Hoosier Baptists: The Brownstown, Bethel, and Johnson County Associations with Names Listed in Annual Meeting Minutes

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Death records from the minutes of the American Baptist Brownstown Association, which is a missionary association, were published in the Spring/Summer 2014 edition of The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections. The Brownstown Association was originally located in Jackson, Scott, and Washington Counties, Indiana, and was comprised of churches dismissed by the Coffee Creek Association for the purpose of forming this new body.

Death records for the Bethel and Johnson County associations, also missionary associations, were published in the Fall/Winter 2014 edition of The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections. The Bethel association was organized in Clark, Floyd, and Washington Counties. From its inception, the Bethel association has been very active in the larger Baptist family. One of the earliest recorded African American Baptist churches in Indiana was a member until it was granted a dismissal letter “in order to organize a colored Association,” which came to be known as the Gallatian Association.

The Johnson County association was founded in Johnson and Morgan Counties, Indiana, and started life as the Morgantown Baptist Association. The name was changed in 1898 to better reflect the make-up of the body. The Johnson County association has also been seen as a leader due to the inclusion of the state Baptist educational institution, Franklin College, in its territory.

In the death notices, following each name is the year of the printed minutes that are abstracted, the page number of the entry, and either a brief account or a full listing of the notice. Many of the entries only include the church the member attended, but other entries include the age of the deceased or a longer obituary. See the appendix at the end of this article for a list of Baptist titles and abbreviations found in the death notices.
Notes


Brownstown Association Death Notices

Allen, Sis. Anna (1896): 4; Brownstown church. Died October 12, 1895.
Ayres, Sis. Adaline (1898): 11; Clear Spring church. Age 35 years, 9 months, and 3 days.
Baldwin, Bro. John (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died August 3, 1900.
Barnes, Bro. Woodford (1898): 11; Seymour church. Died June 29, 1898, age 82.
Bedel, Sis. Malinda (1897): 12; Uniontown church. Died January 15, 1897, age 87.
Bedel, Sis. Mary E. (1899): 10; Uniontown church. Died June 24, 1899, age 56.
Belding, Sis. Annetta (1889): 9–10; Mount Pleasant church. “One of its useful and promising members. Though young she had won the confidence and esteem by all.”
Bell, Eld. John (1881): 10. “Died at his residence in Jackson County, Indiana, after a short but painful illness, January 16th, 1881, aged 69 years, 8 months and 25 days. Brother Bell was not converted until about the middle of life, but was licensed to preach soon after, by the Mount Pleasant Church, with which he united, and was soon ordained to the work of the ministry. From that time until his death he was an earnest and faithful preacher, serving as Pastor [to] many of the churches in the Association. He served the Association as Moderator for a number
of years in succession. He was much beloved by his neighbors, and highly esteemed in the Township in which he had so long lived, as a most excellent citizen, wise counsellor and faithful friend. In his death the Association has lost one of its oldest pastors and most faithful workers.”

Booth, Mrs. Alice (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died July 21, 1900.


Branaman, Sis. Mary (1897): 11; Clear Spring church. Died January 10, 1897, age 77.

Branaman, Sis. Parthenia (1899): 10; Clear Spring church. Died June 7, 1899, age 89.

Briner, Bro. Lewis (1890): 5; Bethany church.

Briner, Sis. Minnie (1897): 11; Bethany church. Died November 22, 1896, age 21 years and 8 months.

Briner, Sis. Zelba (1890): 5; Mount Pleasant church.


Brown, Sis. Grace (1891): 7; No church listed.

Brown, Dea. Laban (1883): 8; Seymour church. “Its oldest member, was taken away . . . to his Heavenly reward.”

Busby, Sis. Rebecca (1896): 4; Seymour church. Died May 29, 1896, age 69.


Butt, H. B. (1891): 7; No church listed.


Carpenter, Eld. L. D. (1892): 6. “Our Association has lost a faithful worker, a cheerful giver and a constant support, and, while we bow to the Master’s will, we feel how much he will be missed in the councils of our Association. We extend to Sister Carpenter the sympathy of this body in her bereavement, and we hereby instruct the clerk to send her a copy of these resolutions. On motion, adopted by a rising vote.”

Carter, Mrs. John (1895): 9; Seymour church.

Clark, Sis. Ruby (1899): 10; Seymour church. Died November 1898, age 19.


