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This summary of Volumes I and II of the Ebenezer Baptist Church Minutes is dedicated to the memory of Dr. William J. Anderson, a descendant of the pioneer Anderson family who settled in the present Causeyville area of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, many years ago.

Dr. William J. Anderson, Jr., was a very prominent and well-liked physician.

Dr. William, as he was fondly known by many, was a great man and a great friend.

It is an honor to have known and loved him.

James T. (Jim) Dawson



**SUMMARY**  
**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES VOLUME 1**  
**February 19, 1842**

On the inside of top cover is written: J. S. Ellis, Church Clerk for nine years 1877-78. Another item: Feb. term AD 1848 - After preaching by Bro. J. E. Brunson. The name "B.J. Ellis" is also written.

The minutes open with the Covenant dated February 19, 1842, written out which lists the original members: P.L. Bunyard, J.M. Bunyard, Isham B. Bunyard, Isaac N. Akin, William J. Carter, E.L. Carter, James iloseley, Nancy Akin, Sophia Bunyard, Leleta Bunyard, Rebecca Carter and Margret L. Carter.

The Church organized and declared to be a regular gospel church of the Baptist order by Ambrose Yarbrough.

Then followed the Abstract Articles of Faith and the Article of Decorum.

Bro. Ambrose Yarbrough acted as Moderator and Bro. B.F. Willis as Clerk pro-tem. Later, Bro. E.L. Carter was chosen as Church clerk.

First sermon by H.P. Brunson and P.L. Bunyard, who was elected to serve as first moderator.

**April Term 1842 - (4/16/1842)**

Voted to carry letters to Elders Milburn Yarben (Yarbrough), Ryan and Sutts. (NOTE: these were members of Salem Baptist Church)

**May Term - 5/14/1842**

Voted Bro. P.L. Brunson and W.J. Carter to attend Salem Baptist Church. Some talk of building a church house.

**June Term - 6/18/1842**

Bro. P.L. Bunyard reported that he had not been ordained by the Salem Church. Some difficulty between P.L. Bunyard and L. (Lesso?) B. Eves was cause of postponing ordination of Bro. Bunyard.

**July Term - 7/13/1842**

Bro. P.L. Bunyard introduced certificate in Bro. Eves' handwriting that difficulty between the two was resolved. W.J. Carter ordained as deacon. (NOTE: It is assumed that the ordination of Bro. P.L. Bunyard was also for deacon.)

**7/16/1842**

The Church held services. A committee of five (5) was appointed to select a place to build a church house. The Church received by experience Isaac R. Bunyard, William L. Anderson and Lannet Tedder - also Charles M. Perry.

**August Term - 8/20/1842**

Recounted with deep regret the death of dearly beloved Bro. and Supply P.L. Bunyard who has winged this flight to the chimes of immortal glory. Bro. H.T.(P?) Bunyard agreed to replace Bro. P.L. Bunyard as supply. The Church decided not to join any association for the year.

**September Term - 9/18/1842**

Bro. James Mosley granted letter of dismissal. October 15, 1842.

**October 15, 1842**

Received Sister Mariah McElroy by letter from the Mony Church, Sister Nancy Wilson by letter from Salem Church and Sister Elizabeth Tucker by letter from the Calvary Church.

**November 17, 1842**

Mentions H.P.B. Brunson (three names).

Bro. E.(Endsnus) L. Carter requested release from duties of Church Clerk as he expected to move away for at least a year - granted. Bro. William Johnson(?) appointed.

**December 19, 1842**

Bro. A. Yarbrough agreed to serve (pastor) the Church for the year 1843.

**January 14, 1843**

Received John Reuse (Hughes?) and Demarious, his wife. Mentions Sister Lithee(?) Wiggins.

**February 18, 1843**

Received Bro. Edwin Perry by experience.

**June 17, 1843**

Voted to join Choctaw Baptist Association.

**July 15, 1843**

Received by experience Bro. Watis Puckett and his wife, Elizabeth Puckett.

**August 19, 1843**

Received letter from Oakey Valley Church by her delegate, J.B. Yarbrough and J.P.(R?) McCemore(McLemore? possibly Josiah McLemore) through the persons of W. J. Carter and J. N. Bunyard. (NOTE: It is known that Richard McLemore was member of Oakey Valley Church)

### **September 16, 1843**

Bro. J.P. Akin appointed deacon. Bro. E.Perry stated he understood he had hurt some of the brethren's feelings by advancing a doctrine contrary to rules of Church. The Church investigated - found him unsound in the faith, and he was excluded from the fellowship. Perry J.B. Bunyard and J. Tedder appointed delegates to Oakey Valley Church. (NOTE: The Oakey Valley Church is located at Willow Ridge Apartments on Highway 19E and is the forerunner of the present First Baptist Church in Meridian)

**October 14, 1843; November 19, 1843; December, 1843; January, 1844 ... No conference**

### **February 1844**

Divine services by Elder Wolfe (spelled Wolf) and Brunson. Bro. Huse (Hughes) stated that Brother William Anderson requested him to say to the Church that he was drunk yesterday and that he wished the church (church) to deal with him as she in her wisdom saw proper. Bro. Hughes speaking for Bro. Anderson. Appointed a committee to wait on Brother Anderson and cite him to the next meeting. Bro. E.L.Carter appointed Church Clerk.

### **March 1844**

Bro. Anderson made satisfactory statement to the Church.

### **April 1844**

Received letter by hand from sister church Buckaturny - delegates - Bro. Franklin Lilly and Benjamin Carter, requesting help to settle difficulty among them (church members). Committee of W.J.Carter, J.M.Bunyard and Charles M. Perry appointed. Letter of dismissal granted E.L.Carter and his wife.

**May 1844 No conference**

### **September 1844**

Delegates to association W.J. Anderson and W.J. Carter. Bro.Huse(John Hughes) alternate.

**October 11, 1844**

Bro. N.P. Brunson and wife Elizabeth received by letter.

### **October 1844**

Association dues of \$1.50 were paid.

**October 30, 1844**

Wrote letter requesting dismissal from Choctaw Association due to inconvenience of attending.

**November 1844**

Bro. Charles M. Perry granted letter of dismissal

**December 1844**

Correspondence from Buckaturny Church given by J. Lilly and L. Dunam. Correspondence to Oakey Valley by J. N. Akin, J. M. Bunyard and H. Huse (Hughes).

**January 1845            No conference**

**February 1845**

Bro. E.? L.Carter from Long Creek Church presented letter requesting correspondence from the Church. Dropped correspondence with Oakey Valley Church due to their non-attendance at Ebenezer.

**March 1845**

A. McLemore, T.A.Fountain and E.L.Carter gave correspondence from Long Creek Church.

**April 1845            No conference**

**May 1845**

Received E. L. Carter and wife, M. E.

\* Long Creek in Clarke County, Mississippi.

**June 1845**

J.M. Van mentioned from Buckaturny and from Long Creek, Charles(Chas.) McLemore, John J. Johnston and Elisha Mosley.

**July 1845**

Sister Sophia Bunyard granted letter of dismissal

**August 1845**

Joham? B. Bunyard to Long Creek.  
Discussion on joining Liberty Baptist Association.

**September 1845**

Thomas H. Carter delegate from Long Creek.

**October 1845    No conference.**



## **November 1845**

Sister Sarah Ethridge presented letter from Popular Spring Church, Wilcox County, Alabama, and was received. Sister Telither Wiggins granted letter of dismissal. William J. Anderson appointed delegate to Long Creek.

## **December 1845**

Bro. James M. Vann (Vaughn?) delegate from Buckaturny. Sister Jane Hayman received by letter from Salem.

## **January 1846**

There was some discussion on an unfavorable report of people hunting wild hogs. Apparently some felt that Bro. Richie was getting on other people's property. The matter was settled. Bro. H.P. Brunson and wife granted letter of dismissal.

## **February 1846**

Services by Elder M. Wolf. Bro. Puckett and Heuse (Hughes) delegate to Buckaturny.

**March 1846            No conference.**

## **April 1846**

Bro. Jackson Richie stated he had engaged in a fight and was sorry - forgiven.

**May 1846 and June 1846            No Conference**

## **July 1846**

Bro. James M. Bunyard stated he had had difficulty with Bro. H. P. Brunson and had said more than he should have. The matter was worked out.

## **August 1846**

Bro. W. J. Carter stated that Bro. H. P. Brunson told him that Bro. J. M. Bunyard had told a lie and he could prove it. Bro. Bunyard denied the charge and demanded proof. Bro. Brunson cited to appear at next meeting.

## **September 1846**

Bro. James Bunyard and Delilah?, his wife, presented letter of dismissal from Concord (Church) in Dallas County, Alabama - accepted, Charge of lying between Bro. Bunyard and Bro. Brunson was worked out.

**October 1846**                    **No conference**

**November 1846**

Bro. E. L. Carter and wife, Margret L., granted letter of  
dismission.

**December 1846; January 1847; February 1847**            **No conference**

**March 1847**

Bro. E. L. Carter related the horse swapping between him and  
Bro. Puckett. Bro. Goodwin had reported same to the Church. Bro.  
J. M. Bunyard stated he had been at "Willises" and had had a little  
hand in a fuss and also drank too much spirits. All explained to  
the Church's satisfaction. Bro. Akin had stated also that he had  
drunk more spirits than becomes a baptist. Then Bro. Anderson came  
forward, stating he had been with Bro. Akin and participated - As  
stated above, all was worked out with the Church's forgiveness.

**April 1847**                    **No Conference.**

**May 1847**

Received Bro. Mat? Wolf and wife Lydia by  
letter.

**June 1847; July 1847**            **No conference**

**August 1847**

Received Sister Loucrecia Head? (difficult to read... it's  
Hayman spelled using two words) Lucrecia Hayman by letter.

**September 1847**

Voted to let the Church Articles of Faith stand as they  
were.

**October 1847**

Elder B.F. Willis selected as Moderator and W.Puckett as Clerk.

**November 1847**

Voted to observe the 25th as requested by the governor in  
thanks-giving and praise to almighty God for His blessings.

**December 1847**                    **No conference**

**January 1848**

Elder M. Wolf and wife Lydia granted letter of dismissal. February,

**March, April, May & June 1848            No conference**

**July 1848**

Bro. Bolnet (Balnet?) presented letter from New Hopo (Hope?) Church, requesting assistance in among them (New Hope members). Committee formed.

**August 1848            No conference**

**September 1848**

Sister Mary M. James presented letter of dismissal from Harmony Church - was received.

**October 1848            No conference**

**November 1848**

Elder A. Yarbrough, Moderator and Watis Pickett, Church Clerk. Bro. C. M. Perry granted letter of dismissal.

**December 1848            No conference**

**January 1849**

Sister Caroline Hayman presented letter of dismissal from Salem Church and was accepted by the Church.

**February 1849**

Sister Mary M. Mathis granted letter of dismissal.

**March, April and May 1849            No conference**

**June 10, 1849**

Received by experience Sister Elizabeth Carter, Sister Elizabeth Bunysrd. Bro. James Gilbert was received by letter.

**June 1849**

A. Yarbrough requested release from Moderator - was granted.

**July 1849            No conference**

**August 1849**

James Bunyard, W. J. Anderson, Watis Puckett and W.J. Carter (alternate) delegates to association (association not named).

**September 1849            No conference****October 1849**

Held protracted meeting. Received Edmond Tucker by experience; also Sister Jane Akins by letter on 10/14/1849. Seney? Hughes, daughter of Bro. Hughes (John Hughes) received by experience on 10/15/1849; received Thomas J. Bunyard, son of James M. Bunyard, by experience.

**October 1849    No regular conference.****November 1849**

Elder B. F. Willis, Moderator.

**December 1849**

Elder M. Wolf voted to be Moderator. If Church could not get him, Elder T.H. Bankston would be selected.

**January 1850**

Bro. Watis Puckett and wife Eliza granted letter of dismissal. W. J. Carter selected as Church Clerk

**February 1850    No conference.****March 1850**

Received Bro. Simkin Smith, John J. Bunyard and Sister Charity Smith from Mount Gilead.

**April 1850**

Received Sara Hughs (Hughes) by experience. Bro. Jesse Tedder and Sister Jenett (Janet), his wife, granted letter of dismissal.

