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First Huntington Church, Gallia
Co., O., Aug. 9, 1907.

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free
will Baptists was called to order by
Clerk pro tem, W. H. Hartsook at 2
o'clock P. M. On motion of C. O. Clark,
and vote of conference, Rev. R. J.
Poston was elected Moderator. The
resignation of Rev. F. H. Lasley, J. W.
Clerk, was accepted by vote. Bro.
J. J. Caughenane was duly elected
to fill the vacancy, but declined
to serve. Bro. W. H. Hartsook was next
elected Clerk but also declined
to serve. Rev. C. O. Clark was
then elected Clerk, accepted the
honor, and at once entered upon
the office of Clerk of the Yearly Meet-
ing. Prayer was offered by Rev.
F. W. Deter. Letters were called for
from the Quarterly Meetings. Jackson
and Shiloh responded. W. H. Hartsook
gave a verbal report for Gallia,
and J. J. Caughenane for Meigs.
The following delegates answered to
their names: Meigs

J. J. Coughenour, Geo. Briggs, ^{Wm.} ^{Wisher}
 Rizo, Cora Carmen, Myrtle Shaffer;
 Gallia, D. M., W. J. W. Davis, W. H.
 Hartsack, Robt. McVath, Ruth Brock-
 ett, W. E. Gooch, Prof. Boyd Davis,
 Rev. G. O. Clark, Jackson D. M.,
 Rev. Samuel Jarvis, W. J. Phrockmor-
 ton, Samuel Searls; Shiloh D. M.,
 Rev. F. W. Bates.

The Jackson D. M. by letter
 requested the next session of the
 Y. M. By motion the request was
 accepted and the next session of
 the Ohio River Yearly Meeting was
 located with the Attona church
 in the Jackson D. M.

The Moderator appointed the
 following as a pulpit Com.
 J. J. Coughenour, W. H. Hartsack, Samuel
 Jarvis.

Rev. W. J. Fulton, J. J. Coughenour,
 and W. H. Hartsack were chosen a
 Com. on business.

The Moderator spoke upon
 the condition of the churches in the
 yearly meeting and emphasized

The importance of looking after the welfare of all the churches. Dr. Davis spoke earnestly upon the same subject, and upon the importance of all church members taking the denominational paper, The Morning Star. W. H. Hartsock spoke upon the condition of the churches in Gallia Co. W. and read a letter from Rev. Hix of Kentucky sending fraternal greeting to the yearly meeting and offering himself for work in some of the churches of the yearly meeting.

By motion at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning was made the time of selecting delegates to General Conference. A committee of three was chosen to nominate delegates to state association consisting of Dr. Davis, Geo. Briggs and Samuel Searls.

After 10 min. of prayer and song service the conference was adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Rev. C. W. Murphy gave an earnest and interesting discourse.

evening, using for his text John
3:16.

Saturday Morning Aug. 10,

Meeting called to order by Mod., at
9:30 o'clock. The devotional service
was conducted by Mr. J. W. Davis,
the prayer being offered by Bro. Robt.
McCath. Rev. W. J. Fulton read a
letter from Rev. Geo. E. Moore of Tenn.
asking to be recognized in our Y. M.,
as a minister in good standing. The
matter was referred to the com. on
Ministerial standing. The motion
made by Rev. W. J. Fulton to take an
informal ballot for the election
of delegates to General Conference
prevailed. The informal ballot
resulted as follows:

Dr. J. W. Davis	15
J. J. Coughenour	9
R. J. Poston	7
E. O. Clark	6
Wm. J. Fulton	4
A. S. Hartsock	3
H. K. Freeman	1

Moved and sustained to consider three highest on the list as candidates to be voted for. Moved and sustained to suspend the rules and instruct Clerk to cast ballot for the election of Mr. J. W. Davis, J. J. Coughenour and R. J. Poston. The ballot was cast and the three candidates were declared to be elected. By motion the following were made alternates: C. O. Clark, May Fulton, A. S. Hartsook.