Collins, Sis. Evelina (1890): 5; Mount Pleasant church.


Cox, Sis. Elizabeth (1894): 7; Ebenezer church. Died November 19, 1893.

Daniels, Bro. William (1890): 5; Mount Pleasant church.


Deckert, Sis. Laura (1896): 4; Crothersville church. Died August 1896.

Densford, Sis. Elizabeth (1899): 10; Seymour church. Died January 1899, age 58.

Deppert, Sis. Mary (1900): 10; Ebenezer church.
Ebaugh, Sis. Nancy (1899): 10; Ebenezer church.
Engleking, Sis. (1897): 11; Ebenezer church. Died 1897, age 18.
Farr, Sis. Mary (1897): 12; Uniontown church. Died January 16, 1897, age 38.
Fleming, Sis. Alice D. (1900): 10; Ebenezer church.
Gardiner, Mrs. Lucy (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died July 17, 1900.
Gillaspy, Rev. William (1879): 5. “This faithful servant of God, who departed this life
December 25, 1878, was born in Clark county, Indiana, August 8, 1813. In 1831 he was
converted, and joined the Slate Ford Baptist Church. He was ordained to the ministry in 1839.
A Council was called for this purpose by the Grassy Creek Church. His ministerial labors were
confined principally to the Brownstown Association, and extended through a period of nearly
forty years. He was the first man who preached missionary sentiments in the Association. His
advocacy of this doctrine brought upon him violent opposition. He was also obliged to endure
many hardships incident to the work of a minister in a newly settled country. For the first ten
years he received little more than enough to keep his horse shod.

“Brother Gillaspy was quiet, thoughtful, unassuming, and a man of sincere and earnest
piety. His intelligence, considering his opportunities, was quite extensive. He was a good
preacher and a safe counsellor. The ministry and the Association have sustained a great loss in
his death.”
Godfrey, Sis. Farneta (1898): 11; Ebenezer church.
Gossett, Bro. Thomas (1898): 11; Ebenezer church.
Gray, Sis. (1889): 9; New Liberty church. “And two sisters Gray, both devoted members.”
Greenwell, Bro. (1899): 10; Seymour church. Died May 1899.
Griffin, Sis. Pearl (1898): 11; Brownstown church.
Hall, Sis. Oratia (1899): 10; Crothersville church. Died March 2, 1899.
Hall, Sis. Sarah (1896): 4; Bethany church. Died February 15, 1896, age 63.
Hartley, Sis. Emily (1896): 4; New Liberty church. Died October 11, 1895.
Hawn, Sis. Sally (1890): 5; Bethany church.
Hazzard, Sis. Maggie L. (1894): 7; Ebenezer church. Died April 1894.
Henderson, Sis. Margrette (1900): 10; Mount Pleasant church. Died August 9, 1900.
Hogg, Bro. Nelson (1897): 11; Bethany church. Died August 24, 1897, age 55 years and 8 months.

Hogg, Eld. Washington (1883): 7–8. “We should feel grateful to God for the preservation of life to our ministers the past year. Yet we have to record and feel the loss of one taken away in the prime of life who had labored only a few years with us, that of Elder Washington Hogg. Death closed his labors last winter, and his field and churches feel his loss. Bro. Hogg labored zealously in what he regarded to be right, and was successful in swelling the numbers of the churches to which he preached. May we all pray God to fill the vacancy made by his death.”


Johnson, Sis. Eliza (1900): 10; Mount Pleasant church. Died May 10, 1900.

Johnson, Sis. Mary (1896): 4; Mount Pleasant church. Died November 9, 1895.


Jones, Sis. Sarah (1899): 10; Uniontown church. Died May 6, 1899, 89 years old.


Lett, Sis. Luella (1890): 5; Bethany church.

Lewis, Sis. Ida (1894): 7; Bethel church. Died June 5, 1894.

Lockman, Dea. C. M. (1883): 8; Clear Spring church. “Has been taken away in a needy hour of the church.”

Lockman, Sis. Nancy (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died September 16, 1899.

Louden, Sis. Cordelia (1899): 10; Clear Spring church. Died June 8, 1899.

Loudermilk [No first name or title given] (1900): 10; Clear Spring church. Died May 6, 1900.

Marsh, Sis. Mary (1900): 10; Ebenezer church.


