

CONCORD OF 1789  
 HAVING AGREED TO REMOVE  
 OURSELVES & OUR FAMILIES TO  
 THE WESTERN LANDS, WE  
 DO COVENANT WITH EACH  
 OTHER & WITH ALL MIGHTY  
 GOD TO ORGANISE A  
 BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE  
 OLD FAITH & ORDER ON  
 THE DRYRIDGE BETWEEN  
 THE WATERS OF THE  
 LICKING & THE KENTUCKE  
 MAY 4-1789  
 CULPEPPER V.

STATE OF KENTUCKY )  
 ) SS:  
 COUNTY OF FAYETTE )

I, Ruth McCleese, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the instrument (measuring approximately 4" by 6-1/4") contained herein.  
 Done at Lexington, Kentucky, this 17th day of November, 1975.

*Ruth McCleese*  
 My Commission Expires June 26, 1979

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We, the Old Baptist Church of Christ, on the Dryidge near Campbell's Black Horse & 3.3 miles South of the Mouth of the Tuckey, was organized the fourth Sunday in August, 1791 - our number 9 by Elder Lewis Corbin & John Conyers, on believing the Word of God contained in the Old & New Testament is the only infallible rule of faith & practice, on believing God's Elect shall be regenerated, sanctified, & converted, in time, on believing in the final presence of Saints through Grace to glory, & on believing in Baptism by immersion.

(Signed)

John Skirvin, Sr.  
 Jacob Franks  
 Jesse Conyers  
 John Lawless  
 Absalom Skirvin

William Conrad  
 Robert Childers, Sr.  
 Rachael Conyers  
 Elizabeth Franks

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The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dryidge met at the Black House the fourth Saturday in May 1792 Praise prayer & Preaching was made by Elder John Conger. The Peace of the Church was called for. We decided -

- 1 - A record of the meetings shall be kept.
- 2 - Each male member shall, in turn, stand Sentry. against Indian attacks, during the Sabbath meetings
- 3 - All verbal contracts shall be void in the Church
- 4 - Dr. Abraham Shirwin is excused from this meeting since he is sold passing against the Indians in the Ohio Territory.
- 5 - Dr. William Conrad laid in a complaint against Br. Josiah Conger for making a line fence through his bottom. Dr. Conrad had tried all ways for satisfaction with Br. Conger & none was given. We took up the matter & saw the premises. Br. Conger failed to give the Church satisfaction & was Excluded.
- 6 - The next meeting will be the fourth Saturday in June.

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May 3, 1819

To the honorable Elder David Lillard of Gallatin County,

My Dear Sir

The bearer of these letters is my trusty servant Scipio a Man of Colour & a Brother in Christ, who has been on his personal indenture of 23<sup>1/2</sup> with my Signature for eight fresh Cows.

At your request I was copying the Deasy Controversy of the Old Baptist Church on the Dryidge from the Record Book. May forgive my Handwriting as I have suffered an Attack of the Ague.

The Old Baptist Church on the Dryidge met at the Meeting house the fourth Saturday in <sup>April</sup> March, 1817. Prayer, Praise & preaching was had by Elder John Cramer. The peace of the Church was called for. Bro. Isaac Conrad said that a Christian Tomlin - a self-ordained Elder removed from Brown County Ohio - was sowing seeds of Discord in Zion & attempting to lead God's Sheep astray. Several had heard Tomlin preach Christ tasted Death for every Man's Salvation was not by the drawing of God but by the free will of Man! We formed a Deo byting of Elders Fred Riley, Bro. Isaac Conrad & Elder John Cramer to see into the matter. The Deo byting saw that eleven of our number had taken up with the Deceitful & False Teachings of Christian Tomlin. We decided -

1. The House of God is to be purged of all False & Blat phony Teachings

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- 2- Christina Tomlin is declared to be a Heretic & a Blasphemer - a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing who designs to lead the Chosen People of All Mighty God into the Paths of Babel.
- 3- Henry Childers Sr., Wm Childers, Thomas Childers, <sup>Sarah</sup> Wm Childers, William C. Childers, Elizabeth Childers, Major Childers, William Childers, James Thomas, Mrs. Anderson & Elizabeth Lay are Excluded - having refused to be connected by the Church & having refused to Recant the Heresy that Salvation is by the free will of Man. May the Power of All Mighty God lead them back to the Eternal Truth of Sovereign Grace.
- 4- THE DOCTRINES penned by Elder Combs shall be added to our Articles of Faith -
  - 1) Some Men, to this day, are Children of God & Predestinated to Eternal Life - Others are Children of the Devil, Predestinated to Eternal Damnation. Nothing can be done about it in either case.
  - 2) We are further obliged to believe that inasmuch as God sent his Son into the World to save His People from their sins, that He had a People whom He designs to save. If any of those whom God designs to save shall be lost - He must either change His mind or else He has not the Power to accomplish His designs - the Supposition of which we consider Blasphemy.
- 5- Any Brother or Sister Excluded who Recants the Heresies of C. Tomlin & gives the Church satisfaction that they have turned from the error of their ways shall be restored to full faith & fellowship.



