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### MINUTES

Of the 20th Annual Session of the Centennial Baptist Association, held at Old Town Creek, Edgecombe county, N. C., on the 26th, 27th and 28th of October, 1850.

SATURDAY, October 26th.

1st. Pursuant to adjournment from last year, Elder Laneir Griffin preached the Introductory Sermon from 1st General epistle of John, 3rd c. 1st v. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God;" therefore the world

by her delegate. Also, one from Country knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

2nd. The delegates met together, and the Association was opened with prayer and praise, by Elder James Griffin.

3rd. The Association appointed Elder Benjamin Bynum Moderator, and Elder Ichabod Moore Clerk, and brother Jesse C. Knight Assistant Clerk.

4th. Ministers and messengers from sister Associations, were invited to take seats with us; when Brethren Elders Robert D. Hart, Daniel Hyman and Cooper, from the Kehukee took seats with us, and Brethren Wm. Thigpen, J. S. Battle and John Bryan, from Little River, Elders Burwell Temple and J. Sasser, and brother R. M. Gully, from White Oak, Elder Nathaniel Willie.

5th. Appointed a committee on finance, brethren Moses Baker & Sanders P. Cox, 6th. Called for the letters from the different churches in this Association, and entered their contents as appears in the following table.

Names of Churches and Counties wherein situated.	NAMES OF THE DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Members.	Dues.	Pensions.	Number of Pious Persons.	Contributions.	
							Per Annum.	Per Cent.
Antony's Creek, Edgecombe	John R. Moore, S. Wooten, John Cobb,*	1	35	1	00	1	35	1 00
Black Creek, Wayne	Elder Wm. Bass * Lincy Bell, A. Lamb*	2	23	1	25	1	23	1 25
Blount's Creek, Beaufort	George Hill, Archibald Jones,		84	1	00		84	1 00
Friendship, Wayne	Elder J. Herring, B. Herring, J. R. Parker		13	50			13	50
Galloway's, Pitt	Arnet Edwards, Samuel Boyd,*		16	1	00		16	1 00
Hancock's, Pitt	Elder L. Griffin, Wm. Mumford, B. Bland		1	30	1 50		1	30 1 50
Meadow, Greene	Elder B. Bynum, J. Beeman,* W. Turnage	2	25	1	50		25	1 50
Memorial, Wayne	Washington Hooks,		3	12	50		3	12 50
Naubunta, Wayne	Shadrach Pate, Leonard Pate, Silas Pate,	1	1	7	1 50		1	7 1 50
New Chapel, Wayne	Sanders P. Cox, Wm. Rouse, J. K. Green*	3	1	1	45	1	1	45 1 25
Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe	Jacob Proctor, Frederick Proctor,		10	50			10	50
Pleasant Plains, Wayne	Wright Smith,		1	7	25		1	7 25
Red Banks, Pitt	Elder Jas. Griffin, J. Nelson, C. Nelson,*	1	1	2	61	1	2	61 1 00
Rose of Sharon, Lenoir	Not represented.							
Sandy Bottom, Lenoir	I. R. Croom, A. W. Wooten * R. Croom,*	2	1	10	1 00		1	10 1 00
Swift's Creek, Craven	N. Gaskill, D. P. Whitford, B. Whitford,	6	1	52	1 00		1	52 1 00
Tsion's, Pitt	Benjamin Briley, Benjamin Coy,*		13	1	00		13	1 00
Toisnot, Edgecombe	Larry Dew, William Barefoot,		16	1	00		16	1 00
Town Creek, Edgecombe	Moses Baker, T. Bynum, J. C. Knight,	2	2	47	1 50		2	47 1 50
Union, Edgecombe	Ely Taylor, Ely Robbins, David Proctor,	1		32	1 50			32 1 50
White Oak, Edgecombe	Elder I. Moore, J. B. Woodard, W. Stanton		27	1	50		27	1 50
	*Absent,							
		16	5	4	3	18	629	20 35

7th. Called for petitionary letters—one from Galloway's was handed in and after reading the letter, that church was received a member in our union, the Moderator giving her delegate the right hand of fellowship. Also one was handed in from Blount's Creek, and after it was read, that church was also received into our Association.

