correct and was adopted as read. For report see appendix I.

The committee on the circular letter written by Bro. J. B. Williamson, to be read in this body, made their report; the letter was adopted by this body. For the report see appendix J.

Appointments of correspondence to Concord Association, R. T. Little, D. M. Bryant and R. P. Claborn.

To Short Mountain Association, Elders John H. Anderson, B. F. Haddock, T. N. Watkins, R. P. Claborn.

To the General Association, Elders R. P. Claborn B. F. Haddock, T. N. Watkins, J. H. Anderson, H. J. Roberts and J. Jordan.

To Dardanelle Association, Elders W. P. Hall, R. T. Little and D. M. Bryant.

Motion and second that the balance of home mission money unexpended, be paid to Bro. W. P. Hall; carried unanimously.

Motion and second that the clerk have \$8.00 for his trouble in preparing the minutes for printing, and the remainder to be used to pay for the printing and sending the minutes to the different churches of this association according to money sent.

Motion and second that this body tender our sincere thanks and well wishes to the brothers and sisters of Glendale church and community for their kindness and their hospitality to us while this body was with them; adopted unanimously.

Minutes of Monday read and adopted.

Motion and second that this body adjourn to meet with Poteau church, seven miles west of Waldron, Scott county, Arkansas, on the third Saturday in October, 1895, at 11 o'clock, a. m.; carried. Then an old fashion song was sung, and the parting hand was given to the body; it was a joyful time; many of the brethren were happy, and many cups of joy were full and running over. The meeting of the body all through the session was peace and harmony, and brotherly love one towards another.

ELDER R. P. CLABORN, Moderator.
G. P. WATKINS, Clerk.

APPENDIX A.—We, your committee on Religious Literature, recommend first, reading of the Bible, Kind Words, and its series; The American Baptist Publication Society, and its series; The American Baptist, published by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo. The Arkansas Baptist, published by W. A. Clark, Little Rock, Ark., and Home, Field and Foreign Mission journals.

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. LOOPER, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.—We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We know that the use of ardent spirits is a great barrier to national prosperity. It destroys human happiness; it causes the innocent to suffer and the guilty to go free. We believe it to be one of the greatest evils with which the human family has to contend with. We therefore recommend that our churches deal strictly with all their members who use it as a beverage, and we further recommend that this body withdraw from every church that tolerates the habit of drinking.

Respectfully submitted, W. D. LOOPER, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.—We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We believe that Christ set up his Church, and that he set the Apostles in it and gave them the commission to go preach His gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things, and we are taught in the II. Psalm. 8th verse: "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Also in Acts 4:12; Romans, 10:14-15. We believe that our ministering brethren should preach more on Christian giving, so they may be better instructed. We know that they do not all understand what God demands at our hands. We further recommend that the pastors, in the bounds of Buckner Association of their respective churches, preach a sermon in November on support of Foreign Missions, and with the deacons of their respective churches, take up a collection for Foreign Missions, to be turned over to the financial agent of the general association.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES EDMONDSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.—We your committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We advise the association to put a missionary in the field and pay him to put in his whole time within the destitution of the boundaries of the Buckner Association. We further recommend Bro. W. P. Hall as our missionary for the next associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS N. WATKINS, Chairman.

Whereupon the following named churches, through their messengers, pledged the amount set opposite their names, besides some individual pledges: Glendale, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove, No. 2, \$5.00; Amity, \$5.00; Poteau, \$5.00; Lynch Prairie, \$5.00; R. J. Jacksyn, \$1.00, (paid); West Harmony, \$5.00; J. N. Fuller, \$1.00; B. B. Brown, \$2.50; Smyrna, \$2.00; Hartford, \$5.00; R. R. Pace, \$2.50; White Oak, \$5.00; Pilgrim's Rest, \$5.00; Waldron, \$5.00; J. Condry, \$2.50; Pleasant Valley, \$2.50; V. H. Vester, \$1.00; Wm. Trusty, \$1.00; G. P. Watkins, \$1.00, paid; Lynch Prairie Sunday School, \$1.00; James Wann, \$1.00; R. P. Claborn, \$2.50; Josephus and Ed Claborn each, 50 cents; J. P. Stephens, \$1.00; M. J. Mutchler, \$1.00; H. A. Perry 50 cents, Booneville, Ark.; Geo. Green, 50 cents, Booneville, Ark.; W. M. Peck, \$1.00; J. E. Brown, \$1.00; Dayton, \$5.00.