McClelland, Bro. Eli (1895): 9; Bethel church.

McConnell, Eld. Samuel S. (1863): 5; Mount Pleasant church. “Was born in Kentucky, Jan. 11th 1800, and departed this life Jan. 15th 1861, at his residence. He emigrated to the State of Indiana about the year 1812. Joined the Pigeon Roost Baptist Church in Scott Co. Ind., at the age of eighteen years. Soon after was licensed to preach the Gospel. Eight years after, moved to Jackson Co. Ind., and united with Enon Church, with which he remained a member until the organization of Mt. Pleasant Church in said county, with which he lived and died a staunch member, a respectable and efficient Gospel Minister. He was ordained on the 5th of April 1834 in the council with his church, by Elds. Isaac Worrall, Moses W. Sellers and Sam'l Applegate. Soon after was chosen Pastor of his church, continued as such for twenty-three years, and the church was greatly blest and built up under his labors. During his active life he served various other churches as an acceptable Pastor. He was Moderator of Brownstown Association for a number of years previous to his death, which office he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Association.”
“Resolved, That in his death the Church lost an efficient member, the community a good citizen, and the Association an able and worthy Counselor.”

McCoy, Sis. Mary E. (1896): 4; Clear Spring church. Died October 10, 1895.


McDonald, Sis. Maggie (1894): 7; Crothersville church. Died August 13, 1894.

McWharter, Sis. Sarah (1894): 7; Seymour church.


Meede, Bro. (1897): 11; New Liberty church.

Meede, Sis. (1897): 11; New Liberty church.

Mettert, Sis. Mary A. (1900): 10; Ebenezer church.

Miller, Mrs. Margaret (1888): 6.

Miller, Sis. Ruth (1897): 11; Seymour church. Died August 1, 1897, age 68.

Monroe, Sis. Elvena (1897): 11; Seymour church. Died March 25, 1897, age 56.

Morrison, Sis. Elizabeth (1898): 11; Ebenezer church.


Newby, Sis. Winnie (1897): 11; Seymour church. Died April 1, 1897, age 16.

Nicholson, Sis. Ella (1898): 11; Ebenezer church.

Nipp, Mrs. Reuben (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died July 17, 1900.

Osborne, Sis. Huldah (1897): 11; Clear Spring church. Died July 13, 1897, age 24.


Richardson, Sis. Belle (1894): 7; New Liberty church. Died August 11, 1894.

Richardson, Bro. Joseph (1900): 10; Seymour church. Died August 21, 1900.

Richardson, Mrs. Joseph (1896): 4; Seymour church. Died June 2, 1896.


Richey, Bro. W. H. (1837): 7; No church listed.

Rider, Bro. David (1898): 11; Bethany church. Died September 4, 1898, age 68 years, 6 months, and 18 days.


Ross, Sis. Myrtle (1899): 10; Uniontown church. Died February 16, 1899, age 18.

Rude, Sis. Rhoda Anna (1900): 10; Uniontown church. Died May 5, 1900.

Sanders, Dea. Daniel (1882): 7; Clear Spring church.

Sellars, Eld. M. W. (1868): 7; Little Flock church. “Was born in Burk Co., N.C., the 22d of August 1796, and departed this life June 1, 1868, aged 70 years, 9 months and 9 days. He emigrated to Indiana, with his father, in 1814, and settled in Washington County. In September, 1816, he received a hope in Christ, and in November following was received into the Baptist
Church called Zoar, in said county, and baptized by Eld. J. Wilson. He removed to Clark County in 1817, placed his membership in Silver Creek Baptist Church July 4, 1824, was liberated to preach by this church June 21, 1828, was ordained to the ministry by a proper council, chosen Pastor of Little Flock Church April 27, 1837, of which he was then a member, and remained her Pastor for 37 years, until disabled by disease to preach, which was but a few months before his death. He was in the ministry 43 years.

“Eld. Sellers [sic] was a staunch member of society, a zealous defender of the true faith, boldly declaring against what he believed to be error, sacrificed much for the cause of Christ, and preached the gospel in many regions of country. In his last hours his bodily sufferings were severe, but he rejoiced in Christ. He was never heard to express a doubt of his acceptance into glory, for Christ’s sake, since his deliverance from sin. His work is ended on earth, and he has gone to his glorious reward.”