**May 1850    No conference.****June 1850**

Received Elder Benjamin F. Willis and wife Martha by letter from Buckaturny, Clarke County, MS. Appointed committee of B. F. Willis, J. Hughs (Hughes), J. G. Filbert, S. Smith and J. N. Akin to make out the size of new house (church house?). The committee retired and then returned, reporting that building (house) should be 30 square feet. The Church then went into the business of drawing bill of lumber and nails, etc.

**July 1850**

Report on lumber and nails given. This is report: 832 feet of inch plank, 30 planks 12 feet long, 13S inch thick and 1 foot wide, 48 pieces of 12 feet long, 4 inches wide and 1 inch thick; and 460 feet rough edge marking?; 1474 feet rough edge inch plank; and 460 feet rough edge; 5 lbs. double tens, 5 lbs. 8; and 30 lbs. of fours.

**August and September 1850 No conference**

**October 1850**

Sermon of dedication by Bro. Willis (?dedication of new church.. record does not say). Received Bro. John Hays, Bro. David Pew (Pugh?) and Margret Pew, his wife, by letter. Received Julian Richey by experience. Thomas Bakston (Bankston), Moderator.

**November 1850 No conference**

**December 1850**

A letter of dismissal granted Bro. Benjamin F. Willis and wife. Elder Thomas H. Bankston Pastor. Donations to the Church for Pastor's use (subscribers names):

|                     |        |                  |        |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| William J. Anderson | \$1.00 | Sinkin Smith     | \$1.50 |
| A. M. Johnston      | 1.00   | John Hughes      | 1.00   |
| S. Holpus           | .25    | James Dunyard    | 2.00   |
| J. W. Fortner       | 1.00   | James G. Gilbert | 1.00   |
| John Hayes          | 2.00   | James H. Bunyard | 2.00   |
| Gruice? W. Akin     | 1.00   | John J. Bunyard  | 1.00   |
| Gilliam J. Carter   | 1.00   | C. Y. Bougham    | 1.00   |

**January through March 1851 No conference**

**April 1851**

Bro. James M. Vann received by letter from Buckaturny Church

**May 1851 No conference**

**June 1851**

Sister Jerasha Maulpers (Molpus?) received on letter from Bethlehem Church, Lauderdale County, MS.

**July 1851 No conference**

**August 1851** William J. Carter, Church Clerk.

**September 1851 No conference**

**October 1851**

The following united with the Church:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| William Richey     | William Honeycutt  |
| Gibbs Nickles      | Benjamin Ethridge  |
| Joseph Richey;     | Larkin F. Bunyard  |
| Jesse Randall      | Pinckney Matthews  |
| Josiah Ethridge    | Katharine Richey   |
| Elizabeth Irby     | Harriett Randall   |
| Mary Eoneycutt     | Permelia Nickles   |
| Frances Vann       | Martha E. Gunyard  |
| Frances J. Carter  | Elizabeth Ethridge |
| Wartha Richey      | Manervy Akins      |
| Priscilla Matthews |                    |

Colored Sister Rachael, belonging to Sister Ethridge.  
 Simkin Smith, Church Clerk.  
 Bro. W.J. Carter, his wife Rebecca, daughters Frances and Elizabeth  
 granted letters of mismission.

(NOTE: Reading these minutes, it sometimes appears that the "J" in William J. Carter appears to be "William P. Carter", well-known Baptist minister of Salem Baptist Church during this time period - and each had wife named Rebecca. Please note that it has been ascertained that it is William J. Carter and not William P. Carter.)

**November 1851 No conference.**

**December 1851**

The following donations given to the church:

|                  |        |                     |        |
|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| James Bunyard    | \$1.00 | Simkin Smith        | \$1.00 |
| James M. Bunyard | 1.00   | John Hughs          | 1.00   |
| Josiah Ethridge  | 1.00   | Pinckney Matthews   | 1.00   |
| John J. Bunyard  | 1.00   | William ?           | 1.00   |
| Jesse Randall    | .50    | William J. Anderson | 1.00   |
| James G. Gilbert | 1.00   | John Hays           | 2.00   |

**January 1852**

Isham B. Bunyard, his wife Nancy Bunyard, granted letter of dismission. Sister Martha E. Bunyard also granted letter of dismission.

**February and March 1852 No conference**

**April 1852**

Received Sister Elkanah and David Smith, Sister Sarah Smith and and Sarah Clark from Mount Gilead Church.

**May 1852**

Bro. Jesse Randall and wife Harriet granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1852**

Bro. Simkin, Moderator, Bro. William J. Anderson, Church Clerk.

**July 1852**

Liberty Baptist Association meeting to be held at Clear Creek Church in Choctaw County, AL. Delegates selected to attend convention at Oakey Valley Church in August 1852.

**August - September 1852                      No Conference.**

**October 1852**

Received the following by experience:

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| James Anderson | Nancy E. Hughs            |
| Mary Malposs   | Melrina Selborn           |
| Mauda Anderson | Katherine Malposs         |
| Mina? Akins    | Elizabeth Ethridge        |
| Sarah Matthews | Urbanna (Alabama) Nickles |

And By Letter:

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| William Bunyard   | Frances Bunyard |
| Mildred Godwin    | Larricy Godwin  |
| Roseannah Randall |                 |

**November 1852**

Caroline Wilson excluded for uniting with Methodist Church. Also, the Church called in Mary Matthews to discuss her joining the Methodist Church. Bro. Gibbs Nickles and wife Permelia granted letter of dismissal.

**December 1852; January 1853; February 1853      No Conference**

**March 1853**

Bro. Hughs and others reported on Bro. Tucker's dissipation. Bro. Tucker was excluded for drinking the spirits. Mary Matthews excluded for joining Methodist Church. Sister Frances Bunyard was forgiven for swearing and snapping a gun at her son-in-law's house; stated she did not swear and snapped gun to protect herself and her family. Bro. Larricy Godwin requested his name be erased from the Church rolls - granted; was excluded.

**April and May 1853      No conference**

**June 1853**

Church chose William V. White of Mount Gilead Church as Moderator.

## **July 1853**

Church still belonged to Liberty Baptist Association.

## **August 1853**

William V. White from Mount Gilead, Moderator. Sister McElroy granted letter of dismissal. Church paid lumber bill submitted by C.E. Rushing, administrator of estate of Wm. (William) McLemore, deceased.

## **November 1853**

Bro. F. or T.B. Townsend asked to serve as Moderator.  
Received by experience:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| B. F. Lilly     | Lewis Lilly     |
| A. M.? Johnston | Allen Honeycutt |
| Charley Gibson  | Walter Bunyard  |
| William Butler  | Martha Rainer   |
| Nancy Honeycutt | Judy Gibson     |
| Jane Smith      | Elmira Richey   |

By Letter:  
Thomas Rainer and wife, Elizabeth  
James Walker  
Eliza Smith and his wife Mary  
Wesley Gibson and his wife Caroline

## **December 1853**

Bro. T. B. Townsend offers prayer.

**January 1854**                      **No conference**

## **February 1854**

Bro. Thomas B. Townsend and wife Laura L. Townsend presented letter of dismissal from Union Church in Clark County, MS. During this period there were a number of confessions of drinking too much intoxicating liquors.

## **March 1854**

A complaint on Sister Silborn declared false and was dismissed. Bro. James Walker granted letter of dismissal.

## **April 1854**

Josiah Ethridge, Church Clerk

## **May 1854**

Bro. Townsend and John Hughs to see Bro. Pew about Church attendance.



**June 1854**            **No conference.**

**July 1854**

Delegates to Association: T. B. Rownsend, T. G. Rainer and Wesley Gibson.

**August 1854**            **No conference.**

**September 1854**

Received by experience:

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Elisha Ingram   | J. P. Irby        |
| M. H.? Brunson? | Richard Molpus    |
| James M. Smith  | Melton Akins      |
| John Butler     | Hannah M. Bunyard |
| Eliza Rainer    | Sara Rainer       |
| Sarah Ingram    | Harriett Bunyard  |

Emily Brunson  
By Letter:  
Mary B. Clark

**October 1854**            **No Conference**

**November 1854**

Letter of dismissal granted L.F. Bunyard and wife Harriett R.

**December 1854**

Some discussion here on Bro. & Sister Nicholas (no first names) possibly "Nichols" mentioned previously. Sister Margret Pugh excluded for unchristian conduct.

**January 1855**

Bro. Hughs and Bro. Townsend on committee to see Bro. & Sister Tucker. There were several committees appointed to see Sister Tucker, the matter being laid over and now committee appointed. Mentions a M. O. Brunson.

**February and March 1855**    **No conference**

**April 1855**

Received John A. Smith and Sister Malina S. Smith from Mount Gilead. Bro. William Honeycutt and wife Mary granted letter of dismissal.

## **May 1855**

There seems to have developed a difficulty between Mr. Molpus and Bro. M. O. Bunyard. Committee of Bro. J. R. Bunyard, T. B. Townsend and John Hughs to labor with the two parties. Bro. William Bunyard and wife (no name), Bro. W. S. Bunyard and Sister Mildred A. Godwin granted letters of dismissal.

## **June 1855**

Committee report on Molpus/Bunyard reporting they still found Bro. ? Molpus obstinate. He was excluded.

## **July 1855**

Delegates to Liberty Conference: T.B.Townsend, J.M.Vann and T.G.Rainor (:vainer?)

## **August 1855**

Received by letter Joseph Vaughn and wife Lucy from Concord Church.

(NOTE: The record spoke of Concord Church in Dallas County, AL.) A difficulty: It was found that there was a hurt existing between Bro. Brunson and Sister Jerusha Molpus, and a committee of Bro. Vann, T. G. Rainer assigned to work out a reconciliation. Bro. Rainer reported that Bro. Wesley Gibson had requested Church to exclude him. Case laid over until next meeting. Bro. David Pugh cited for non-attendance.

## **September 1855**

In the case of Bro. Brunson and Sister Molpus, Bro. Brunson requested and was granted exclusion for himself and his wife. Bro. Pugh's matter laid over. T. B. Townsend, Moderator.

## **October 1855**

Sister Mary Ann Vaughn received by letter from Concord Church. Bro. Ingraham (Ingram) reported for disorderly conduct and was excluded. Sister Jane Smith excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. John Butler's case (drinking) laid over until next meeting.

## **November 1855**

Received by letter Sister Martha Ethridge; by experience:  
Elizabeth Jones                      Sarah Ann Thomas  
Sarah J. Richey                        Emily Lilly  
Tilletha Ann Richey                  Isaac Bunyard  
John George Rainer                    Franklin Butler  
John Smith                              Pittman Bunyard.

Continued the Pugh case. James M. Bunyard and wife Hannah M. granted letter of dismissal; also granted letter of dismissal to Isaac and Pittman Bunyard.

**December 1855**

Received William Stone by experience and J. W. Garrett and wife Sarah Ann by letter. John Hughes, his wife and daughters Sarah and Nancy granted letter of dismissal. Bro. David Pugh was excluded.

**January 1856**

Bro. Charley Gibson granted letter of dismissal.

**February 1856**

Received Sister Lucinda Eaton from Concord Church. Bro. John Butler excluded for drinking.

**March 1856**

Sister Sarah Smith (Sarah Hughs as was) returned letter of dismissal and was received by the Church. Bro. Isaac W. Akins, Bro. Melton Akin and Sister Jane Lovina and Manerva Akin granted letters of dismissal. Bro. John A. Smith cited to next meeting for drinking. Bro. J. P. Irby and Bro. J. R. Bunyard to visit him.

**April 1856**

Bro. John A. Smith forgiven by Church.

**May and June 1856 No conference****July 1856**

Bro. Wesley Gibson restored to membership. Sister Caroline Broomfield received by experience. Bro. William Honeycutt presented letter of dismissal from the Church and was received. Sister Nancy Broomfield received by letter from the New Prospect Church.

**August 1856**

Bro. Walter S. Bunyard returned his letter of dismissal and was received. Bro. Joseph Ethridge, wife Sister Martha Ethridge, Sister Sarah Ethridge, colored Sister Rachael belonging to Sister Ethridge, aid Bro. Benjamin Ethridge granted letters of dismissal.

**September 1856**

Bro. Davis acted as Moderator

## **October 1856**

Received Margret Pringle by experience and Bro. William Bunyard, Sister Frances Bunyard, and Mildred Godwin by letter. Protracted meeting: Received Bro. Davis Broomfield, William James Rolan, Perry and Warren Embry, Sister Francis Mooney by experience and Elizabeth Clark and Mary Clark by letter.