APPENDIX E.—We, your committee on Nominations, recommend that the next Association be held with Poteau Church, six miles west of Waldron, Scott Co., Ark., and Bro. James Edmondson to preach the Introductory sermon, Bro. John H. Anderson, alternate; Bro. L. F. Patterson to preach the Missionary sermon, and Bro. W. P. Hall, alternate; and as an Executive committee, Bros. B. D. Barnes, Wm. Tyler, James Edmondson, G. H. Council and Geo. Petty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LINDSEY, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report: We find from inquiry that the Sabbath School work has been improved during the last Associational year; we further believe that by energy in the work it can be made an efficient and important auxiliary to the Baptist cause. Now, Brethren, let us awake and go to work in the great field which is ever ready for the harvest. We recommend the use of Baptist literature in our Sabbath Schools, published by the A. M. P. C. and S. B. C. We further recommend that it be the duty of the Pastors of each church to use his influence and give his best efforts to upbuilding of the Sabbath School work in each church within the bounds of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. TRUSTY, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.—We, your committee on Deceased Ministers, make the following report: The Lord has been merciful in sparing the lives of our ministers in the past year, and we feel to praise His Holy name for his good toward us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HALL, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.—We, your committee on Finance, report that we have received:

For Domestic Missions.....	\$ 12.85
For Foreign Missions.....	12.70
For Minutes.....	27.65

Total.....\$ 53.65

Which amount we have paid over to the treasurer, James Edmondson.

J. W. CROSS, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.—TREASURER'S REPORT: I beg leave to make the following report:

Paid Bro. R. P. Claborn.....	\$13.20
Paid G. P. Watkins for Minutes.....	27.65
Paid by order of Buckner Association to Bro. W. P. Hall.....	6.00
Foreign Mission Fund on Hand.....	12.70
	<hr/>
	\$59.55

Respectfully submitted, JAMES EDMONDSON, Treasurer.

APPENDIX J.—We, your committee on Circular Letter, report favorable on the letter, and would respectfully recommend its adoption by your body.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. HADDOCK, Chairman.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Hebrews were an agricultural people, and the masses received what we should call a common school education; with this the Levites, the hereditary teachers, blended instruction in Sacred history and the precepts of religion. Students were taught their duties to their God and their country. Thus were lessons of principles and patriotism firmly implanted in the breasts of the young Hebrews, the results of which were shown in such heroic men as Gideon, Sampson and others, who rose up from time to time, in the dark days when nationality and religious fervor waned and idolatry became prevalent.

The Phœnicians who, like the Hebrews, were Semites, occupying a little territory a hundred and fifty miles long and fifty miles broad, have by their superior education, influenced the world's history; its sacred books constituting the Bible and its religion, moulding the faith of the most progressive and civilized nations in the world. In modern history the truly great men have been fostered in institutions noted for their higher grades of morality. 'Tis true, that some of our nation's statesmen owe all their greatness to the superior training of a mother, but it must not be forgotten that those mothers have themselves been trained in such institutions as have been mentioned. God has given to man such a natural upward bearing, that in all nations men look instinctively to those above for guidance. In heathen lands they turn if bold, to their chiefs to lead them on to deeds of blood; or if submissive, they bow before them to return thanks for the privilege of breathing in their presence. The same spell of influence in enlightened lands is thrown by those who are superior in power over those beneath them. The energy of the world is directed by men of higher education. How great then are the duties of each generation in this matter to posterity. The utmost possible efforts should be made in every age, not only for procuring a higher Christian education, but for perpetuating it forward if we as Baptists love one denomination and desire to see it extend its borders, increase its members and rise in the scale of grandeur and power, let us look beyond a common school education; untie our purse strings and give to our sons and daughters a higher Christian education, thereby elevating them above the mist and fog of the valley, high up on the mountain side where cool fountains burst forth and gentle breezes play. Who can say that there are not now being fostered within the bounds of this Association, boys, who if properly educated, would come as champions of our faith, and trumpet-tongued, lead hundreds of souls to God and to glory. Oh, my brethren! if you love your church, if you love your country, blend with the education of your children, like the Hebrews of old, principles of patriotism and religion. By so doing you will not only wreath your names with grateful remembrances in the hearts of your descendants, but you will be performing a duty which you owe alike to your country and your God, and in your declining years you will have the sweet satisfaction of seeing your offspring filling high places in church and state, thereby reflecting untold happiness and honors around your last hours.