Shumaker, Sis. Miriam (1897): 11; Seymour church. Died May 27, 1897, age 55.

Silence, Bro. Jackson (1897): 11; Bethany church. Died June 25, 1897, age 42 years and 11 months.

Smith, Dea. Jacob (1882): 7; Bethel church.


Spall, Sis. Emaline (1899): 10; Uniontown church. Died January 19, 1899, age 74.


Stout, Sis. Malinda (1900): 10; Uniontown church. Died August 19, 1900.

Strauss, Bro. Thomas (1895): 9; Bethel church.

Sturgeon, Dr. William (1897): 11; Freedom church. Died March 5, 1897, age 73 years and 7 months.

Sullivan, Sis. Elizabeth (1895): 9; Hayden church.


Sweaney, Dea. R. M. (1882): 7; Ebenezer church.

Tabor, Sis. Elizabeth (1900): 10; Uniontown church. Died February 17, 1900.

Thomas, Bro. Lewis M. (1898): 11; Clear Spring church. Died July 8, 1898, age 35 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

Tinder, Eld. John R. (1850): 3; Indian Creek. “We are called upon to lament the death of our beloved Elder and Brother, John R. Tinder. He was born in Kentucky, united with the Baptist Church, was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ, and was ordained to the administration of the Gospel and its ordinances in the same State. We know but little of his labors and success in the Gospel Ministry while in Kentucky. He imigrated to Indiana about the fall of 1832, united with the Church at Indian Creek, of which he continued to be a member until the day of his death. He died on the 11th day of April, 1850, of a combination of diseases, but suffered much from an ulcerated leg, which seemed to contribute greatly to shorten his days. He was Pastor of the Church at Indian Creek to the day of his death, successful in the Ministry, baptized many persons, built up many churches, aided in the ordination of many Ministers, and was truly a
Father in Israel; and although tempted and tried in many instances, yet the light of the Gospel shone brightly in him. He aided in the Constitution of the Brownstown Association, and was its Moderator until his death. He was engaged in the Gospel Ministry about twenty-five years, and closed his earthly labors at the age of fifty-one years, eight months and ten days.”

**Tolman, Dea. J. B. (1882): 7; Seymour church.**

**Trowbridge, Sis. Anna (1898): 11; Mount Pleasant church. Age 26 years and 9 months.**

**Trumbo, Sis. Kate, Jr. (1894): 7; Seymour church.**

**Tucker, Sis. Margaret (1897): 12; Uniontown church. Died November 3, 1896, age 67.**

**Van Riper, Bro. Henry (1900): 10; Hayden church. Died August 17, 1900.**

**Van Riper, Bro. John (1899): 10; Hayden church. Died December 22, 1898.**

**Waskom, Sis. Barbara (1897): 11; Freedom church. Died January 14, 1897, age 73 years and 8 months.**

**Waskom, Mrs. Hester (1888): 6.**

**Waskom, Bro. Rice (1896): 4; Freedom church. Died April 17, 1896.**

**Wells, Bro. Walter (1896): 4; Hayden church. Died December 28, 1895.**

**Woodmansee, Sis. America (1898): 11; Seymour church. Died July 9, 1898, age 80.**

**Woodson, Mrs. Leanal (1899): 10; Hayden church. Died October 1898.**

**Wright, Mrs. E. (1899): 10; Seymour church. Died March 1899.**

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**Aldridge, Mrs. George (1900): 11; Jeffersonville church.**