Corn. on nominations to State Association reported the following names and recommended that they be empowered to fill any vacancy at the session of the Association. By motion the report was adopted.

- 1 W. J. Fulton 8 J. J. Coughenour
- 2 C. O. Clark 9 Annie Briggs
- 3 A. S. Hartsook 10 H. K. Freeman
- 4 Samuel Jarvis 11 Robt. Carpenter
- 5 C. W. Murphy 12 Hoyt H⁵ ~~H~~kinson
- 6 Myrtle Swisher 13 John M. Chase
- 7 Wm. Rife 14 Miss Carpenter

Shaw 15

Com. on business reported as follows:

Whereas the Yearly Meeting is to pay expense of its delegates to the Gen. Conf., therefore we hereby instruct the Clerk to request the Quarterly Meetings to ask their churches to collect a sum equal to 10 cents per resident member to meet those expenses, and that all money collected be sent to J. J. Coughenour, of W. Treasurer.

Com. { W. J. Fulton.
W. H. Hartsuck.

By motion the report was adopted.

Rev. W. J. Fulton offered the following Preamble and Resolution for the consideration of Conference. By a unanimous vote the Preamble and Resolution were adopted by the Conference.

Whereas, our Yearly Meeting for some years has been disturbed by those who claim and teach that the names Freewill Baptist and Free Baptist mean two separate and distinct bodies, therefore be it resolved:-

1. That we as a Yearly Meeting have held and do now hold (as our General Conference has declared by resolution many times since 1841, which fact may be seen by reference to the Digest of Conference Law) that these names are one and mean the same thing.

2. That we as a Yearly Meeting, with a desire to inform the uninformed and to satisfy those who are in doubt, would give to all concerned the following facts:

In a civil suit tried in the Common Pleas Court of Scioto County, Ohio, on July 2, 1907, in which the chief question at issue was the difference in the names Freewill and Free Baptist, Judge Blair said in giving his decision, "I have compared line by line the published Articles of Faith of these two bodies and find them identical." (The two publications referred to are the Free Baptist Articles of Faith published at the office of The Morning Star at Boston, and the Articles of Faith lately published at Ayden, N. C.) And the following entry was made in the case. "The names Freewill Baptist and Free Baptist are synonymous and mean and designate the same people."

3. That we request the clerk of this Yearly Meeting to offer the above for publication to the newspapers of Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, and Athens counties.

Remarks were made bearing upon the Preamble and Resolution by Rev. W. J. Fulton, W. J. Davis, C. W. Murphy and Samuel Jarvis.

Next order of business was the report of Treasurer, which by motion was adopted.

Am't. Rec'd, \$34.22
" Paid out, 24.35
Bal. on hand, 9.87

By motion of the Clerk, and vote of Conference, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the express charges of 70 cents on books sent by former Clerk Rev. T. H. Lasley to Rev. W. J. Fulton.

The social meeting on Saturday afternoon was led by Rev. Samuel Jarvis. Nearly all

present took part. It was a season of joy and gladness. At the close of the social meeting there was a short business session. Rev. E. W. Lloyd, a Baptist missionary in the North West was present, and spoke of the work that is being done by his denomination in that part of our country, and of the importance of planting Free Baptist churches also in that large and extensive field.

On Saturday forenoon there was preaching by Rev. E. O. Clark from the text, Mark 2: 27; on Saturday evening by Rev. W. J. Fulton, from 1st Cor. 15: 3, 4. on Sabbath morning by Rev. R. J. Poston from the words 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest,' and on Sabbath afternoon by Rev. J. W. Davis from Psalm 103: 6.

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The collection on Saturday night
for missions amounted to \$3.73,
and on Sabbath morning for
yearly meeting purposes \$6.67

Clarence O. Clark
J. W. Clerk.