J. B. WILLIAMSON.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, Jehovah, and in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and hath predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by a wilful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us in conference.
2. Extending an opportunity for the reception of members.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the last conference.
4. Call for references.
5. Call for acknowledgments.
6. Call for the peace and fellowship of the church.
7. Call for church dealings in Gospel order.
8. Call for new business.
9. Call for miscellaneous business.
10. Motion to adjourn.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	Baptised	Reed by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Contrib'n for Min	Days of Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Lieutants	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sabbath Schools
Amity.....	Hackett City.....	J. W. Hulsey.....	F. M. Hendrix.....	James Edmonson, H. J. Roberts and J. W. Jordan.....	9	2	8	1	2	..	56	100	1	1	..	..	..	..
Black Fork.....	Black Fork.....	(Not represented)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cedar Grove.....	Crow .....	..	A. F. Smith.....	W. D. Looper and A. F. Smith.....	1	..	5	..	..	1	35	85	1	1	..	..	..	..
Cedar Creek.....	Gibson.....	..	..	S. Harold, (no letter or statistics).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dayton.....	Dayton.....	J. W. Hulsey.....	B. F. Dickson.....	J. J. Bull, James W. Bruce, A. L. Bull and Jehu Condry.....	8	..	3	2	..	..	107	100	4	..	..	..	..	..
Glendale.....	Booneville.....	R. T. Little.....	W. H. Bryant.....	J. H. Ray, W. J. Goff and D. H. Reynolds.....	4	1	5	..	3	..	58	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Hickory Grove.....	Booneville.....	No Pastor, in letter	S. W. Franks.....	S. W. Franks, J. W. Comer.....	2	2	17	..	..	..	33	55	2	..	..	25	55	..
Hopewell.....	Carolan.....	D. M. Bryant.....	L. A. Mullins.....	I. N. Fuller, F. C. Cheek.....	..	2	3	..	1	..	37	50	3	..	..	..	..	..
Fellowship.....	Witcherville.....	J. M. Ledbetter.....	J. H. Council.....	No Messengers.....	..	4	14	..	..	..	55	180	1	..	..	..	..	1
Hackett City.....	Hackett City.....	J. T. Upton.....	J. H. Maxwell.....	Letter, but no Messenger.....	25	6	14	1	5	..	71	100	2	1	..	500	695	1
Echo.....	Echo.....	W. D. Looper.....	A. R. London.....	Jacob Blythe.....	1	..	4	1	..	1	18	20	4	..	..	..	..	..
James Fork.....	Peoria.....	G. C. Anthony.....	W. R. Vaughan.....	R. J. Jackson.....	17	6	1	2	1	1	83	110	3	3	1	..	..	..
Hartford.....	Hartford	G. W. Evans.....	W. L. White.....	W. I. White.....	19	4	5	1	3	..	82	150	3	..	..	210	..	..
Lynch Prairie.....	Crow.....	R. P. Claborn.....	E. D. Wineland.....	B. F. Haddock, E. D. Wineland, F. B. McKaver.....	12	5	..	..	..	..	35	100	2	..	..	..	..	1