## **November 1856**

Bro. Wesley Gibson forgiven for drinking. Bro. Warren Embry, Wesley Gibson, his wife and daughter, Davis Broomfield and wife and Absblam (Absolam) Taylor granted letters of dismissal.

**December 1856 No conference.**

## **January 1857**

Sister Julia Goodwin (Julia Gibson as used to be) returned letter of dismissal and was received.

## **February 1857**

Bro. Wolfe, Moderator. Bro. William James excluded for drinking.

## **March 1857**

Bro. Elkannah Smith, Moderator. Bro. A. M. Johnston forgiven for drinking.

**April 1857 No conference.**

## **May 1857**

Bro. A. Taylor returned letter of dismissal and was received. Bro. T. B. Townsend charged with unchristian conduct; matter laid over.

## **June 1857**

Bro. T. B. Townsend excluded. Bro. James W. Garrett, wife Sister Sarah A. Garrett, requested letter of dismissal. Letter granted to Sister Garrett. Bro. Garrett's letter withheld due to a hurt on the part of Church toward Bro. Garrett.

## **July 1857**

Bro. John Pace received by letter from Mount Gilead. Bro. William Richey excluded.

**August and September 1857 No conference.**

## **October 1857**

Preaching by Bro. B. F. Willis. Bro. John A. Smith forgiven for drinking. Bro. A. M. Johnston forgiven for a difficulty he experienced. Leo. J. W. Garrett wrote for letter of dismissal - not granted. The hurt of Church still existed toward him.

**November 1857**

Bro. B. F. Willis received from Concord Church by letter. Bro. Jackson Richey cited for non-attendance. Committee assigned to visit him.

**December 1857**

Received letter by hands of A. A. Carter requesting help from Buckatoney to settle difficulty between members. Sister Ingraham and Sister Caroline Broomfield granted letters of dismissal

**January 1858    No conference.****February 1858**

Joan Hughs and Sister Dameron Hughs returned letters and were received. Bro. J. M. Vann, Sister Sarah A. Thomas and Sister Laura L. Townsend granted letters of dismissal.

**March 1858        No Conference****April 1858**

Sister Nancy Culpepper and Bro. W. S. Bunyard granted letters of dismissal.

**May 1858**

Bro. John A. Smith denied charge of drinking. Case dismissed due to lack of evidence.

**June 1858        No Conference****July 1858**

Bro. James W. Garrett excluded.

**August 1858**

Bro. John W. Smith confessed to using profane language. Committee assigned to labor with him.

**September 1858**

Bro. J. W. Smith forgiven. Sister Jane Hayman and Bro. William E. Honeycutt granted letters of dismissal.

**October 1858**

Sister Sarah A. Latham received by letter from Mount Gilead Church. Sister Harriett R. Smith received by experience.

**November 1858**

Bro. James G. Gilbert sent with letter of expulsion to be delivered to John Pace and to secure former letter of dismissal. Bro. Pace refused to return the letter of dismissal.

**December 1858**

Bro. John Hughs stated he had been drinking and was forgiven by the Church. Sister Mary E. Vaughn granted letter of dismissal.

**January 1859**

John A. Smith admitted he was guilty of drinking; Church to bear with him.

**February 1859**

D. (Tavid?) Smith, Clerk.

**March 1859**

Bro. Chancy Gibson requested and received exclusion from the Church.

**April 1859**

Simkin Smith stated he had offended some Church members by his remarks during the February session; that he was sorry - was forgiven by the Church. Bro. T. G. Rainer forgiven for a difficulty he had engaged in. Bro. J. A. (James) G. Gilbert said he had engaged in a game; was sorry - forgiven by the Church. Joseph Vaughn and wife Sisty Lucy granted letter of dismissal.

**May 1859**

Preaching by B. F. Willis. Bro. Simkin Smith hurt toward Bro. A. M. Johnston for his course of conduct toward him during the last meeting. Committee of James Bunyard, J. R. Bunyard, T. G. Rainer, John Hughes and William Butler to labor on this problem with both sides. Elder B. F. Willis granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1859**

Bro. Smith and Bro. Johnston reconciliated.

**July 1859**

Sent Bro. J. R. Bunyard and T. G. Rainer to Mount Gilead to report on expulsion of John Pace.

**August 1859**

Sister Unbanna Lilly granted letter of dismissal.

**September 1859      No conference.**

## **October 1859**

Received by experience:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| J. T. Lafferty     | Y. A. Watson    |
| William W. Rushing | Lewis Hughes    |
| Mary E. Rainer     | Nancy Johnson   |
| Sytha H. Rainer    | Amanda M. Smith |

Colored Sister Manda belonging to Bro. A.M. Johnston  
By letter:  
Nancy Molpus

Bro. J. P. Irby case (drinking) laid over until next session. Bro. Perry forgiven for a difficulty. Sister Emily Williams granted letter of dismissal. Upon request of Bethel Church, Bro. Rawlings and Haigwood were appointed to meet with the Bethel Church at their next meeting.

## **November 1859 No Conference**

## **December 1859**

Bro. J. P. Irby excluded from the church.

## **January - March 1860 No Conference**

## **April 1860**

Article 13, Rules of Decorum, erased from record (had to do with keeping the Church fund.)

Bro. J. A. Smith stated he was guilty of drinking - forgiven. Bro. Lewis Lilley requested to be excluded for unchristian conduct; matter laid over. Bro. Y. A. Watson excluded for being in disorder and drunk and using profane language. Bro. J. T. Lafferty also reported in disorder and was excluded. Some of the young sisters reported to be dancing; committee sent to labor with them and report at next meeting. Bro. James Bunyard and wife Delilah granted letter of dismissal; also, sister Sarah C.Knox.

## **May 1860**

Bro. Lewis Lilly excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. John W. Smith was excluded for drinking. The young sisters forgiven for dancing.

## **June 1860**

Bro. William G. Ellis presented letter of dismissal from Bethesda Church, Coosa County, AL.; was received. He was an ordained deacon.

## **July 1860**

Delegates to Liberty Baptist Association were: William G. Ellis, T. G. Rainer and Bro. John Hughes.

**September 1860** Bro. B.F. Lillie and wife Elizabeth granted letter of dismissal.

**October 1860**

Received correspondence from Union Church in hands of Thomas Smith and B. Boughans. Bro. A. Taylor granted letter of dismissal.

**November 1860** Bro. Brown, Moderator.

**December 1860**

Bro. Harrel and Haygwood from Bethel Church; Bro. Thomas Smith from Union Church; attended meeting. Bro. George Rainer granted letter of dismissal

**January 1861** No conference

**February 1861** Sister Mary Smith reported dancing; committee to labor with her.

**March 1861** Received correspondence from Union - Bro. John Brunson - Bethel Bro. Haygwood and Mr. Horeb M. Stone and Ira Creel.

**April 1861** No conference.

**May 1861** Committee reported that Bro. Willis can no longer serve.

**June 1861**

Received correspondence by hand, J. W. Ross and Riley Shamburger from. Mt.Horeb. (NOTE: The Mt.Horeb that was located on Old Highway 19E at entrance of Boy Scout Pond). Sister Mary Smith granted letter of dismissal.

**July through December 1861** No conference

**January 1862** Bro. William G. Ellis, Moderator.

**February and March 1862** No conference

**March 4, 1862**

Bro. John Hughes appointed Chairman of Committee for meeting with sister churches; Bro. S. Smith, Secretary. The Committee made some recommendations.

**April 1862**

Sister Pugh granted letter of dismissal. Sister Mary S. Pringle granted letter of dismissal. During this period, there was a lot of discussion regarding the Articles of Decorum.



**May 1862 No conference**

**June 1862**

Sister Mildred Godwin granted letter of dismissal.

**July 1862**

Bro. J. J. Bunyard granted letter of dismissal.

**August through December 1862 No conference**

**January through October 1863 No conference**

**November 1863**

Committee of Bro. T.G. Rainer, J. R. Bunyard and John Hughs to inform Bro. John Brunson of Church selecting him as Moderator.

**December 1863**

Mentions Ira F. Carter and Isaac Williams from Union Church. The minutes at this point are very brief.

**January through June 1864 No conference**

**July 1864** Bro. T. G. Rainer, Moderator

**August 1864 through April 1865 No conference**

**May 1865**

Sister Mary Butler (Mary Smith as was) presented letter from Antioch Church, Clarke County, MS., and was received.

**June through September 1865 No conference**

**October 1865**

- 10/8/1865 - Received Sister Francis Perry, Jr., by experience.
- 10/9/1865 - Received by letter Sister Margret Godwin, Elizah (Elizabeth?) Grantham, Elizabeth Smith, Susan Blalock and Frances Ellis.
- 10/10/1865 - Received Sister Mary Butler and Bro. George W. Bunyard by experience and Sister Jane Anderson by letter.
- 10/11/1865 - Bro. John Hughes (Junin) and Sister Katherine Hughs and Mary E. Bunyard. Bro. J.F. Lafferty restored.
- 10/12/1865 - Received Sister Jane Waller, Bros. Marion Butler, S. J. Anderson, C. C. Martin, Sister Higgiah Gibson and colored sister Alesy by experience.

**November 1865**

Sisters Phereby P. Watley and Susan Blacock granted letters of dismissal.

**December 1865 through April 1866 No conference****May 1866**

Bro. James G. Gilbert granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1866**

Bro. C. C. Martin reported for unchristian conduct. Committee of E. Smith, J. R. Bunyard and J. A. Smith appointed to labor with him. Bro. T. G. Rainer, J. R. Bunyard and John Hughs investigative committee on case of Sister Mary Butler and Bro. W. W. Richey.

**July 1866**

The following united with Church by letter:  
Matthew G. McDonald            Jonthan D. McElroy  
Sister Willis Hagewood        Frances Hagewood  
Nancy C. Culpepper

Bro. C. C. Martin excluded. The report on Sister Mary Butler found to be untrue; charge dismissed. Bro. W. W. Richey was excluded. Sister Mary Stone granted letter of dismissal. Bro. John E. Brown selected as supply (Pastor) and Bro. Matthew G. McDonald as Clerk. Church still in the Liberty Baptist Association. Delegates were Willis Hagewood, A. M. Johnson and John Hughs.

**August and September 1866 No meeting****October 1866**

Bro. James Williams and wife united with Church by letter. Sister Julia Godwin granted letter of dismissal. Bro. H. O. Brunson was restored to the Church on 10/22/1866.

**November 1866**

Bro. M. E. Stone, Moderator. S. Smith, Church Clerk.

**December 1866**

Sister Jane Waller presented letter of dismissal from the Church and received back into the Church.

**January 1867**

Bro. M.D. McElroy granted letter of dismissal.

**February 1867**

**(NOTE: Minutes very hard to read at this point.)**

Bro. E. Smith, Moderator; Bro. S. Smith, Clerk. Appears that Bro. J. D. Stone and wife Mary E.S tone were once members of Mount Horeb. (This church south of Meridian) Bro. Jno (John) Hughs, his wife Deamarous Hughs and his daughter Ceatharine Hughs granted letter of dismissal.

**March 1867**

Sister Molpus found to he in disorder and was excluded.

**April 1867      No conference.**

**May 1867**

Bro. M.(W.) McDonald requested expulsion for drinking; matter laid over.

**June 1867**

**(NOTE: extremely hard to read)**

Following names on this page: John S. Smith; M. H. McDonald; J. A. Johnson; J. R. Bunyard; J. W. Blanks of Bethel Church, Willis Hagewood.

**July 1867**

Bro. N. H. McDonald was excluded. Case of John A. Smith laid over.

**August 1867      No conference**

**September 1867**

The following united with Church by experience:

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| William J. Richey        | David McPhail       |
| John William Mooney      | John Smith          |
| Thomas Sledd             | Allen Honeycutt     |
| S. O. Ellis              | Henry Pickard       |
| Sister Arrena Smith      | Martha Irby         |
| Frances McDonald         | Frances Smith       |
| Colored Sister Jane Irby |                     |
| By letter:               |                     |
| Mildred Goodwin          | Mary E. Irby        |
| Emmer (Emma) Smith       | Elizabeth Reynolds. |

Bros. J. P. Anderson, C. C. Martin and Sister Jane Smith, restored.