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The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dry Ridge <sup>Palatka</sup> met at the Meetinghouse the fourth Saturday in March, 1818. Prayer & Preaching was had by Elder Jasad Riley. The Place of the Church was called for. Word was received that the church excluded Brothers & Sisters had been organized into a Church called the Baptist Church of the Dry Ridge with C. Tomlin Elder. We decided —

- 1- Let our wayward Brothers & Sisters have use of the Meetinghouse for Worship with the hope they will see the error of their ways & return to the Fold.
- 2- Ask Elder David Lillard of the County of Gallatin, a Baptist of the Old Truth & Order to Preach for us whenever he can.

The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dry Ridge <sup>Palatka</sup> met at the Meetinghouse the fourth Saturday in April, 1818. Prayer & Preaching was had by Elder Jasad Riley. The Place of the Church was called for. We decided —

- 1- Elders David Lillard & Jasad Riley will preach to us the next Sabbath.
- 2- Send Writ to the Trustees of the Baptist Church of the Dry Ridge to return the Bible & hymnbooks to the Meetinghouse without delay.

The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dry Ridge <sup>Palatka</sup> assembled the fourth Saturday in May 1818, but found the Meetinghouse locked & barred. We looked into the matter & found that William & Thomas Childers had posted a Writ that the Meetinghouse was to be shut up against the Injured Palatka. We sent notice that the doors would be battered to splinters with Broad Axes.



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if a key were not sent Posthaste, a peaceful entry did little to quell the eruption of much vile language, after which we decided to return home as the Peace of the Church could not be called for.

The Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge <sup>Packtown</sup> met at the Meeting House the fourth Saturday in June, 1818. Praise, Prayer & Preaching was had by Elder Jared Riley. The Peace of the Church was called for. We decided —

- 1- Meet forth with the Brethren of the so-called Baptist Church of the Dry Ridge so as to not litigate the Meetinghouse dispute in the Pendleton Circuit Court
- 2- Elders Alexander Monroe & Samuel Simpson shall organize our Brethren on the Fork Lick into a duly constituted Baptist Church of like faith & Order. — This shall be done the first Saturday in July at the House of W. O. John Skirvin Sr.

The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dry Ridge <sup>Packtown</sup> met at the Meetinghouse the fourth Saturday in July, 1818. Praise, Prayer & Preaching was had by Elder Jared Riley. The Peace of the Church was called for. Bro. John Skirvin Sr. informed us that the letters of dismission had been received by the Fork Lick Church. May All Mighty God add to their increase. Elders Jared Riley & David Lillard will preach for us the next Sabbath.

We, the Members of the Old Baptist Church of Christ <sup>Packtown</sup> sat down with the members of the so-called Baptist

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- Church at the Dry Ridge and penned the a Covenant—  
 The Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dryridge  
 Predestinarian & the Baptist Church at the Dry Ridge,  
 Free-Will do hereby set forth the following articles  
 of Agreement this Day of July 25, in the Year of  
 Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen
- 1- The Meetinghouse shall be the Common Property  
 of both Churches - The Free-Will Church shall  
 meet the second Sabbath & the Predestinarian  
 Church shall meet the fourth Sabbath of each Month.
  - 2- The Bible & hymnbooks shall not be Removed from  
 the Meetinghouse.
  - 3- Each Church shall keep its own set of Records.
  - 4- Elders may be ordained by both Churches with  
 the Consent of the two examining Presbyteries.
  - 5- Both Churches shall solemnly Promise before All  
 Mighty God to settle future Controversies in a Spirit  
 of Brotherly Love.
  - 6- Both Churches shall pen this Covenant into their  
 Records.

I shall be penning you this Fall about boating tobacco,  
 hogs, cattle & salt by Broadhorn from Fredericks Bay to  
 New Orleans. Please give my kindest Regards to your loved ones.

May the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you Always  
 Your most humble & obedient Servant

John Conner



The Old Baptis Church of Christ on the Dryridge met at the Block House the fourth Saturday in June, 1792. We had Praise & Prayer, but no Preching, sence no Elder was here. The Peace of the Church was called for. We decided--

- 1--Br. Jacob Franks will stand Sentry for the next Sabbath.
- 2--Br. Jesse Conyers gave the Church satisfaction & moved his lyne fense & was restored to full faith & fellowship
- 3--Br. Lawless laid in a complaint agenst Br. Skirvin that his piggs was laying waste to his corn. We took up the matter & saw the premises. Br. Skirvin gave his Word that he would lay up a fense around his piggs.