8th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Red Banks, Pitt county, N. C., to commence Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in October, 1851, at eleven o'clock, A. M. and Elder Jacob Herring to preach the Introductory Sermon and if he fail, Elder Benjamin Bynum.

9th. Appointed ministers to the stage tomorrow—Elders, Temple, Daniel and Cooper. Preaching to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

10th. Then adjourned till Monday, 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 27th.

Met at the stage.

11th. Elder Blount Cooper introduced the service of the day from 2nd Corinthians, 5 c. 20 and 21 v. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Elder Temple followed from John's gospel, 18 c. 38 v. "Pilate saith unto him, what is truth?" Elder Daniel closed the worship from Isaiah, 54 c. and 13 v. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children." That part of the people which had the convenience of hearing, paid attention to the word preached and we hope God did bless it to the good of their souls for Christ's sake.

MONDAY MORNING, October 28th.

12th. Met according to adjournment from Saturday last, and the Association was opened with prayer and praise by Elder Ichabod Moore.

13th. Called the roll and noted the absentees thus \*

14th. Called for letters from sister Associations, when one was handed in from Kehukee by her delegates, and two files of her Minutes. Also, one from Little River, by her delegate, and a file of Minutes. Also, a file of Minutes from White Oak

Line, by brother Latta and Elder Wall. And a file of Minutes was handed in from Abbot's Creek.

15th. The committee on finance report:

Balance in hand last year, after paying all charges,	\$2.80
Contributions this year	20.35
Left in the hands of our Treasurer this year,	\$23.15

16th. Ordered that a biography of Elder David Whitford, be printed with these Minutes.

17th. The committee appointed to try to get a transcript of the old Neuse Association, was not ready to report, and the same was continued with instructions to report to our next Association.

18th. Appointed delegates to sister Associations. To Kehukee, Brethren Elders, James Griffin, Laneir Griffin, Ichabod Moore, Shadrach Pate; and Brethren Jesse C. Knight and Jacob Proctor.

To Little River, Elders James Griffin, Lanier Griffin, Shadrach Pate; and brethren Sanders P. Cox, Moses Baker, James R. Parker.

To White Oak, Elders Benjamin Bynum, Jacob Herring, Shadrach Pate; and brother Sanders P. Cox.

To Country Line and Abbot's Creek, Elder Benjamin Bynum and Joseph R. Croom.

19th. Appointed Elder Ichabod Moore our treasurer, and also to transcribe and superintend the printing these Minutes, and have 500 copies printed and distribute them as usual.

20th. Then the Association adjourned to time and place as above.

BENJAMIN BYNUM, Mo'r.  
ICHABOD MOORE, Clerk.

### BIOGRAPHY.

Elder DAVID WHITFORD, the subject of this short biographical sketch, was born August the 8th, A. D. 1764. His education was very limited. He was received and baptised in the church at Swift Creek, Craven county, A. D. 1788, and in 1804 he was chosen by the church to the office of deacon; which station he filled. He commenced preaching by liberty obtained from the church in July, A. D. 1808. He was set apart by the church and ordained the 6th day of August 1825 and took the pastoral care of the said Church, and con-

tinued to be their pastor until A. D. 1847—And having become blind and worn out by infirmities and old age, he resigned his office as pastor of the church.

He was blessed with a loving wife, who was received in the same church with him, A. D. 1803. They lived in union together, and raised ten children; and both lived to see the greater part of them embrace the same like precious faith with themselves. His wife died August, A. D. 1843, and he was left alone as to a helpmate; but he still continued to persevere in the cause of the Redeemer.