**October 1867**                    **No conference**

**November 1867**

Sister Mary A. Clark, Bro. Willis Ilaguewood, Sister Elizabeth Reynolds and colored Sister Alcy granted letter of dismissal.

**December 1867**

Sister Francis Mooney, Bro. J. F. Johnson, Sister Marriett Johnson, Bro. John Mooney and Sister Abigail Mooney granted letters of dismissal.

**January 1868**                    Bro. T.G. Rainer, Moderator.

**February 1868**

Services by Bro. Robert Brown. Church received report that Bro. Thomas Shed had been dancing. Committee of T. G. Rainer and Elkanah Smith appointed to investigate same. Bro. Henry Pickard admitted drinking too much and was forgiven.

**March 1868**

Bro. Shed forgiven by the Church. Bro. James P. Anderson expelled from Church for unchristian conduct. Received new water bucket and pitchers.

**April 1868**

Bro. Jackson Richey, Rolen (Roland) Perry, William Bunyard, C. C. Martin and David McPhail reported to Church for non-attendance. Bro. John A. Smith, John Smith to see Bro. Richey; Bro. Elkanah Smith and R. F. Butler to see Bro. Parry; Bro. T.G. Rainer and J. E. Culpepper to see Bro. Martin.

**May 1868**

Bro. Richey gave satisfaction to Church; so did Bro. Perry; Bro. William Bunyard's case laid over, as was Bro. Martin's case.

**June 1860**

Bro. William Bunyard gave satisfaction. Bro. :Martin's case laid over.

**July 1868**

Bro. Martin gave satisfaction.  
Delegates to Liberty Baptist Association: Bros. T. G. Rainer, S. O. Ellis, and A. M. Johnson.

## **August 1868**

Bro. C. C. Martin reported for unchristian conduct and was excluded from the Church.

**September, October and November 1868      No conference.**

## **December 1868**

Bro. James M. Smith and wife granted letters of dismissal. Sister Allice McElroy also granted letter of dismissal.

**January and February 1869      No conference.**

## **March 1869**

Bro. J. Adam Smith arraigned and tried for habitual drunkenneds, for which he was excluded. Bro. Thomas Shedd reported for drunkenness; committee appointed to see him: Bro. Elkana Smith (**NOTE: Elkanah spelled without final "h"**), David Smith and John Hewes (hugnes?).

Also, it was agreed to send a committee to ascertain the facts regarding the separation of Bro. James Williams and his wife, committee was S. D. Ellis, A. M. Johnston and P. R. Bunyard. Bro. Rollan (Rolland) Perry and wife granted letters of dismissal. S. D. Ellis, Church Clerk.

## **April 1869**

Bro. Thos. (Thomas) Shedd was expelled for drunkenness. Bro. James Williams was expelled for unchristian conduct. Bro. Henry Pickard reported as walking disorderly committee sent to see him as follows: S. D. Ellis, J. T. Lafferty. Sister Margarett Ellis reported dancing; committee of T. G. Rainer and John Smith appointed to see her.

## **May 1869**

Sister Margarett Ellis was acquitted, as was Bro. Henry Pickard.

## **June 1869**

Preaching by Bro. J. F. Johnson. Sisters Mary E. Stone and Sarah J. Williams granted letters of dismissal.

**July through October 1869      No conference.**

## **November 1869**

Bro. G. W. Richey and Bro. J. W. Butler and wife Elizabeth Butler granted letters of dismissal.

**December 1869**

Bro. J. A. Smith reported as having been drunk; committee of Bro. Joan Smith, Sumpkin Smith sent to see him. Also, committee same case sent to see Bro. J. W. Rawling; consisting of Bro. J. D. Stone. It appears that Bro. Stone added to the first committee. Sister Mildred Godwin granted letter of dismissal. Continued case of J. A. Smith; he was acquitted.

**January 1870** J. A. Smith was excluded.

**February 1870**

Bro. Henry Piccard (Pickard) reported acting nonchristianly. Colored Sister Amanda Irby granted letter of dismissal.

**March through June 1870** **No conference**

**July 1870**

Jeremiah Hayman and wife Lucretia received by letter. Bro. J. A. Smith made application for restoration which was denied.

**August 1870**

Bro. G. W. Rainer received by letter. Delegates to Association were Jeremiah Hayman, T. G. Rainer and G. W. Irby, alternate.

**September 1870** Sister Mary Martin received by letter.

**October 1870**

Received Bros. N. Blackwell and J. W. Ellis. Sister C. A.? Blackwell granted letters of dismissal.

**November 1870** **No conference.**

**December 1870** Bro. E. R. Smith, Moderator.

**January 1871** **No conference.**

**February 1871** Preaching by Bro. J. F. Johnson

**March 1871**

Bro. B. F. Anderson reported drinking and swearing; committee appointed by the Church to see him.

**May 1871** Bro. B. F. Anderson excluded.

**June 1871** No conference

**July 1871**

Bro. G.W.Richey made satisfactory explanation for drinking to the Church.

**August and September 1871** No conference

**October 1871** Bro. E. Smith, Moderator.

**November 1871**

Bro. John A. Stone and wife A. A. Stone granted letters of dismissal.

**December 1871**

Preaching by Bro. Holoman Williams. Bro. J. A. Honeycutt requested dismissal, but Church appointed committee of J. A. Smith, John Hughes (Sen) (Senior?) (**NOTE: First time Hughes written as Hughes**) and E. Smith.

**January and February 1872** No conference

**March 1872**

Preaching by Bro. J. P. Brunson. Bro. J. A. Honeycutt excluded for drinking.

**April 1872**

Bro. Jerre Hayman reported to have been drunk and using profane language; also, Bro. A. M. Johnson reported for same offense. One of the people appointed to see them was Bro. J. A. Smith (Son) (SR.?)

**May 1872**

Bro. Jerre Hayman forgiven by the Church. Bro. A. M. Johnson was excluded by the Church.

**June 1872**

Bro. Griffis appointed Moderator. Bro. G. W. Richey's case laid over to next meeting.

## July 1872

Bro. G. W. Richey was excluded. Bro. G. G. Bunyard and wife granted letters of dismissal.

## August 1872

Church still a member of the Liberty Baptist Association. Mentions a father A. Dagherty (had to do with a motion made in the Association).

## September 1872

Bro. Isaac Williams and wife Emily received by letter. Bro. George W. Anderson and wife Elizabeth were also received by letter. Bro. J. Adam Smith requested the Church to restore him; on motion and second he was received. Received the following by experience:

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Silas K.? Irby    | W. J. Ellis     |
| B. J. Hays        | Elizah Latham   |
| J. G. Johnson     | B. F. Johnson   |
| G. or J.W. Hughes | C.? E. Clarke   |
| Samuel Hayman     | H. M. Bunyard   |
| M. J. ilolpus     | P. J. Smith     |
| A.E. or C. Smith  | Martha Martin   |
| V.P.? Bunyard     | L. J. Richey    |
| F.? C. Bunyard    | S. F. Hays      |
| T.? A. Rainer     | Elizabeth Smith |
| Laura Richey.     |                 |

Bro. J. A. Smith requested and was granted letter of dismissal. Also, Sister Mariah Bunyard and Jane Mosely were granted letters of dismissal (both colored).

## October 1872

Sister Frances N. (or U.) Reed received.

**November 1872                      No conference.**

## December 1872

The colored Church requested loan of Church record so they might obtain accurate forms - this granted. Committee appointed to attend their next conference to assist them.

**(NOTE: At this point the record is marked "The End", but other entried exist and are covered below.)**

## December 1877

Bro. J. W. Molpus stated ae had been-drinking and requested the church to exclude him.



## **February 1878**

Sister Eliza Buckalew received by letter. Case of Joel Molpus taken up.

**There are then notes, apparently on a sermon, "Which is Most Destructive to Man - Water or Fire."**

## **No Date**

Know all when by these presence that I, John A. Wood, do this day give possession of my claim to house, farm and penlanance? Various drawings and figuring in this section.

## **January 1875**

Held Church services - Big writing - referring to a case of Mrs. ? (unable to read)

On another page, it lists Mrs. C. Anderson 1873 - says Ebenezer Church organized in the year of 1827. Apparently this was a church meeting -- perhaps will be better covered in Book No. 2. Goes on into what appears to be a will of G. C. Williams (It is William Williams, G.C.) -- gives information regarding land.

Mentions an A. E. Autty? Suttey? his wife and also "said Harne?" This is very difficult to read.

On another undated page, a B. J. Johns is mentioned as engaged in fiddling.

## **December 1878**

Mentioned are Mary Butler, Benone Smith, Jane A. Butler, Bro. Williams and T. G. Rainer.

## **SOME SHEETS CUT OUT OF BOOK.**

Book lists another land deed. A W.? C. Gumphead bought the land sold by Willard Smith?

## **September 1880**

Mentions Sister J. J. White - also Bro. B. F. Anderson, T. G. Rainer, Jr.

Names of male members - no date:

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| P. L. Bunyard         | Elkannah Smith           |
| J. M. Bunyard         | David Smith              |
| F. B. Bunyard         | J. P. Anderson           |
| J. W. Akins           | William Bunyard          |
| W. J. Carter          | L. Godwin                |
| E. L. Carter          | B. F. Lilly              |
| James Mosely          | Lewis Lilly              |
| Jesse Tedder          | A. M. Johnson            |
| J. R. Bunyard         | Allen Honeycutt          |
| W. J. Anderson        | Charley Gibson           |
| C. M. Perry           | W. S. Bunyard            |
| John Hughes           | J. W. Butler             |
| E. Perry              | T. G. Rainer             |
| Jackson Richey        | Wesley Gibson            |
| W. Puckett            | Eliza Smith              |
| H. P. Brunson         | J. M. Walker             |
| James Bunyard         | T. B. Townsend           |
| M. Wolfe              | Elisha Ingraham (Ingram) |
| James Gilbert         | J. P. Irby               |
| E. Tucker             | M. O. Brunson            |
| T. J. Bunyard         | R. Molpus                |
| S. Smith              | J. M. Smith              |
| J. J. Bunyard         | M. Akins                 |
| B. F. Willis          | John Butler              |
| John Hays             | John A. Smith            |
| D. Pugh               | Isaac Bunyard            |
| J. M. Vann            | George Rainer            |
| William Richey        | R. Franklin Butler       |
| William Honeycutt     | John Smith               |
| Gibbs Richey          | P. L. Bunyard            |
| B. F. Ethridge        | J. W. Garret             |
| James Richey          | William Stone            |
| L. F. Bunyard         | Davis Broomfield         |
| Jessie Randall        | William Jones            |
| P. Matthews           | Warren Embry             |
| John Ethridge         | Thomas J. Smith          |
| Rolen Perry           | Wiley Smith              |
| John Pace             | J. Alverson Smith        |
| B. F. Willis          | B. F. Richey             |
| J. N. Vaughn          | William Hughes           |
| H. Taylor             | J. W. Ellis              |
| J. T. Lafferty        | N. Blackwell             |
| Y.? H. Watson         | Silas N.? Irby           |
| William W. Richey     | Elizah Latham            |
| Lewis Hughes          | J. T. Johnson            |
| G. G. Bunyard         | B. F. Johnson            |
| John Hughes, Jr.      | B. J. Hays               |
| Marion Butler         | J. W. Hughes             |
| S. (Sam?) J. Anderson | U. E. Clark              |
| C. C. Martin          | Tom or Sam Hayman        |
| J. M. D. McElroy      | W. J. Ellis              |
| M. J. McDonald        | H. M. Bunyard            |
| Willis Haguewood      | William Ansley           |

James Williams  
J. D. Stone  
J. ? Johnston  
William J. Richey  
J. W. Mooney  
Thomas Shedd  
S. D. Ellis  
G. W. Richey  
John A. Stone  
J. L.? Ellis  
T. W. Irby

Jeremiah Hayman  
G. W. Anderson  
Isaac Williams  
D. McPhail  
John Smith  
Allen Honeycutt  
Henry Pickens  
B. F. Anderson  
William F. Hays  
John L.? Irby

Names of female members - undated:

Nancy Anderson  
Sophiah Bunyard  
Selete Bunyard  
Rebecca Carter  
Jennet Tedder  
Moriah McElroy  
Nancy Wilson  
Elizabeth Tucker  
Damaris Hughs  
Telitha Wiggins  
Lucinda Richey  
Mary Bunyard  
Eliza Puckett  
Elizabeth Brunson  
Sarah Ethridge  
Jane Hayman  
Delilah Bunyard  
Lydia Wolfe  
Lucretia Hayman  
Mary James  
Caroline Hayman  
Elizabeth Carter  
Elizabeth Bunyard  
June or Jane Akins  
Senah Hughes **Smith**  
Charity Smith  
Sarah Hughes Smith

Katherine Richey  
Elizabeth Irby  
Harriett Randal  
Mary Honeycutt  
Frances Vann  
Martha Richey **Smith**  
Clarke (Clarke?)  
Martha E. Bunyard **Ethridge**  
Francis J. Carter  
Elizabeth Ethridge  
Manerny Akins  
Priscilla Matthews  
Sarah Smith  
Mary Clark  
Nancy Hughs **Molpus**  
Mary Molpus **Hays**  
Melvina Silborn  
Manda Anderson  
Katharine Molpus **Anderson**  
Elizabeth Ethridge  
Nobannah Bunyard  
Mildred Godwin  
Levina Akins  
Rosenah Randal  
Martha Rainer **Smith**  
Sarah Matthews **Lillie**  
Nancy Honeycutt

Note: Senah & Sarah may have both been sisters , both married  
Smiths)

Julia Gibson Godwin  
Martha Willis  
Margret Pugh  
Juliann Richey **Molpus**  
Jerusha Molpus  
Laura Townsend  
Eliza Rainer Butler  
Sarah Rainer **Culpepper**  
Sarah Ingraham (Ingram)  
Malina S. Smith  
Sarah A. Tomces (Thomas)

Elmira (Elmina?) Richey  
Jane Smith  
Huldah Rainer  
Elizabeth Rainer  
Mary Smith  
Caroline Gibson  
Mary A. Clark  
Harriett Bunyard  
Emily Brunson  
H. M. Bunyard  
Elizabeth Jones  
Sarah A. Richey Knox

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Martha Ethridge   | Emily Lilley                   |
| Telitha Richey Hughes <b>Molpus</b>                                       | Sarah Garnet (Granett?)        |
| Lucinda Eaton   | Caroline Broomfield            |
| Nancy Broomfield  | Francis Mooney                 |
| Elizabeth Clark   | Mary Clark <b>Smith</b>        |
| Sarah A. Tathan (Tatum) <b>Lafferty</b>                                   | Lucy Vaughn                    |
| Harriett R. Smith ? <b>Vinson</b>   | Mary Vaughn                    |
| (There is another name written before Vinson "Anostson?"-unable to read.) |                                |
| Mary E. Rainer <b>Stone</b>   | Sytha H. Rainer <b>Martin</b>  |
| Amanda M. Smith Richey  | Nancy Molpus                   |
| Mary A. Pringle   | Phereby P. Godwin              |
| Mary L. Butler  | Francis Perry                  |
| Margret Godwin  | Elizan Granthan <b>Bunyard</b> |
| Elizabeth Smith <b>Butler</b>   | Susan Blalock                  |
| Mary Butler <b>Vinson</b>   | Katharine Hughs                |
| Mary E. Bunyard <b>Hughs</b>  | Jane Waller                    |
| Higgah (Hizzah) Gibson  | Jane Anderson                  |
| Allie McElroy   | Francis Ellis                  |
| Nancy Johnson   | Frances Hagedwood              |
| Nancy Culpepper   | Sarah A. Williams              |
| Harriett Johnson  | Abigail Mooney                 |
| Arrena Smith  | Martha Irby Mooney             |
| Francis McDonald  | Francis Smith Irby             |
| Mary E. Irby  | Emmer(Emma) Smith              |
| Elizabeth Reynolds  | Manery Akin                    |
| Prissilla Matthews  | Sarah Smith                    |
| Mary Clark  | Nancy E. Hughs                 |
| Mary Molpus   | Melvina Sillorn                |
| Amanda Anderson   | Catherine Molpus               |

THIS CONCLUDES THE MEMBERSHIP LIST.

A note found: J. S. Ellis was married to S. A. Vann (Vaughn?)

December 24, 1879 by Rev. J. E. B.

J. S. E. was born 9/21/1850. S. A. Ellis was born April 12 AD 1862

THIS ENDS THE SUMMARY OF THESE MINUTES FROM BOOK ONE WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM MRS. BEN WHITE JOHNSON, KNOWN AS "MISS SADIE", A LOVELY AND GRACIOUS LADY, OF CAUSEYVILLE, MS.

**SUMMARY EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES VOLUME 2**

**by  
James Thomas (Jim) Dawson**

This book, the second book of the minutes of this Church, commences by stating the Covenant dated February 19, 1842:

"We, the undersigned, being Baptist by immersion upon a public profession of faith and being dismissed (dismissed) from our several churches by letter, do agree to donate (dedicate) ourselves into a Church to be known by the name of Ebenezer, enrolling our names as follows:

|                    |                   |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| P. L. Bunyard      | J. M. Bunyard     | J. (I) B. Bunyard  |
| I. (J) N. Akin     | William J. Carter | E. L. Carter       |
| Jas (James) Mosley | Nancy Akin        | Sophia Bunyard     |
| Saleta Bunyard     | Rebecca Carter    | Margret L. Carter. |

By Ambros Yarbrough the right hand given and declared to be a regular gospel church of the Baptist Order.

**January Term 1873** E. K. Smith, Moderator; G. W. Rainer, Clerk

**February Term 1872**

Simpkin Smith, Moderator. Elizah Latham requested the Church to exclude him from her body, stating that he had joined through delusion and after thorough investigation of the matter found that he had been engaged in unchristian conduct. His request granted. Brother Samuel Hayman had also gone astray. He being at a distance, the clerk was requested to write and cite him to our next conference.

**March Term 1873**

The case of Sam Hayman was taken up and after thorough investigation of the matter, a motion and second, he was excluded from the body for drunkenness and other unchristian conduct. J. E. Brunson, Moderator.

**April Term 1873** No conference.

**May Term 1873** Divine services by Soloman Williams, Moderator.

**June Term 1873**

Divine services by Brother J. E. Brunson. It was reported that Jerry (Jere) Hayman had been guilty of drinking too much intoxicating liquors, Brother Hayman, being present, requested the Church to exclude him, stating he was unwilling to promise to refrain from the evils of drink as he did not think that he could keep his promise; so, on motion and second, the Church excluded him from her body for drunkenness.

**July Term 1873**                      **No conference**

**August Term 1873**

F. G. Rainer, Moderator. Delegates to Liberty Baptist Association  
George W. Rainer, J. W. Ellis and E. Smith.

**September Term 1873**

G. G. Bunyard returned a letter of dismissal for himself and wife Eliza. Sister Avaline Carr presented herself for admission with a letter from Buckaturnna Church; she was received. Services by Elder Gressett. Sister Mildred A. Godwin presented herself for membership by letter from Mt. Zion Church and was received. Services at night by Brother F. A. Freeman. J. F. Irby and Tabitha Richey united themselves with the Church by experience. Services by Elder A. Yarbrough on Tuesday.

**January Term 1874**                      **No conference**

**February Term 1874**

Brother J. F. Bunyard, who joined the Church in January, presented a letter from Newhope Church, No. 2 Arkansas County, Arkansas. Brother Simpkin Smith made acknowledgment for J. F. Irby by his request for drunkenness which gave satisfaction. It was reported that Brother Levi Heart had been engaged in dancing and using profane language - it was stated that Bro. Heart had sent the Church word that there was no need for a committee as he would not make any acknowledgment; Church excluded him. J. W. Molpus reported to have used profane language. Bro Molpus, who was present, failed to give satisfaction. Committee of S. D. Ellis, J. S. Ellis and J. D. Stone appointed to work with him.

Bro. John A. Smith reported to have been dancing. Committee of John Hughes Sen., W. A. Ansley and G. W. Rainer appointed to labor with Bro. Smith. E. Smith, Moderator.

**March Term 1874**

John C. Culpepper returned letters for himself and his wife (not named). The Bro. Molpus matter laid over until next meeting. Bro. J. A. Smith was excluded upon request.

**April Term 1874**

Bro. J. W. Molpus made satisfactory acknowledgment and upon satisfactory explanation by Bro. Irby he was forgiven by the Church.

**June Term 1874**

Sister M.S. Vinson and E.J. Smith granted letters of dismissal.

### **July Term 1874**

It was reported that F. W. Irby had purchased the parcel of land on which the Church was situated. Bros. J. R. Bunyard, E. Smith and G. W. Rainer to see the brother and make arrangements to obtain a letter to five acres donated by the agent for the sale of saidland.

### **August Term 1874**

J. D. Stone, Moderator. Church grieved with Brother F. W. Irby and Bro. S. D. Ellis for trampling upon her right in purchasing the land, whereupon a charge was preferred against them. Committee of Jno (John) Hughes, Jno (John) Smith and J. R. Bunyard appointed to labor with the charged parties. J. R. Bunyard, J. D. Stone and J. M. Hughes appointed delegates to Association.

### **September Term 1874**

Jno (John) S?. Irby granted letter of dismissal.

### **October Term 1874**

The cases of S. D. Ellis and F. W. Irby taken up. S. D. Ellls made satisfactory acknowledgment. Brother J. W. Hays excluded upon request for drinking. The Church granted Bro. G. W. Rainer and Bro. J. D. Stone authority to exercise their gift (preach) any way they see proper. J. D. Stone to preach at Bethany Baptist Church. The case of F. W. Irby referred to committee from five different churches (Union, Newhope, Mt. Horeb, Buckatunna and Bethany).

### **November 1874**

The Church paid ten dollars for land which was recommended by the committee. It was reported that J. W. White had attached himself to the Methodist Episcopal Society. Brethren E. Smith and S. D. Ellis to labor with him. J. D. Stone, Moderator. Bro. H. (Harvey?) Yarbrough conducted services. Cathinine Blackwell joined by experience. Miss. L. A. Culpepper also joined by experience.

### **December 1874**

Brother Josiah Ethridge and Miles Stone presented themselves from Mt .Horeb and were received.

**(NOTE: It is thought that Mt.Horeb located on Highway 45 South – there were two Mr. Horebs, one for a while at Old Whynot; the other, on Highway 45 South)**

Brother John White excommunicated for joining the Methodist Society.

Brothers L'.Smith, John Hughes Sen. and Jun. (Senior & Junior?) volunteered to visit Mt. Horeb Church.

### **January 1875**

Brother Jackson Butler sent in acknowledgment of drinking; this deferred until next meeting. It was reported that Bro. E. Clark had been overtaken in the same fault. Bro. Clark made frank acknowledgment which was received. Bro. Silas Clark was excluded upon request. Bro. A. G. McDonald sent a letter embracing a frank acknowledgment for the error of his course and requested to be restored to the Church; request granted. Bros. E. Smith, J. R. Bunyard and S. D. Ellis appointed to collect funds for the purpose of paying Bro. F. W. Irby for the lot of land on which the Church stands and obtain a deed.

### **February 1875**

Case of Jackson Butler taken up. The Church voted to suspend rule requiring each member to attend their acknowledgment, then took up Bro. Butler's acknowledgment, which was accepted. Sister M. E. Ellis granted letter of dismissal.

**March 1875**      **No conference.**

### **April 1875**

It was reported that Sister Martha Martin, Sister Elizabeth Anderson and Sister Tabitha Richey (all of them) had been dancing. Committees appointed to labor with the sisters and report back to Church. Bro. C. A. Gressette selected as supply for the balance of the Association year.

### **May 1875**

Sister Martha Martin acquitted for dancing, as was Elizabeth Anderson. Sister Tabitha Richey being obstinate and failing to give the Church satisfaction, was excluded from the Church body.

### **June 1875**

Bro. C. A. Gressett, Moderator. Bro. B. J. Hays was reported to have been dancing; the committee reported that they found him obstinate and persistent in his sinful course, he was excluded.

### **July 1875**

It was reported that Bro. Samuel Anderson and John Smith were involved in a personal difficulty and living at variance and unbecoming to christian brethren; committee of John Hughes Senior (Sr.), R. F. Butler, J. W. Ellis and J. D. Stone appointed to labor with Bros. Anderson and Smith.