**Armstrong, Miss (1895): 12; Culbertson Avenue church.**

**Ash, Mrs. Cynthia (1900): 11; Jeffersonville church.**

**Barth, Mrs. Nancy (1899): 13; Tabernacle church.**

**Batt, Mrs. Ann (1900): 11; Mill Creek church.**

**Batt, Bro. Enos (1900): 11; Mill Creek church.**

**Bennett, Bro. W. G. (1900): 11; Jeffersonville church.**

**Bennett, Mrs. W. G. (1900): 11; Jeffersonville church.**

**Biggert, Mrs. Annie W. (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.**

**Bishop, Miss (1899): 13; Tabernacle church.**

**Bonifer, Mrs. Hattie (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.**

**Brannanman, Sis. Nancy (1897): 11; Enon church.**

**Brown, Sis. Nellie (1896): 10; Salem church. Wife of Ora Brown.**

**Brown, Bro. Ora (1896): 10; Salem church. Husband of Nellie Brown.**

**Burcham, Sis. Elizabeth (1899): 13; Mill Creek church.**

**Byers, Mrs. Mary (1896): 10; Tabernacle church.**

**Carr, Bro. Willis (1882): 5; New Philadelphia church. “Distinguished for his integrity and piety.”**

**Carter, Bro. Charles, Sr. (1897): 11; Mill Creek church.**

**Carter, Mrs. Eliza Bell (1896): 10; Mill Creek church.**
Carter, Bro. William, Sr. (1899): 13; Mill Creek church.
Colglazier, Mrs. Eliza (1895): 12; Salem church.
Colglazier, Bro. Levi (1898): 12; Salem church.
Colglazier, Sis. Mary (1891): 12; Mill Creek church. Died July 3, 1891.
Condiff, Mrs. J. (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.
Condiff, Miss Majenta (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
Cooper, Bro. William (1880): 7; Salem church. Died August 26, 1880.
Crabs, Eld. J. D. (1866): 5. “We would hereby express our sympathy for his bereaved widow and family.”
De Pauw, Mother (1880): 7; Salem church. Died December 12, 1879.
Deihl, Bro. Philip, Sr. (1898): 12; Blue River church.
Deihl, Sis. Temperance (1898): 12; Blue River church.
DeWitt, Bro. John (1853): 6. “In the recent demise of our beloved brother, John DeWitt, the cause of Christ has lost one of its most faithful supporters, and that we deeply sympathize with the church with which he was connected and his bereaved family.”
Donohue, Mrs. Mary (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.
Echols, Mrs. Emma (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.
Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Elizabeth (1896): 10; Jeffersonville church.
Golglazier, Bro. Oscar (1882): 5; Mill Creek church.
Graham, Mrs. Elizabeth (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.
Grimes, Mrs. Emma (1898): 12; Salem church.
Grosheider, Sis. Mary (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
Hebert, Sis. (1882): 5; Mill Creek church. “Will be greatly missed in the Church and at home.”
Hodges, Bro. James M. (1891): 12; Salem church. Died June 18, 1891. Hodges “was born near where Harristown now stands, Aug. 23d, 1813. He was first married Oct. 1st, 1835. Through his wife’s influence he was converted, and in 1837 united with the Hebron Baptist church near Farabee Station. From 1846 to 1888 he was a member of the Blue River church. After a second marriage and the birth of a daughter, his only child, now Mrs. J. A. Kemp, he removed to Salem in 1865, at which place he resided until his death. In 1888 he transferred his membership to the Salem church, of which he was a faithful member to the close of life. He was upright in his daily walk, respected by his wide circle of acquaintances and faithful in attending the meetings of the church.”
Hood, Mrs. Mary (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.
Hosea, Mrs. Mary (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.
Huff, Bro. Moses (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
Johnson, Mrs. Sarah (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.
Knowles, Bro. (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
Lemon, D. B. F. (1882): 5; New Albany church. “Died in the 78th year of his age; and his
granddaughter, who was received into fellowship, but was not baptised on account of ill-
health.”
Leonard, Miss Mary J. (1899): 13; Mill Creek church.
Loudon, Mrs. Elizabeth C. (1899): 13; Enon church.
Marshall, Mrs. (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
Martin, Bro. J. A. (1884): 4; Mill Creek church.
McBride, Mrs. (1895): 12; Tabernacle church.
McCoy, Rev. William (1891): 12; New Philadelphia church. Died May 22, 1891. McCoy “was
born near Sellersburg, Clark county, Dec. 21st, 1814. He was married Oct. 1st, 1839. He was
baptized by J. D. Crabbe. Ordained in Salem August, 1843. Pastor in Salem from 1843 to 1869.
Pastor at Mill Creek from 1844 to Dec., 1890. Organized New Philadelphia 1844. Pastor 1844
to 1891. Organized New Providence; pastor 15 years. Pastor at Elizabeth, New Prospect and
Bethany churches in Jefferson county, and Charleston, Enon and Bedford. Preached a great
number of sermons in other churches and in school houses. Traveled to and from appointments,
largely on horseback, 47,500 miles. Missed only 5 appointments at Mill Creek in 47 years.
Clerk of Bethel Association 29 years and Moderator 10 years. Attended its meetings regularly
throughout his ministerial life. His work was largely missionary work. He was a pioneer,
preaching in destitute places, with small compensation and enduring hardness as a good soldier
of Jesus Christ. He had a very large share in laying the foundations on which the workers in
Bethel Association are now building. He has entered into rest but his work still goes on, and the
interests which were dear to him have been committed to younger hands. Father McCoy was
widely known and universally respected. He had six children, of whom two sons and two
daughters, with the wife of his youth, survive him. One daughter preceded him to the spirit
world, and his oldest son, Rev. John E. McCoy, followed him after an interval of about two
months.”
McKnight, Bro. James (1891): 12; Enon church. Died April 22, 1891.
Medsker, Bro. Simon (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.
Merchy, Dea. Donald (1895): 12; Jeffersonville church.
Miller, Mrs. Mary (1896): 10; Tabernacle church.
Minor, Mrs. (1899): 13; Tabernacle church.
Mitchell, Bro. William (1883): 5; Mill Creek church. “Age 83 years, and for 40 years a member of this Association.”