His manner of preaching was not with enticing words, as with man's wisdom. He was sound in the faith and a very good experimental preacher. He lived to a good old age, and although he had become blind and infirm, he would still talk of the world to come and speak of the precious hope that he had of a future crown. And although he was deprived of that great blessing called eye sight, he still loved to hear the precious truths of the Bible, and as he could not see how to read them himself he would ask his children to read them for him, and he would sit for hours together and hear, and talk of the goodness of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But there was one more step for him to take, and but a few hours before he has to take it he goes to bed one evening after addressing a throne of grace, and behold what do we see, and hear? Next morning very soon, on the 8th of October 1847, why, he that has been faithful to his family, his neighbor, his church, and to his God; is now still, and active usefulness is now over. And he doubtless, is gone to receive that crown laid up in heaven which Paul spoke of, and that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Now, reader pause, and reflect, and see if you are pursuing the way that this man has gone; and are your hopes brightened for heaven and happiness. And if not, may God by his spirit and grace quicken you and save you at last, in the prayer of all truly praying people. Amen

Population and Wealth.—The following figures show the population and valuation of property of four Atlantic cities at the present time:

	Population.	Valuation.
New York,	517,000	\$286,000,000
Boston,	135,000	214,000,000
Philadelphia,	410,000	137,500,000
Baltimore,	178,000	80,000,000

Richmond, Va., has 27,683 inhabitants; increase in ten years 7,320. Petersburg has a population of 14,603; increase since the census of 1840, 3,467. Norfolk has 14,320 inhabitants; an increase of 3,400 in ten years.

Bank Depletion.—The Teller of the Bank of Louisiana, absconded with \$0.000 dollars of the funds. The greater portion of the money, however, has since been recovered.

On the 29th of January, the steamer John Adams, from New Orleans, bound to Cincinnati, sunk near Greenville. Five minutes after striking, her cabin parted from the hull and broke in two. Over one hundred lives were lost!

Old Lem Carter, a Free negro well known in this community, was found dead about seven miles from town the 28th ult.

He had been living at the Poor House of the county for nearly 12 months, and strayed off from there on the 26th of last December on the night of which, or the next day, he doubtlessly died. What is rather singular, although he had been dead and lying exposed to the weather for five weeks, there was very little appearance of decay upon the body when found, but it had the appearance rather of drying up. We do not pretend to account for this, but think that few bodies, exposed as this, would present the same appearance. That he had been dead since the 26th or 27th of December, there is no sort of doubt.—Warrenton News.

Letter from California.—The following are extracts of a letter from California, received by a friend in this county. The details are substantially the same, as re-

gards California life and prospects as those given by Dr. Pope in his letter which we published two weeks since:

As for the gold mines here I have nothing very encouraging to say. Digging has been slow ever since I have been in the mines, is dull now, and, I believe, getting worse every day. Take the mines, all together, and I do not believe there is an average of two dollars a day in the mines. Some few are doing very well, and some have been lucky enough to make fortunes by digging gold but I can assure you they are but few. There are so many people here that it is impossible for a man to get a place to work that will hold him longer than a few days and when he works out that place, he has to spend what little he makes in it looking out another place, and that is the way it goes all the time. On every stream that has gold in it, throughout the Country, people are crowded as thick as bees, thousands of them just come in, across the plains this season, destitute, and have to work through the winter for their living. Always, until now, it has been a rare thing to see a woman in the mines, but they have come, in great numbers across the plains this season. I was up on Deer Creek a short time since. There I found a great many families settled, quite a number of ladies, and many a little white headed child squealing about. Myself and Thos. have left Deer Creek and moved about 50 miles distant, to a place called the Auburn Dry Diggins, where we intend to winter. We have built a snug log cabin and have supplied ourselves with a plenty to eat during the winter so we can be comfortable when it rains and snows, whether we make money or not. As for making much clear money, I have given up all hope. We are now making about six dollars a day, but our spot of ground will last us but a short time, and then we may have to work a month or two and not average more than a dollar a day.

The main articles of food in the mines, are flour and pickled pork; though we have potatoes, onions, beans, molasses &c. but these sell enormously high in the mines. Potatoes are selling, in the mines at 30 cents a pound, onions from 50 cents to \$1 a pound, beans 30 to 40 cents a pound &c. yet a man is compelled to have some of these things occasionally in order to keep his health; as for cooking, we have to work hard all day and do our own cooking at night.—ib.

The father of a young man who died from injuries received by the upsetting of a stage coach in McLean county, Ohio, last summer, has recovered \$15,000 damages from Messrs. Fink & Co., of Chicago Ill., the proprietors of the coach.—ib.