## **August 1875**

Committee made report on the Anderson/Smith matter, which was accepted. Then Church appointed an arbitrating committee of T. G. Rainer, J. W. Ellis and George Bunyard to settle the dispute. W. J. Ellis, Church Clerk. Sister Hart granted letter of dismissal.

## **September 1875**

Received by letter Francis Richey; by restoration, Silas M. Irby; by experience, Charley Belio, Henry Etta (Henrietta) Smith, Eucie (Lucy?) Hughs, Margrett Tedder, Rosena Tedder. The Arbitrating Committee found John Smith in error; the Church voted to exclude him from her body. Bro. B. F. Johnson had been found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Christian. The case was placed under consideration and found that he was impenitent and persistent in his wicked and disorderly walk; the Church agreed to exclude him.

## **October 1875**

A minority report given in the matter of exclusion of Bro. John Smith. The matter deferred until the next meeting.

## **November 1875**

Matter of John Smith laid over until the next meeting.

## **December 1875**

The case of John Smith taken up and after considerable consultation and debate, the matter was finally dismissed.

## **January 1876**

Mt. Horeb Church requested ordination of Bro. J. D. Stone. A council appointed to handle same. This was Elder J. E. Brunson, A. Gressett and Kampe (Elder Camp). **(NOTE: Apparently these persons were not members of the Church at the time as certain members were appointed to contact them.)**

## **February 1875**

It was reported that Brethren Charley Belio and J. J. Johnson had been engaged in dancing; both excluded. Then it was reported that Sister Lizzie Richey and H. (Henrietta?) Smith had been engaged in dancing, for which both were excluded. Bro. J. D. Stone ordained.

## **March 1876**

It was reported that Bro. Frank Richey and Sister Lucy Hughes had violated the rules of the Church by engaging in dancing. Committee appointed to wait upon them and report the results of their labor.

**April 1876**

**No conference**

**May 1876**

Bro. Frank Richey sent in acknowledgment; Church rejected same because he was not present. The committee had failed to see Sister Lucy Hughes; another committee appointed to see her. The matter of the John Smith/Samuel Anderson matter arose once again. It was decided to get a committee from Sister Churches - Mt. Horeb, Buckatunna and Bethany - to settle the matter. Bro. J. D. Stone to see Mt. Horeb; Bro. G. W. Rainer to see Bethany; and Bro. W. J. Hughes to see Buckatunna. Sister H. Smith and Mildred Godwin granted letters of dismissal. Bro. H. Yarbrough chosen as supply (moderator). W. J. Hughes appointed to inform him.

**June 1876**

James Anderson arose and made acknowledgment for the error of his course. The church accepted same. Bro. Frank Richey's acknowledgment was accepted and he was acquitted. It was reported that Sister Lucy had been found to be obstinate and persistent in her wicked course. The Church excluded her for the offense of dancing. Report on Anderson/Smith dispute: Your committee begs leave to report as follows: We believe Bro. John Smith to be in error and also believe Bro. Samuel Anderson to be in error for buying land that he, Samuel Anderson, knew that John Smith had previously contracted for. Report goes on to say the matter is of great importance, thus possibly too important for three Church members to handle. Case deferred until next meeting. James Anderson granted letter of dismissal for himself and wife (wife's name not given).

**July 1876**

The land dispute continues with the Church trying to work things out. Finally, John Smith said that as far as the land, S. J. Anderson could take it; but as far as extending his hand in token of friendship, he would not do it. James L. Irby excluded for being intoxicated. W. J. Ellis, Church Clerk.

**August 1876**

J.R. Hughes, Church Clerk. Anderson/Smith case continued. **(NOTE: The writing here very hard to read)** Bro. G. W. Rainer ordained.

**September 1876**

Bro. J. P. Anderson excluded for intoxication; a committee assigned to obtain his letter.

**October 1876**

Sister H. R. Vinson granted letter of dismissal. The case of S. J. Anderson and John Smith was settled to the Church's satisfaction; both returned to the fellowship of the Church. S. J. Laferty, S. E. Butler, W. P. Irby, L. Smith; Cobb Smith and H. E. Smith were received by experience. Sister Ella Smith, Mary, Martha and Rachel Henderson received by letter. B. J. Hays was restored.

**November and December 1876      No conference**

**January 1877**

S. D. Ellis granted letter of dismissal.

**February through June 1877      No conference**

**August 1877**

W. J. Hags and H. R. Smith restored. Nancy E. Anderson received by letter.

Received by experience were:

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| C. C. Irby        | James Bunyard   |
| William Shirley   | M. Cranford     |
| Berl Smith        | Benoni Smith    |
| Gilbert Rainer    | William Bunyard |
| John Shackel      | B. Dean         |
| J. W. Smith       | J. A. Butler    |
| B. Z. Molpus      | George Hughes   |
| Paralee Culpepper |                 |

This was during a continuance nine-day meeting period of the Church. J. S. Ellis elected Church Clerk and J. E. Brunson selected as Pastor. Church still in Liberty Baptist Association.

**September 1877**

Church Clerk directed to write PineGrove Church in regard to the restoration of Sister Caroline Shackle.

**October 1877**

Bro. Benoni Smith forgiven for using profane language. Some indication that J. E. Brunson not informed of his selection as pastor; he had not commenced these duties.

**November through December 1877      No conference**

**January 1878**

Bro. B. F. Dean stated by letter of his drinking; was forgiven. Also, Bro. Milo Cranford was reported to have engaged in dancing. Since Bro. Cranford had moved out of the vicinity, the Clerk was directed to write and inform him of the charge.

## **February 1878**

Sister Eliza Buckalew received by letter. Bro. Joel Molpus excluded for drunkenness.

## **March 1878**

Bro. Milo Cranford excluded for drinking and dancing. Bro. Bari Smith excluded for dancing. Bro. B. F. Hays excluded for dancing.

## **April 1878**

Bro. E. Smith, J. S. Ellis and J. M. Hughes appointed to study and make modification and change to the Thirteenth Article - which modification had been proposed.

## **May 1878**

Divine services by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Bro. J. L. Buckalew and Sister G. A. Buckalew presented letters of dismissal from Oak Grove Church, Lauderdale County, MS., and were received into membership. The Thirteenth Article changed: that each male member shall pay 50cents into the treasury of the Church at the November conference each year. J. M. Hughes, Church Clerk.

**June 1878            No conference**

## **July 1878**

Bro. John Shackel reported guilty of unchristian conduct. Bro. N. Blackwell (Blackwell?) was noted to have absented himself from conferences of the Church. This also noted on Bro. Jackson Richey as well as Bro. Jackson Butler. It was noted that John W. Blackwell and Silas N. Irby had been absent for some time from conferences - they having moved out of the State.

## **August 1878**

Received by letter Oleviann Irby and Caroline Smith; By restoration, Lucy Dean, Benoni Smith and B.F. Anderson.

By experience:

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Kiziah Butler         | Ella Blackwell |
| J. T. Anderson        | Franklin Smith |
| James Irby            | S. E. Grantham |
| Caroline Anderson     | Delphia Butler |
| G. A. Johnson         | M. E. Anderson |
| Huldah (Hulda?) Stone | Ollie Butler   |
| Nancy Dickens         |                |

Bro. John Shackel excluded for the offense of departing the Baptist Faith. The cases of Bro. N. Blackwell, Jackson Richey, Martin Butler, and J. M. Blackwell were deferred.

**November 1878    No Conference.**

**January 1879**

Service by Bro. Henry Pickard. It was reported that Bro. Benoni Smith had been dancing.

**February 1879**

S. J. Ellis, Church Clerk. Bro. Benoni Smith excluded.

**March 1879**

Bro. J. T. Lafferty granted letter of dismissal for himself, wife and daughter.

**May 1879**

Bro. Silas Irby excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. John Blackwell's acknowledgment accepted. It was reported that the Church had a deed to land on which the Church was situated. Bro. John Blackwell granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1879**            **Church at peace.**

**July 1879**           **No Conference.**

**August 1879**

Received by letter ? Wheelless, L. P. Wheelless and Martha Irby;  
By restoration, J. F. Irby and Benoni Smith.

By experience:

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| T. B. Heyman | A. C. Pickard |
| C. ilunt     | T. J. Irby    |
| J. Bunyard   | V. Grantham   |
| Laura Richey | S. H. Johnson |

**September 1879**

Bro. J. M. Hughes elected financial clerk.

**October 1879**

J.B. Stone granted letter of dismissal for himself, wife and daughter.

**November 1879**

Caroline Smith granted letter of dismissal. Bro. Benoni Smith and Allen Butler reported as guilty of unchristian conduct. Committee appointed to see Bro. Smith were James Irby, Thomas Rainer and Wright Smite. Committee to see Bro. Butler were G. G. Bunyard, Larkin Bunyard and C. C. Culpepper.

## **January 1880**

Bro. J. W. Blackwell returned his letter of dismissal. Sister ? Butler excluded for departing from the Missionary Baptist faith. Bro. ? Butler was acquitted.

## **February and March 1880 No conference**

## **April 1880**

Bro. J. E. Brunson forgiven for dancing. Mentions Church Clerk writing to Bro. Columbus Hunt since Clerk knew his whereabouts.

## **May 1880 No conference.**

## **June 1880**

Bro. C. C. Irby excluded for unchristian conduct. Bro. C. W. Hunt's case laid over - Clerk instructed to write him.

## **July 1880**

Bro. C. W. Hunt's acknowledgment accepted. C. W. Hunt granted letter of dismissal. Bro. B. F. Anderson reported to have been engaged in unchristian conduct.

## **August 1880**

Service by Bro. A. A. Powell. Bro. W. F. Hays excluded for drinking. Bro. S. J. Anderson granted letter of dismissal for himself and wife. Bro. W. A. Ansley, Church Clerk.

## **September 1880**

Received C. Gibson by restoration. Acknowledgment of Bro. B. F. Anderson accepted. Bro. T. C. Rainer acquitted. A variance reported between Bro. B. F. Anderson and Sister I. J. White. Bro. C. Gibson granted letter of dismissal. The Church selected Bro. S. O. Y. Rag for the next year. A committee of J. R. Bunyard, W. A. Ansley, J. C. Culpepper and J. T. Anderson to contact Bro. Ray.

## **December 1880 No conference.**

## **February 1881**

Sister White acquitted. Bro. B. F. Anderson excluded for dancing and unchristian conduct.

## **May 1881 No conference.**

## **June 1881**

Bro. A. Pickard and Bro. L. J. Bunyard excluded for dancing. It was reported that Sister L. P. Wheelless had been dancing, for which she was excluded. Bro. Isaac Williams and wife granted letters of dismissal.

## **July 1881**

Sister Elizabeth Butler by letter. Received N. Wheelless, J. W. Smith, L. L. Wheelless and S. M. Irby by experience. H. T. Wheelless and Margaret Wheelless also received by letter.

**August 1881      No conference**

## **September 1881**

Service by Bro. Robbins. Sister Tabitha Richey restored after acknowledgment sent in to Church; then she was granted letter of dismissal. Bro. J. C. Foster selected as pastor for the coming year. Church voted to withdraw from the Liberty Baptist Association and to join the Bethlehem Association.

**October and November 1881      No conference**

## **December 1881**

Bro. H. W. Blackwell excluded for use of profane language. Bro. James Irby forgiven for drinking.

## **February 1882**

Bro. G. G. Bunyard forgiven for drinking. B. F. Dean forgiven for dancing. Sisters Ollie Butler, H. S. Johnson and Virginia Hags excluded for dancing.

## **March 1882**

Bro. Thomas Irby granted letter of dismissal.

## **April 1882**

Bro. J. H. Bunyard and Bro. J. T. Anderson involved in a difficulty. Committee assigned to labor with them, T. C. Rainer, Sr., John Smith, J. W. Ellis, J. C. Culpepper, W. A. Ansley and H. M. Bunyard.

**May 1882      No conference.**

## **July 1882**

Sister Ella Hughes presented herself by letter and was received into the Church. Bro. J. or I. Bunyard and J.T. Anderson reported

living in a state of indifference - voted to get committee from Mt. Horeb. Newhope, (Bethany and Mt. Gilead. T. G. Rainer to contact Bethany; E. K. Smith, Mt. Gilead; G. G. Bunyard, Mt. Horeb; and W. J. Ellis to Newhope.

