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KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE MET IN RUSSELVILLE, September 22, 1825

After Divine service Conference proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair. Conference elected Bro. R.D. Neale secretary.

Resolved that we meet at Eight O'Clock AM and adjourn at 1 O'Clock PM during our present session.

Bros. George W. Taylor and Edward Stevenson were appointed a committee of Arrangement, during our present session.

Bros. George C. Light, Peter Akers & George M^cNelly, were appointed Stuarts for the Conference.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed by the Chair to write the Memoirs of the Dead. And Bros. John Johnson, George C. Light, and Jonathan Stamper were appointed for that purpose.

Moved and seconded that we appoint a door keeper and Bro. Simon L. Booker was accordingly appointed.

Moved and seconded that the Local preachers and the preachers on trial, be permitted to take their seats in the back part of the house as spectators during the Conference. Carried.

The Chair then proceeded to appoint Barnabas M^cHenry, Marcus Lindsey, Charles Holliday, Peter Akers and John Tevis, a Committee to examine the graduates.

Moved and seconded that the 1st Article of our bye laws for 1821 be stricken out. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that so much of the 6th Article of our bye laws as restricts a speaker to 15 minutes be stricken out. - Lost. —

Moved and seconded that we adopt the bye-laws of 1821 as they now stand amended. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the rules as amended and adopted be printed. - Lost. -

Conference proceeded to examine the characters of those preachers who remain on trial, and of those

John Sinclair
Joseph Carter
W^m. Atherton
Fountain Pitts
Benjamin Ogden
John H.S. Smith
W^m. Craine
William Askins

Were examined and
Approved &
Continued
— " —

Bro. Caleb Taylor was discontinued at his own request.

Bro. John Watts was discontinued at his own request.

Bro. Thomas Reese was discontinued at his own request.

Bro. Nathaniel Parker was examined, approved and Continued. —

The Conference then proceeded to examine the characters of the Deacons. Moved and seconded that Bro. James P. Milligan sustain a superannuated relation to this conference. — Carried.

George Stevens

George W Robbins

Henry W Hunt

Major Stanfield

Passed in examination

and were approved. —

Stephen Harber was examined, approved & elected Elder. —

James Browder was also examined, approved and elected Elder; and at his own request obtained a location. —

It was then moved and seconded that the vote by which James Browder was Located be reconsidered. Lost. — W Chambers

Lewis Parker, Peter Akers } Were examined,
Simon L. Booker, Green Malone } approved and elected
and Richard D. Neale } Elders —

Presley Morris, was examined, approved & elected Elder, and at his request Located.

Conference then adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock.

Friday morning 8 O'Clock Conference met according to adjournment, and after Divine service proceeded to business: Bishop Roberts in the Chair. Thomas Attebery was examined, approved and elected Elder, and obtained a supernumerary relation to this Conference.—

James H. Ross was examined, approved and elected Elder-- And obtained a location.

Obadiah Harber was examined, approved and elected Elder.

George W. Shreeves, was examined & approved, but from bodily infirmity, was discontinued.—

Conference then entered into the examination of the characters of those who had traveled two years and Bro. WM McCormus, was examined, approved & he continued on trial, not being present.

Nelson Dills

Clement Clifton

Newton G. Berryman

Thompson I. Hollyman

Daniel Black

Hubbard H Kavenaugh

& John S. Barger

} Were examined, approved, &
admitted into full connection, and
elected Deacons --

The case of the Rev. John Watson was then taken up, and the conference entered into his trial: Bro. Jonathan Stanper, who had been directed by the last Annual Conference to enquire into certain improper conduct for which Bro. Watson was suspected-- Reported to the Conference that Bro. Watson had been suspended by a committee in the Fleming Circuit; and laid before this conference the charges and evidence upon which the suspension was founded

Charge the 1st For Adultery.

Specification for laying with Mary Ann (commonly called Polly) Quaintance in an upper room in her Father's house at a certain time when her parents were from home.