Fugitive Slave Arrest.—A fugitive slave was brought before Commissioner M'Allister on yesterday, and remanded to his owners. He was one of the party that left with the negroes that Mr. Taylor arrested here in August last. He was perfectly satisfied to go back—said before the Commissioner that he did not know he was running away when he left—that his associates invited him to a wedding up the country, but he accompanied them to Pennsylvania. He said he was satisfied with his experience in Pennsylvania, and would have gone back before, if he had known the way, and could have returned conveniently.—Harrisburg Union

Disaster.—The Schr. John Boushell, Lee, hence for Edenton and Colerain, N. C., was capsized in Albemarle Sound between Perquimans River and Bats Grave on Wednesday morning last, and all hands lost. A vessel passed the Schr. and saw the crew on her bottom, but the violence of the wind prevented the Captain from rendering any assistance, and they either perished from the cold or were washed off and drowned. The J. B. was a new vessel of about 60 tons; she was owned by the Captain and W. H. Elliott, Esqr. of Chowan Co. and on board at the time a considerable quantity of mdz for sundry persons in North Carolina. The Captain also had in his possession over \$2000 in money, a large portion of which was the

proceeds of his last cargo. The balance was money entrusted to his care, for persons in N. C.—Norfolk Beacon.

Small Pox in North Carolina.—This loathsome disease has been prevalent for some time past in Wilmington, and in several of the western counties. The reports as to its fatality have no doubt been exaggerated, but we presume from what we hear from other sources, that it has been more fatal than the weekly reports of the newspapers have led people at a distance to suspect.—Newbernian.

A Strong Game.—A Mock Court.—We have already stated that a man named Henry N. Watson, alias John H. Woodbury, alias Governor Dorr has just been arrested at Boston and conveyed to New York on a charge of swindling a Mr. Baker, in the City of Mexico, out of a gold watch and other valuables. He related great stories of his intimacy with the President of Mexico, &c. He is also charged with forgery on Howland & Aspinwall. The New York Tribune describes a game that this chevalier and some of his confederates were in the habit of playing in the city of New York, which is amusing and instructive. The Tribune says:

"Watson, alias Woodbury, alias Governor Dorr, who is now in the Tombs, was one of a gang of petty gamblers and robbers who hang about the lower order of gambling houses. He was also a hack-driver, and as such was notorious for his swindling tricks upon travellers. He also belonged to a gang of thieves, pick-pockets, and pocket-book droppers, who nightly congregated at a house in Reade street. Here they held a mock court, and so complete was the deception that those who were arraigned before it never suspected its legality.—Watson and his associates would arrest countrymen in the streets, or on the docks, for some alleged violation of law, take them to their court, fine them, and with an admonition discharge them. On one occasion a man thus arrested was rather indecorous in his manners, and was fined fifty dollars for contempt of court! and actually paid it. All money thus obtained was divided among the parties composing the court, who, in their turn, dropped the most of it at the faro banks and kindred places."—ib.

The Satisfaction of a Gentleman.—The convention for forming a new constitution in Maryland have instructed a committee on duelling to report a clause giving all the property of the survivor to the widow of the deceased. What a real "satisfaction" it must be to a man to know that he can provide for his family by insulting a wealthy friend and getting comfortably shot.—ib.

Fugitive Returned.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) Herald chronicles the fact that a female slave, who absconded from her master in Maryland and went to New York, had voluntarily returned home. It appears that, on reaching New York, she was taken charge of by an abolitionist, who sent her with other fugitives to Canada. There she became dissatisfied and went back.—ib.

Georgia.—This enterprising State has within her limits, six Rail Roads in operation, and six are now in progress. When completed, as they will be in a few years, they will make an entire distance of nine hundred and sixty-three miles.

The roads already in operation, says the Macon Messenger, are prosperous, and are realizing from 8 to 16 per cent. clear profits per annum. Thus is demonstrated the wisdom and importance of a proper system of improvements. Georgia, after expending nearly fourteen millions of dollars, is now twice as rich as when she commenced her noble enterprises.—ib.

From the Portsmouth Pilot.

Death of Herr Ryninger.—We learn that Herr Ryninger, the celebrated wire walker (the same that figured in this place in November last) came to his death very suddenly at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 5th ult. In attempting to walk from the Tower of the Capitol, he fell, and was instantly killed.