Nash, Mrs. Mary A. (1899): 13; Jeffersonville church.

Neal, Mrs. Maggie (1899): 13; Jeffersonville church.

Neal, Mrs. Margaret (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.

Nicholson, Sis. Mary (1891): 12; Salem church. Died December 6, 1890.

Norris, Mrs. Lena (1898): 12; Salem church.

Phillips, Sis. Emily (1891): 12; Mill Creek church. Died May 1891.

Pierson, Mrs. Delia (1896): 10; Tabernacle church.

Ponsford, Mrs. Martha (1900): 11; Mill Creek church.

Purkheiser, Mrs. Sarah (1900): 11; Mill Creek church.

Rhett, Mrs. Anna W. (1899): 13; Salem church.


Rodman, Mrs. Mary (1897): 11; Blue River church.

Ross, Sis. (1882): 5; New Albany church.


Sadler, Mrs. John W. (1897): 11; Salem church.

Sears, Bro. Frank (1899): 13; Tabernacle church.

Shaw, Bro. Isaac (1869): 5.

Smelser, Mrs. Mollie (1896): 10; Jeffersonville church.

Smith, Bro. Frederick (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.

Smith, Bro. Harry (1895): 12; Culbertson Avenue church.

Spaulding, Mrs. Mary (1900): 11; Salem church.

Stalker, Bro. Eli (1882): 5; Salem church. 85 years old.

Stewart, Dr. John L. (1898): 12; Tabernacle church.

Supplee, Bro. George W. (1880): 7; Mill Creek church.


Weisinger, Mrs. Mary (1897): 11; Tabernacle church.

Whittington, Mrs. Sarah (1898): 12; Jeffersonville church.

Williams, Dea. Thomas (1900): 11; Salem church. “In the death of Deacon Thomas Williams, the Salem church loses one of its oldest, most faithful and progressive members.”


Woodruff, Eld. S. (1852): 3. “This Association, in his death, has been deprived of one of her most efficient and faithful members, and further, that the fact of his being always in attendance at the meetings of the Association, of which he had been the Moderator since its formation, unless hindered by sickness, admonishes us to alike faithful.”

Wright, Dea. Asa (1850): 5; Mill Creek church.
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**Byers**, Bro. Benjamin (1897): 7; First Mount Pleasant church. Byers “united with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church fifty-one years before his death. He spent a long and useful life here, and leaves many good advices and examples to be followed by those who survive him. His last request was that his children remain true to the Lord. He could see the Angels and the glories of Heaven in his dreams.”

**Byers**, Sis. Nancy (1895): 6; First Mount Pleasant church. Died April 21, 1895, 74 years old.

**Canary**, Bro. Web (1896): 10; First Mount Pleasant church.

**Coleman**, Sis. Caroline (1897): 7; Beech Grove church. “One of the steadfast members of Beech Grove, passed from our midst last April. It was not her privilege to be in attendance on all church services, but always gave a helping when it came in her power.”

**Foster**, Sis. (1898): 8; Amity church. “Died in August in her eighty-first year. She was well established in the faith; not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work.”

