

No 4-1809

MINUTES

OF THE

STRAIGHT CREEK ASSOCIATION,

HELD BY APPOINTMENT,

AT

SOLDIER RUN MEETING-HOUSE,

IN THE COUNTY OF ADAMS AND STATE OF OHIO,

ON FRIDAY, THE 27th OF AUGUST, 1814



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ASSOCIATION opened by praise and prayer, according adjournment. Letters from the following Churches were then read and their Messengers names enrolled.

Churches. Messengers names.		Received by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
EAGLE,	{ James Ball, James Baird.	0	0	5	0	1	17
RED-OAK.	{ Joseph Washburn, Thomas Rogers.	4	0	0	0	0	27
SOLDIER RUN.	{ Thomas Elrod, Daniel Traugler.	0	6	3	1	0	30
EBENEZER.	{ Allenson Goodwin, Moses Hutchings, Elijah Creed.	0	2	0	0	0	14
CROOKED CREEK.	{ John Jones, Jonathan Beadle, John Beakman.	0	0	0	0	1	8
BRUSH CREEK.	{ Spencer Records, Solomon Sparks.	2	0	0	0	0	9
Total,		<hr/>					105

FIRST. Elder Charles B. Smith, chose Moderator, and William Lacock Clerk : then proceeded to business.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Elders Charles B. Smith, Abrams, Hutchings, Creed and Lacock, be appointed a committee to arrange the business for to-morrow.—Adjourned until to-morrow, nine o'clock.

3d. A letter from Brush Creek Church, requesting admittance into the Association, was read and received into union with us.

4th. The Committee of Arrangement made Report—it was read and adopted.

5th. The letter from Soldier Run called for, and after some^e altercation received.

6th. A corresponding letter from the Scioto Association, by their Messengers Peter Jackson and Nathan Corry, was read and adopted—the Messengers invited to seats with us.

7th. Circular Letter called for, read and adopted.

8th. Elders Smith and Hutchings, to write corresponding letters to the Scioto and Miami Associations.

9th. Elder Thomas Elrod to preach the Introductory Sermon next year; and in case of failure, Elder Charles B. Smith.

10th. Elder Charles B. Smith to write the Circular Letter for next year.

11th. The Association to meet next year, at the Court-House in Hillsborough, Highland County, on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August.

12th. Two yearly meetings appointed: one at brother John Ritches, on Brush-Creek, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in November ensuing—Elders Smith and Hutchings to attend. Also, a yearly meeting to be held at Straight-Creek Meeting-House, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in June next—Elders Hutchings, Elrod and Bartlet to attend.

13th. Elders Abrams, Elrod and Smith to preach to-morrow, beginning at nine o'clock.

14th. The Corresponding Letters to the Scioto and Miami Associations were read and approved.

15th. Elders Charles B. Smith, and Allenson Goodwin, Messengers to the Scioto Association. Elders Moses Hutchings and John Jones, Messengers to the Miami Association.

16th. *Resolved*, That the Churches, yearly preface their Letter to the Association with the doctrines they hold.

17th. Elder Charles B. Smith and William Lacock, to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

18th. Concluded by praise and prayer; and adjourned until our next in course.

Signed by order of the Association.

CHARLES B. SMITH, Moderator.

WILLIAM LACOCK, Clerk.

Circular Letter.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

THROUGH Divine goodness, we have been favored with another annual meeting; while the pleasing intelligence communicated in your letters is heart-cheering to us, anticipating your unfeigned joys, which the King of Saints has reserved for all those who love and serve him, according to his revealed will: We, therefore, not as lords over your conscience, but helpers of your joy, invite your attention to keep close to the standard of Prince Immanuel, and in these days of calamity to take sanctuary under his banner, and never be ashamed of his cross; but as he has set us an example, let us follow his steps. 1st. Peter, 2nd chap. 21st ver. It is the more excellent way—the way of unfeigned faith and love. That faith which is by the operation of the spirit of God, and purifies the heart to unfeigned obedience and of the truth; and manifesteth itself by producing in all saints the fruits of righteousness—in all, meekness, temperance, humility, patience and love; whereunto all the children of God are created in Christ Jesus. Let us put on the whole armour of God: the sword of the Spirit, and the shield of Faith, & for an helmet the Hope of Salvation; having the loins of our minds girt about with Truth, and our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Being united by a living faith unto a living head, in brotherly love—a little flock, disapproved by men, but chosen of God and precious; having your fruit and holiness, and the end everlasting life. And now Dear Brethren, if there be any praise and virtue, think on these things, and the God of peace and love shall be with you, Amen.

CHARLES B. SMITH, Mod'r.

WILLIAM LACOCK, Clerk.