The Old Baptis Church of Christ on the Dryridge met at the Block House the fourth Saturday in August 1792. Praise, Prayer, & Preching was made by Elder Conner. The Peace of the Church was called for. We decided--

- 1--Br. John Lawless will stand Sentry for the next Sabbath
- 2--Br. Absolan Skirvin will lyne Hymns & Rede Scripture when no Elder be among us

The Old Baptis Church of Christ on the Dryridge met in the Block House the fourth Saturday in May 1793. We had Praise & Prayer but no Preching. The Peace of the Church was called for. Prayer was offered to All Mighty God for the bretheren taken by Indians in the Rade agenst Morgans Block House. May All Mighty God deliver his Children from the heathern. We decided to defende ouer Houses and Loved Onces agenst the Hand of Edom & not to have Sabbath metings until awl daingur is over.

No metings was had in the Spreng of 1795 as the Choler was visited upon us. Many Bretheren was stricken--May All Mighty God lyft His Rood from off his People & smite the Hand of the Angel of Death.

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The Old Baptis Church of Christ on the Dryridge met near the Block House Site the fourth Saturday in May 1795. Praise, Prayer, & Preching was made by Elders John Conner & Lewis Corban. The Peace of the Church was called for. We decided--

- 1--Give Thanks to All Mighty God who has delivered his People from the Heathern & the Death Angel
- 2--Br. John Skirvin shall stand Sentry for the next Sabbath.
- 3--Every White Male of Age 16 or older shal kill 100 squirrelles & 100 Crowes every season to perfect Cropes.
- 4--Any Brother impregnating caches of wheat, corn, and potatoes with Arsenic or other Subtil poison to trap Sauvage Indians shal give the Church full notice as to its whereabouts.
- 5--Any brother found guilty of gander-pulling, bear-baiting, or horse-Racing on the Sabbath shall be excluded

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State of Kentucky)  
  ) ss:  
County of Fayette)

I, Ruth McCleese, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of records of "The Old Baptis Church of Christ on the Dryridge" consisting of five pages (each measuring approximately 5" by 8-1/4"), now two typewritten pages identified by my initials *RAM*.

Done at Lexington, Kentucky this 17th day of November, 1975.

*Ruth McCleese*

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third panel - - notary's note)

(The following appears about halfway down the third panel - - notary's note)  
Your Most Humble  
and Obedient  
Servant,

(Signed) David Lillard  
Gallatin County, K. *RAM*

State of Kentucky)  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Fayette)

I, Ruth McCleese, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of portion of a letter dated July 12, 1843 from David Lillard to Thomas G. Cunningham, consisting of a lined page folded once lengthwise, providing four panels, front and back (each panel measuring approximately 7-7/8" by 12-1/4"), with the entire letter filling approximately 2-1/2 panels of which the portion hereby certified is a true and correct copy, now two typewritten pages identified by my initials *RAM*.

Done at Lexington, Kentucky this 17th day of November, 1975.

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July 12, 1843

To the Honorable  
Thomas G. Cunningham, Clerk,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church

My Dear Sir:

(Omit the rest of the  
first panel- - notary's note)

(The following begins at the second line on the second panel- - notary's note)  
After the dispute over Predestination and the organization of the Fork Lick Church, in 1818, the Old Predestinarian Baptist Church at Dry Ridge rapidly declined in numbers and influence. Elder Riley last preached there in 182? and I preached there on scarce occasions until 1827 when the feeding of God's Flocks at Ten Mile Poplar Grove, Providence & Mount Zion forced my cessation.

No writings were penned in the Old Record Book from 1818 until 1826--the final entry of which I now copy--

- WHEREAS--We, the remaining 11 members of the Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dryridge, Predestinarian, do feel the great necessity of a clear continuence as to our Church Record so as to preserve and maintain the peace and prosperity of Zion. Therefore, on this 28th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Six, be it resolved--
- 1--That since the peace and prosperity of Zion demand that we take up our tents and silently steal away, we shall effect the same in full faith and fellowship.
  - 2--That letters of dismissal be granted to William Conrad, Martin Draper, Elizabeth Conrad, John Lowe, Esau Boyers, Robert Childers and John Lawless Sr. to organize the Church anew at Williamstown in Grant County, K.
  - 3--That the Church henceforth shall be known as the Williamstown Church of Christ, Particular Baptist.
  - 4--That it be known the Old Baptist Church of Christ on the Dryridge, Predestinarian and the Williamstown Church of Christ, Particular Baptist is one and the same Church.
  - 5--That the Church is most solemnly bound, with All Mighty God as its Witness, to pen in the Record Book the doctrines of the Old Faith and Order and abide with them henceforth and forevermore.
  - 6--That letters of dismissal be granted to Jacob Franks and Elizabeth Franks, his wife--to aid and assist Elder David Lillard in organizing a Baptist Church at the headwaters of Little Ten Mile Creek, henceforward to be known as Mount Zion. May All Mighty God add to its peace and prosperity.
  - 7--That a letter of dismissal for Bro. Asa Tungate be granted to the Salem Church of Adams County, Illinois.

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you  
always--Amen

(Signed) Martin Draper, Clerk

(The above ends on the first line of the third panel- - notary's note)

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