**Fugate**, Sis. Eva (1899): 6; Beech Grove church.


**Green**, Sis. Sarah (1894): 8; Mount Zion church. Died July 15, 1892.

**Green**, Sis. Sarah Jane (1893): 8; Mount Zion church. She died “after a lingering illness.”

**Green**, Sis. Susan (1895): 6; Beech Grove church. Died September 8, 1894.

**Haggard**, Sis. Belle (1896): 10; Morgantown church.

**Harvey**, Sis. Mollie (1897): 7; Morgantown church. “One of the dear children of Zion, passed to the happy beyond in perfect peace with her Savior.”

**Hunter**, Bro. Onie (1894): 8; Beech Grove church. Died October 5, 1893.


**Jones**, Sis. Sarah A. (1897): 7; First Mount Pleasant church.

**Lake**, Sis. Hannah (1895): 6; Morgantown church.


**List**, Sis. Amanda (1894): 8; Beech Grove church. Died October 1893.

**Mullikin**, Sis. Sarah (1895): 6; Mount Zion church. Died April 1895.

**Obenshain**, Sis. Mary (1897): 7; Morgantown church. “‘Aunt Mary,’ as she was always called, was one of the best members of Morgantown Baptist church. She chose the right even if it was against the wishes of relation or friends. These bold, fearless soldiers are God’s best servants.”


**Price**, Bro. Joseph (1898): 8; Beech Grove church. “Died April 11, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. By his death the church has lost one of its most faithful and zealous christian workers. He was ever ready by word or deed to assist anyone who might be in need of aid. He went to rest in the full hope of entering that land where there is love, joy and peace, and where pain and sorrow are not known.”
Ragsdale, Eld. John Wade (1896): 10; Morgantown church. “Our beloved Father and Brother …is no longer seen among us. His voice will be heard no more in this Association. Precious memories of a ministry near fifty years still linger. He was a Baptist some sixty years. He had finished his work. He had traveled more than fifty-thousand miles, mostly on horse back, preaching the Gospel; had preached more than five thousand sermons; had baptized more than fifteen thousand souls; had organized some thirty churches; was pastor at Morgantown some twenty-five years; at First Mt. Pleasant church some thirteen years. Trafalgar, Beech Grove and other points had felt the unction of his ministry. In his last months he longed to visit some of these points again. But his pilgrimage was to end. On December 18, 1895, God called him to his reward. He was 85 years of age.”

Spicer, Sis. Samantha (1894): 8; Beech Grove church. Died November 8, 1893.

Sturgeon, Sis. Sarah (1895): 6; Mount Zion church. Died February 3, 1895. “One of the constituent [sic] members.”

Taymon, Sis. Mary L. (1894): 8; Mount Zion church. Died January 16, 1894.

Terhune, Sis. Deborah (1895): 6; Mount Zion church. Died April 1895.

Vandiver, Sis. Anna Parsley (1899): 6; Beech Grove church.

Vandiver, Sis. Luly (1895): 6; Beech Grove church. Died December 26, 1894.

Vandiver, Bro. Peter (1899): 6; Mount Pleasant church.


Weddle, Sis. Rachel (1896): 10; Beech Grove church. Died November 20, 1895, 86 years and 4 days old.


APPENDIX: BAPTIST TITLES AND TITLE ABBREVIATIONS

Brother (Bro.) or Sister (Sis.): Customary designation for laypeople.

Deacon (Dea.): Layperson ordained to give spiritual leadership and assist the pastor in a congregation.

Doctor of Divinity (DD): Honorary academic degree granted by a college or university to recognize years of excellent service in the ministry and, usually, in that institution. Most nineteenth-century Baptist pastors with a doctorate possessed this degree.

Doctor of Theology (ThD): Four-year academic degree granted by a seminary or university; largely replaced today by Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Elder (Eld.): Ordained ministers or pastors; generally synonymous with Reverend (Rev.), although Primitive Baptists used the title of Elder exclusively.

Licentiate (Lic.): Individual in a preparatory stage to ordination.
**Messenger**: Individual appointed to represent his home church in an associational meeting (hence the church that a messenger is listed with in associational meeting minutes is his home church).

**Missionary**: Individual appointed to serve as pastor, evangelist, and/or to start new churches. If serving as pastor, church records list individual as such and missionary status is discerned from missionary and executive board reports and denominational proceeding minutes.

**Pastor**: Individual who serves a local church by preaching, administration, and/or counseling. Before 1900 most pastors served one to four churches simultaneously, and their services were usually limited to preaching.