Long Ridge.....	Carolan.....	D. M. Bryant.....	J. W. Carolan.....	P. M. Ward and J. W. Carolan.....	4	1	..	..	..	..	16	40	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Gilead.....	..	..	..	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mountain View.....	..	P. E. Windham.....	J. D. Norwood.....	Represented by Letter.....	2	4	2	..	..	..	24	30	4	..	..	..	..	1
New Home.....	Cauthron.....	W. P. Hall.....	Lewis Walker.....	Lewis Walker.....	3	4	1	..	8	1	52	65	2	..	..	..	..	1
New Providence.....	Slatonville.....	L. W. Wright.....	W. B. Forrester.....	J. H. Anderson, Wm. Peck, J. E. Brown and John Glidewell.....	29	2	5	5	..	1	69	100	2	1	..	55	..	..
Palestine.....	Witcherville.....	G. W. Evans.....	W. T. Strozier.....	I W Cross, W H Cross, H L Vineyard, J W Smith, T W Denton.....	..	..	3	..	..	..	63	150	3	..	..	400	..	..
Poteau.....	Winfield.....	L. F. Patterson.....	I. M. Hall.....	J W Smith, T W Denton.....	17	1	11	..	1	1	211	290	3	..	..	..	..	..
Pilgrims Rest.....	Mansfield.....	H. C. Ridling.....	P. A. Watts.....	R. P. Claborn, W. P. Hall, D. Turner.....	13	2	15	1	5	..	65	100	4	..	..	150	..	1
Pleasant Grove No. 1.....	Cauthron.....	R. P. Claborn.....	J. T. Plummer.....	M. M. Hollander.....	7	8	3	..	1	..	53	60	4	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Grove No. 2.....	Farmer	H. C. Ridling.....	G. P. Watkins.....	Wm. Trusty, G. P. Watkins, J. J. Winters.....	2	5	6	..	..	..	53	150	1	..	..	..	..	1
Pleasant Grove No. 3.....	Green Ridge.....	R. P. Claborn.....	T. B. Williams.....	Represented by Letter.....	..	9	6	..	1	..	34	125	1	..	..	..	..	1
Pleasant Valley.....	Mixon	R. T. Little.....	M. G. Austin.....	C. L. Hill, M. G. Austin, A. R. Hill.....	1	4	1	..	..	..	12	50	3	..	..	..	..	..
Rock Creek.....	Mansfield.....	R. P. Claborn.....	L. L. Cockerel.....	M S Condry, James P Stephens.....	2	4	6	..	..	..	33	60	2	..	1	..	..	..
Sugar Creek.....	..	..	Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shiloh	Belva.....	P. Claborn.....	R. Goodwin.....	T H Ward, J W Linsey, James Wann.....	6	4	3	..	..	..	81	100	3	..	..	..	..	..
Smyrnia.....	Greenwood.....	James P. Stephens.....	Ed Sterling.....	S A Stockton, L B McKinney.....	9	7	..	..	..	..	21	50	2	..	..	..	..	..
Ross Creek.....	Waldron.....	A. G. Washburn.....	W. C. Woods.....	J A Jenkins, W H Stevenson, Lenardo Morgan.....	11	..	..	..	..	..	24	100	3	..	..	..	..	..
Unity.....	Brawley.....	T. N. Watkins.....	W. A. Bates.....	B B Brown.....	5	9	1	2	..	..	58	120	1	..	..	..	..	1
West Harmony.....	Hartford.....	G. W. Evans.....	J. P. Ball.....	T K Wallis, C M Crawford, G W Crawford.....	15	4	14	5	..	..	68	150	1	..	..	145	..	1
Waldron.....	Waldron.....	E. L. Compere.....	L. L. Sims.....	T N Watkins.....	1	6	9	1	..	..	102	100	2	..	..	..	..	1
Shady Grove.....	Waldron.....	John Byers.....	Joseph W. Jones.....	H C C Condry, J S Coltharp, J w Jones, J H Brazier.....	11	6	..	..	..	..	26	100	1	..	..	..	..	..
White Oak.....	Booneville.....	W. J. Goff.....	S. W. Williams.....	G B Mutchler R J Bryant.....	1	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	..	..