### **January 1883**

Service by Bro. Robbins (no first name given). Bro. J. W. Smith excluded for drinking and using profane language. Sister Lizzie Duticr excluded for dancing.

### **February 1883**

Divine services by Bro. S. L. Robbins. Sister Elizabeth Pickard excluded for dancing. J. J. Stone selected as moderator and W. A. Ansley as church clerk.

### **March 1883**

Received by letter: Bro. G. T. Hill, A. C. Gibson and Sister Kissay (Kissah?) Gibson and Matilda Gibson. Letters of dismissal granted F. W. Irby, B. F. Molpus, Sister A. or S. Irby, V. P. Kennedy, K. E. Molpus, Florence Irby and Frances Irby.

### **May, June and July 1883 No conference**

### **August 1883**

W. W. Shirley made an acknowledgment and was restored to the membership of the Church. Delegate to Association Conference: J. W. Ellis, E. Smith, J. M. Hughes, W. A. Ansley; Alternates, J. A. Irby and C. M. Smith. Bro. Brett Haman (Hayman?), G. W. Hughes. and Sister Amanda Hughes granted letters of dismissal. Bro. W. W. Shirley and wife Martha Snirley granted letters of dismissal.

### **September 1883**

Received Bro. T. C. and Sister L. A. Day. The following brothers and sisters were granted letters of dismissal:

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J. M. Hughes and Mary B. Hughes | Mary A. Moody               |
| M. F. Haguewood                 | R. F. and L. T. Butler      |
| J. A. and Elizabeth Butler      | Delpha Gun (Gunn?)          |
| Kissah Sewart (Stewart)         | J. R. and Elizabeth Bunyard |
| W. J. Hughes                    | H. M. and S. J. Bunyard     |
| W. C. and E. A. Rainer          | J. C. and S. J. Culpepper   |
| T. G. and S. C. Rainer          | N. C. and T. A. Culpepper   |
| W. F. and M. P. Bunyard         | G. W. and N. E. Hughes      |
| Annie Rainer                    |                             |

Bro. W. E. Smith, Church Clerk.

**(Note: Believe this is the same as E. Smith)**



**October 1883**

Sister Kissiah Gipson, her son and daughter granted letters of dismissal.

**November 1883**

Bro. J. W. and Sister Margret Ellis granted letters of dismissal.

**December 1883**

Bro. Milo Cranford made acknowledgment, which was accepted; then he was granted letter of dismissal.

**January and February 1884      No conference**

**March 1884**

Church at peace. Sister Mary Buckalew granted letter of dismissal.

**April 1884      No conference.**

**May 1884**

Received by letter Bro. C. S. Fountain and wife M. E. Fountain. Bro. J. R. Culpepper granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1884**

On motion and second, the Church agreed to extend an arm to a locality near Whynot which was authorized to receive members and to baptize into the fellowship of the Church. **(NOTE: It is thought that this was the log church located on the old Scruggs Place. Reference Mr. B.W. Scruggs.)**

**July 1884      No conference.**

**August 1884**

Bro. B. F. Dean granted letter of dismissal.

**September 1884**

Received by letter M. J. Johnson, N. Blackwell, J. T. Anderson, J. J. Johnson, Elizabeth Butler, and S. H. Johnson.

By experience: S. Grantham, John Thaxton, J. W. Richey, Sherman Wheelless - received at that armat Whynot, T. C. Kitchens, Mattied Kitchens, and T. Stanley.

Association delegates appointed were: W. A. Ansley, W. J. Clark, J. W. Smith, John Smith, and W. E. Smith.

**October 1884**

Bro. Norman Martin received by experience. Letters of dismissal granted Mary E. Bunyard and Elorina? Anderson.

**November - December 1884 and January - February 1885**

**No conference**

**March 1885**

Bro. John Thaxton excluded from membership for dancing.

**April 1885**

Bro. G. T. Hill granted letter of dismissal. Also, Bro. Mathew McDonald and wife letter of dismissal.

**May and June 1885 No conference**

**July 1885**

Services by L. E. Hall. Bro. H. T. Wheelless excluded for unchristian conduct.

Received by letter:

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sister S. Bunyard    | Bro. B. W. Williams     |
| Sister E.M. Williams | Bro. J. A. Williams     |
| Bro. H. Wheelless    | Bro. J. K. (H) Williams |

By restoration: John W. Smith

By experience:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bro. W. P. Butler      | J. J. Kennedy?        |
| C. N. Anderson         | Wily (Wiley?) Bunyard |
| W. Z. Irby             | B. C. Clark           |
| Sister L. F. Ellis     | Sister Elmina Clark   |
| Sister Hattie Anderson | Sister Elizabeth ?    |

**August 1885**

Delegates to Association: B. W. Williams, E. Smith and W.J.Clark; Alternates; J. T. Anderson, N. Martin and W. A. Ansley.

**(NOTE: The above N. Martin is the son of Norman Martin, one of the first Police Commissioners for Lauderdale County, MS... this when County formed on December 23, 1833.)**

**October 1885**

A letter of acknowledgment received from Bro. Jerry Haymond (Hayman?) and he was restored. **(NOTE. This was Jere Hayman)** Committee appointed to re-certify Church records: Bro. Boney Williams, Norman Martin, Billy Clark and Hilton Smith. Bro. Jerry Hayman and wife granted letter of dismissal, also, Bro. George Anderson and wife granted letter of dismissal.

**November 1885**

Church letter of H. T. Wheelless read and received.

**December 1885**

Committee reported on the loss of Church minutes, and they could do nothing to recertify same.

On request of Bro. Norman Martin, the Church preferred charges and excluded Bro. Benoney Smith. Hard (made) Acknowledgment for drunkenness and other dishonest christianity, which was received. **(NOTE: It is known that some of the records of this church are missing and presumed to have been destroyed for reasons known only to the party or parties who destroyed the records. It is thought a portion of those records may have been re-constructed, but there is no proof.)**

**January through April 1886      No conference.**

**May 1886**

Bro. F.?(H) S. Grantham excluded for drunkenness and use of profane language.

**June 1886**

Committee reported they had done their best to rectify the Church minutes.

**July 1886              No conference.**

**August 1886**

Bro. L. J. Bunyard presented himself and was restored. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. L. J. Bunyard, Bro. John Henry Richey and Sister Luilla(?) Ellis. The Church extended to rite (extended the right) hand of Church fellowship to:

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Bro. T. B. Irby    | W. J. McMullen |
| J. R. Simmons      | G. H. Irby     |
| James Smith        | H. J. Anderson |
| A. Carr            | B. H. Irby     |
| J. M. Hayse (Hays) | E. R. Brett    |

**(NOTE: The writing is very bad)**

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| K. J. Butler           | J. F. Butler                |
| Sister A. Smith        | J. L. Johnson               |
| L. Irby                | F. M. McMullen              |
| S. M. Fisher           | A. F. Stone                 |
| D. B. Carr             | F. J. Kurnegy (?Korneaguy?) |
| S. Korneaguy           | G. A. Korneaguy             |
| E. W. Irby             | B. M. Wilson                |
| V. D. Simmons          | B. P. Thaxton               |
| C. C. Ritchey (Richey) | A. W. Hayse (Hays)          |

Letters of dismissal granted to F. J. and J. F. Butler.

**September 1886**

Clerk instructed to write letter of dismissal from the Liberty Association. Letters of dismissal granted to (?) Kithcens

Wheless and wife, Bro. H. J. Ellis, Sister Olly Dean, Bro. Jack McMullin and wife.

October 1886

Bro. B. N. Williams granted letter of dismissal for himself and wife, and two sons. Bro. W. J. Anderson, who was elected Church Clerk, said he couldn't serve and asked to be excused.

November 1886

Received B. F. Molpus by letter.

Granted letters of dismissal to:

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Bro. E. K. or H. Smith and wife | C. M. Smith and wife                     |
| H. E. Smith and wife            | G. F. Smith and wife                     |
| W. A. Ansley and wife           | Sister Jane Smith                        |
| J. R. Thaxton and wife          | Bro. H. J. Ritchey and wife and daughter |

H. A. Ansley, finance clerk resigned. J. J. Johnson appointed to this position.

**December 1886 and January\_\_ & February 1887 No conference.**

**March 1887**

Sister Viola(?) C. Smith received.

**April 1887**

Sister Elizabeth P. Smith received by letter. Bro. J. J. Kornegay made acknowledgment, which was received. Bro. Hilley Ritchey made an acknowledgment, which was received. Arranged for the building of a pool(?) and dressing room at the Church House - **Springs Community**. Committee composed of Elizabeth T. Smith, Matty Anderson, Elizabeth Grantham, S. Kornegay, Brother J. T. Anderson, D. C. Clark and J. J. Johnson. Sister Learaline Anderson was granted letter of dismissal.

**May 1887**

Wiley Ritcher (Richey) restored. Granted letters of dismissal to Sister Dorer (Doris? Dora?) Simmons, Bro. John Simmons.

**June 1887**

Bro. J. J. Kornegay made satisfactory acknowledgment to the Church. J. M. Hayse granted letter of dismissal.

**July 1887**

Received Sister Lisenviser(?) Kornegay.

**August and September 1887 No conference**

**October 1887**

Bro. E. K?. Smith and wife granted letter of dismissal.

**November 1887; January 1888 No conference**

**February 1888**

Sister Jenny Irby and Sister Duffie(?) Sussie(?) Carr charged with dancing. Jenny Irby's acknowledgment received. Sister Carr's case laid over. Bro. Wiley Richey wxcluded for holding dance at his house.

**March 1888**

Sister Sussie(?) Carr excluded for social dancing.

**April 1888**

Miss Amanda Hughes presented herself by letter and was received. W. J. Anderson appointed clerk. Bro. James Irby elected deacon.

**May through October 1888 No conference.**

**December 1888**

Granted letters of dismissal to Bro. B. C. Clark and Sister S. E. Clark.

**January\_through April 1889 No conference**

**May 1889**

Sister E. M. Culpepper granted letter of dismissal.

**June 1889**

Sister Lerviter Butler granted letter of dismissal.

**July through September 1889 No conference**

**October 1889** T. C. Day, Church Clerk

**November 1889 No conference**

**December 1889**

Sister Francis Bunyard granted letter of dismissal.

**January through August 1890 No conference**

## **September 1890**

Services by Bro. Dave Covington. Bro. J. L. Williams, Moderator. Bro. J. P. Anderson through Bro. J. T. Anderson made acknowledgment and requested letter of dismissal, which was granted. Sisters Emily and Victora (family of J. T. Anderson?) granted letters of dismissal.

## **October 1890 No conference**

## **November 1890**

Mt. Rose Church requested assistance with a difficulty; committee appointed to assist.

## **December 1890**

Sisters Francis and Georgia Kornegay granted letters of dismissal.

## **January through June 1891 No conference**

## **July 1891**

Bro. C. S. Fountain and wife and Sister S. H. Carlisle granted letters of dismissal.

## **August 1891**

Charges of non-attendance preferred against Bro. N. Martin, Bro. T. T. Stanley and Bro. Sam Carr. Bro. W. J. Clark and wife granted letters of dismissal.

Received by experience:

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| W. Jeff Anderson          | S. F. Foster     |
| S. F. Sinclaer (Sinclair) | W. W. Grantham   |
| D. W. Molpus              | S. H. Molpus     |
| Morgan M. Irby            | W. C. Buny       |
| Charlie Molpus            | Samuel Irby, Jr. |
| M. C. Foster              | S. M. Foster     |
| A. V. Anderson            | Mattie Molpus    |
| Ada Johnson               |                  |

Restored: Richard Molpus, Wiley Richey, and I. I. Kornegay.

## **September 1891**

Bro. S. H. Carr and T. T. Stanley made satisfactory acknowledgements, which were accepted. Bro. T. T. Stanley granted letter of dismissal, as were E. Clark and his wife.

## **September 1891 - June 1892 No conference.**

## **August 1892**

Bro. B. F. Molpus and wife granted letter of dismissal.

**September 1892**

Bro. S. A. Carr and Bro. John Smith excluded for drinking.

**November 1892**

Bro. Will C. Bunyard granted letter of dismissal.

**February 1893**

Bro. Vaughn called for the care of the Church.

**July through September 1893            No conference**

**October 1893**

Bro. W. J. Anderson and Bro. S. F. Foster granted letters of dismissal. D. W. Molpus, Church Clerk.

**December 1893    No conference**

**(NOTE: Minutes skip from December 1893 to November 1894)**

**November 1894**

Services by Bro. D. A. Covington. Bro. B. J. Anderson restored, then called for letter of dismissal, which was granted. S. J. Anderson, Church Clerk.

**January 1895**

Sister Sarah Pervis (Purvis?) granted letter of dismissal.

**April 1895            Bro. J. W. Smith, Church Clerk**

**May 1895**

Sister Amandah (Amanda) Hughes and Day and Wheelless and T. C. Day granted letters of dismissal. The Church rescinded the act of excluding Bro. James Bunyard. S. J. Anderson, Church Clerk.

**June and July 1895            No conference**

**August 1895**

Received by letter Bro. B. U. Williams, Eliza Williams, Lula Williams, A.W. Williams, Sally Williams.

**September 1895**

Bro. A. W. Williams elected Financial Clerk.

**October 1895**      **No conference.**

**November 1895**

Bro. Kornegay granted letter of dismissal.

**February 1896**

Received by letter Bro. Andrew Smith.

**March 1896**

Bro. Morgan Irby reported guilty of drinking. Sister Miney Foster reported to have departed from the faith in that of joining the Methodist Church. It was also reported that Bro. S. F. Sinclair was guilty of unchristian conduct for which he was excluded. It was ordered that the Church Clerk purchase a new book for a 3rd volume of the record of this Church.

**April 1896**

It was agreed that services commence strictly at 11:00 o'clock. Received by letter Bro. W. C. Culpepper and wife Sister Miney Culpepper.

**"THIS CLOSES THE 2ND VOLUME OF THE RECORD OF EBENEZER CHURCHfNOTE:  
There are many blank sheets left in Volume 2.**

**NOTE: COMPILER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY VOLUME 3 OF THE CHURCH RECORDS.**



**MALE MEMBER LIST - NO DATE**

1. Isaac R. Bunyard
2. John Hughes - dead
3. Jackson Richey
4. Simkin Smith - dead
5. Elkanah K. Smith
6. David Smith - dis. 1873
7. Thomas J. Rainer - dead 1883
8. George W. Rainer - dis. 1879
9. Rich (Richard) F. Butler
10. John T. Lafferty - dis. 1879
11. John M. Hughes - dis. 1883
12. Sam J. Anderson - dis. 1880
13. James D. Stone - dis. 1879
14. William J. Richey
15. John A. Smith - exc. 1874
16. John Smith - ex. 1875 - dis. 1876
17. S. D. Ellis - ex., rest., ex.
18. William J. Hays
19. Joe S. Ellis
20. John L. Irby
21. F. W. Irby
22. William Hughes - dis. 1883
23. John W. Ellis - dis. 1883
24. N. Blackwell - res. 1884
25. Silas M. Irby
26. Elizah Latham
27. J. J. Johnson
28. B. F. Johnson
29. B. J. Hays
30. J. W. Hughes - dis. 1883
31. W. E. Clark
32. Sam Hayman - ex.
33. W. J. Ellis
34. H. M. Bunyard
35. William Ansley
36. Jeremiah Hayman (Jere)
37. George W. Anderson
38. Isaac Williams
39. C. C. Martin
40. John H. White - ex.
41. John C. Culpepper
42. J. W. Molpus
43. Levi Heart (Hart)
44. J. F. Irby
45. John Blackwell
46. George C. Bunyard
47. J. F. Bunyard
48. C. Belio
49. J. P. Anderson
50. C. M. Smith
51. W. E. Smith
52. James Bunyard
53. C. C. Irby
54. Willaim Shirley
55. M. or C. M. Cranford
56. D. B. Smith
57. Denoni Smith
58. Gilbert Rainer
59. William Bunyard
60. John Shackel
61. Brett Dean
62. W. C. Rainer
63. T. G. Rainer
64. L. J. Bunyard
65. J. W. Smith
66. J. A. Butler
67. B. F. Moplus
68. George Hughes - dis. 1883
69. J. L. Buckalew
70. Franklin Smith
71. J. T. Anderson
72. B. F. Anderson
73. Marion Butler
74. Charles Gibson
75. T. B. Hayman - dis. 1889
76. A. C. Pickard
77. C. Hunt
78. T. J. Irby
79. H. T. Wheelless
80. Nathan Wheelless
81. J. W. Smith
82. S. M. Irby
83. G.(?) T. Hill
84. A. C. Gibson
85. T. C. Day
86. S. C. Fountain
87. J. B. Culpepper
88. John H. Richey
89. W. J. Clark
90. J. W. Richey
91. Sherman Wheelless
92. Sect. Grantham
93. J. J. S. Thaxton
94. S. W. Williams
95. J. J. Kornegay
96. B. C. Clark
97. C. U. Anderson
98. W. M. Irby
99. W. P. Butler
100. Wiley Bunyard
101. J. A. Williams
102. J. K. Williams
103. Hardy Wheelless
104. N. (Norman) Martin

## LIST OF FEMALEMEMBERS 1890

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|---|---|
| 1. J. A. Molpus                             | 53. E. W. Irby                          |
| 2. Catheron Ritchey - dead 1892             | 54. N. E. Matthews                      |
| 3. Elizabeth Irby                           | 55. Viola C. Smith                      |
| 4. Mary Clark                               | 56. Elizabeth V. Smith                  |
| 5. Amanda Anderson                          | 57. Minnie Irby                         |
| 6. C. C. Anderson                           | 58. Amanda Huse (Hughes) - dis.<br>1895 |
| 7. Francis Bunyard - dis. 1890              | 59. Mattie Kitchens                     |
| 8. Elmira Anderson                          | 60. S. M. Foster                        |
| 9. Francis Ellis - died 1893                | 61. A. V. Anderson                      |
| 10. Nancy Johnson                           | 62. M. C. Foster                        |
| 11. J.(G.?) G. Smith                        | 63. Mattie Molpus                       |
| 12. H. R. Smith                             | 64. Ada Johnson                         |
| 13. Elizabeth Clark - dis. 1891             | 65. M. B. Day                           |
| 14. A. J. Molpus                            | 66. Lillie Molpus                       |
| 15. J. J. White                             | 67. Elizer Williams                     |
| 16. A. T. Irby                              | 68. Lula Williams                       |
| 17. A. T. Irby                              | 69. Sallie ? Williams                   |
| 18. S. F. Hayse - died Mar 3rd              |   |
| 19. F. N. Molpus                            |   |
| 20. Averline Carr                           |   |
| 21. Francis Ritchey                         |   |
| 22. Rachel Tedder                           |   |
| 23. Mary Tedder - died                      |   |
| 24. M. E. Bunyard                           |   |
| 25. Ella Blackwell                          |   |
| 26. G. A. Bunyard                           |   |
| 27. Jane Irby                               |   |
| 28. O. A. Irby - dis. 1843                  |   |
| 29. Elizabeth Grantham                      |   |
| 30. Marthey Irby                            |   |
| 31. Samrah (Sarah) Irby - died<br>2/25/1894 |   |
| 32. S. H. Johnson - dis. 1891               |   |
| 33. M.M. Wheelless                          |   |
| 34. M. V. Smith                             |   |
| 35. L. A. Day                               |   |
| 36. M. E. Fountain - dis. 1891              |   |
| 37. A. Ritchey                              |   |
| 38. M. J. Johnson - exc. 1895               |   |
| 39. E. M. Clark                             |   |
| 40. Elizabeth Irby                          |   |
| 41. M. A. Anderson                          |   |
| 42. Eliza Anderson                          |   |
| 43. Emily Smith                             |   |
| 44. Jinney Hayse                            |   |
| 45. J. L. Johnson                           |   |
| 46. L. Irby                                 |   |
| 47. S. M. Fisher - dis. 1894                |   |
| 48. R. M. Walker                            |   |
| 49. A. W. Hayse                             |   |
| 50. F. J. Kornegay - dis. 1890              |   |
| 51. S. Clark                                |   |
| 52. G. A. Kornegay                          |   |

**LIST OF FEMALEMEMBERS - NO DATE**

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| 1. Damrius Hughs - dead                            | 50. Amanda Hughs - dis. 1883                            |
| 2. Lowinda Richey - dead                           | 51. Elizabeth Anderson - exc. 1888                      |
| 3. Liveretia Hayman - dis. 1895                    | 52. Emily Williams                                      |
| 4. Elizabeth Bunyard - dis. 1883                   | 53. M. J. Molpus  |
| 5. Sarah Smith                                     | 54. J. J. Smith - now White                             |
| 6. Julian Ann Molpus                               | 55. A. J. Smith - now Irby                              |
| 7. Catharine Richey                                | 56. Martha Martin                                       |
| 8. Elizabeth Irby                                  | 57. S. J. Richey  |
| 9. Martha Clark - dead                             | 58. S. C. Bunyard                                       |
| 10. Mary Clark                                     | 59. S. F. Hays  |
| 11. Mary Hays                                      | 60. S. J. Rainer - now Bunyard                          |
| 12. Mandy Anderson                                 | 61. S. E. Smith - now Ansley                            |
| 13. Catharine Anderson                             | 62. Francis H. Molpus                                   |
| 14. Francis Bunyard                                | 63. Eliza Bunyard                                       |
| 15. Mildred Godwin                                 | 64. Avaline Carr  |
| 16. Martha Smith                                   | 65. Mildred A. Godwin (marked thru)                     |
| 17. Jain (Jane) Smith                              | 66. Tabitha Richey - exc. 1875, rest.                   |
| 18. Elmira Anderson - dis. by letter; rest. 1884   | 67. Francis Richey                                      |
| 19. Elizabeth Rainer                               | 68. Henryetta Smith - dis. 1876                         |
| 20. Eliza Butler - dis. 1883                       | 69. Lucy Hughs - now Dean - exc. 1876; rest.; dead 1884 |
| 21. Sarah Culpepper                                | 70. Margret Tedder - now Smith                          |
| 22. Telitha Molpus - dead                          | 71. Rosena Tedder                                       |
| 23. Mary Smith                                     | 72. Suffnoney(?) E. Butler - ex. and rest.              |
| 24. Sarah A. Lafferty                              | 73. S. J. Lafferty                                      |
| 25. Harriet R. Vinson                              | 74. Laura? Smith - now Wheelless                        |
| 26. Mary E. Stone                                  | 75. Virginne P. Irby - now Kennedy                      |
| 27. Sitha H. Martin                                | 76. Rachel Henderson                                    |
| 28. Mandy M. Richey                                | 77. Mary Henderson                                      |
| 29. Nancy Molpus                                   | 78. Martha Henderson                                    |
| 30. Mary Vinson - dis. 1874                        | 79. Mary E. Anderson                                    |
| 31. Catherine Hughs - now Lorelgroves (Snellgrove) | 80. Pariler Culpepper - now Bunyard                     |
| 32. Mary E. Hughs - dis. 1883                      | 81. Eliza Buckalew                                      |
| 33. Kissiah Gibson                                 | 82. S. A. Buckalew                                      |
| 34. Jain (Jane) Anderson                           | 83. Kiziah Butler - now Sewart (Stewart)                |
| 35. Francis Ellis                                  | 84. Ella Blackwell                                      |
| 36. Nancy Johnson                                  | 85. Delphia Butler - now Gunn                           |
| 37. Nancy C. Culpepper                             | 86. G. A. Johnson - now Bunyard                         |
| 38. Mary Martin                                    | 87. Hulda Stone   |
| 39. Martha Mooney - dead                           | 88. Jane Irby   |
| 40. Francis McDonald - dis. 1885                   | 89. Oleviann Irby                                       |
| 41. Francis Irby                                   | 90. Ollie Butler - exc.                                 |
| 42. Emmie (Emma) Smith                             | 91. N. Dickson - dead                                   |
| 43. M. E. Ellis                                    | 92. Elizabeth Grantham                                  |
| 44. Margret J. Ellis                               | 93. N. E. Anderson                                      |
| 45. S. C. Irby                                     | 94. Carolina Anderson                                   |
| 46. Harriett R. Smith                              |   |
| 47. Emily A. Rainer                                |   |
| 48. Elizabeth Richey                               |   |
| 49. S. A. E. L. Anderson - now Grantham            |   |

95. Caroline Smith
96. M. A. Wheelless
97. L.P. Wheelless
98. Martha Irby
99. J. Bunyard
100. Laura Richey