Charge the 2nd For imprudence and unchristianlike conduct and Conversation Specification For Stating that he had lain between two Young Women all night

After the charges and specifications were read, the Rev. J. Watson was asked if he was guilty. And answered he was not guilty of the 1st charge Viz. Adultery. The second charge he acknowledged in part and stated that he had staid at a house where there was a want of bedroom, in consequence of company, and that a young man of the house and himself had laid down on the middle of a bed before the fire, and that two of the young man's sisters came after awhile and laid down one on each side, and staid until morning, but that he did not know which of the sisters laid next to him.

The Testimony of Mary Ann Quaintance given before the Conference which suspended him was then read: Which is filed with the papers No 2. The testimony of Deborah Demint as filed - No. 3. The Testimony of the Widow Callamen & Magdalene Brewer No. 4. That of Ann Elson, Ruth Elson, Ann Elson (Sen^r) and Richard S Elson was also read and filed Nos. 5 & 6. The Conference after hearing said Watson's defence and due deliberation on the subject, pronounced him guilty, and expelled him from the Methodist Episcopal Church.—

After his sentence was pronounced by the president, he was informed that he had a right to appeal to the next general Conference. But he declined taking an appeal.

He was then requested by the conference or President Bishop to deliver up his parchment, which he promised to do at another time, not having it with him.

Conference then adjourned for tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock.—

Saturday morning 8 O'Clock conference met according to adjournment, and after Divine Service, conference proceeded to business: Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Conference resumed the examination of the character of those to be admitted into full connection, and Abram Long, George Richardson & David Wright were examined, approved and received into full connection.

The Stewards of conference then proceeded to take an account of the moneys which the preachers had received on their circuits, during the past year. Bishop Roberts informed the conference that they were authorised to draw on the book concern for \$150. and on the chartered fund for \$80. - which drafts were made by vote of the Conference.

Conference then entered into an examination of the character of those (our local brethren) who were recommended to the office of Deacons. Bros. Horace Benedict, Daniel Tevis - and Gabriel Coleman (a man of color) the former of the Kentucky and the latter two of the Augusta District, being duly recommended were elected Deacons.

Benjamin W Johnson				
Francis Parish of Salt River				Being duly recommended
Abraham Dutton (of color) of Green				were elected Deacons
Hoses Stubbs & Joseph Toy River District				
Austin Johnson, Freeman			of Cumberland	
Elias Athinson & Daniel Williams			District	Were also
Hiram Crabtree was duly recommended but not elected.				Elected.

Conference proceeded to elect local Deacons to Elders orders & John T. Mills of the Kentucky District, being duly recommended was Elected Elder.

John Callahan	of the		Being duly
Enos Woodward	Augusta		Recommended
John Pollard	District		were elected
Pennel Beale			

On Motion made and seconded, it is resolved that we continue our present session until half past 1 O'Clock.

The election of Elders was then resumed & Bros. Thomas Spener & Thomas Martin of the Green River District & Richard Bibb of the Cumberland District being duly recommended were elected Elders.

Conference then adjourned until 8 O'Clock on Monday Morning.

Monday morning 8 O'Clock, Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine service proceeded to business. Bishop McKendree in the Chair, and after an appropriate address by him- Conference took up the First question - Who are admitted on trial. And

Evan Stephenson	of the Kentucky District being
John Fisk	duly recommended were admitted

& Michael Taylor	
Wm. Brown of Augusta Dt.	was duly recom. & admitted

Daniel Tevis	Were recommended but not
& Jermish Lewson	Received.

Benjamin Tevis	of the Augusta Dt. were duly
Fletcher Tevis	Recommended & admitted

& Joseph Tomlinson	
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Henry I. Duke	of the Salt River District being
James Clerow	Duly recommended were

Nathaniel H. Talbott	admitted
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And Elisha Simons of the same district being recommended was readmitted.

Alexander H. Stemons	of Green River District being
& Nehemiah A. Cravens	duly recommended were admitted

Bishop Roberts then took the Chair

David Funnel	of the Cumberland Dt. were
Charles M. Holliday	duly recommended & admitted

James L. Greenup	
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& John G. Denton	
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Nathan Johnson was also recommended but not admitted.

Moved and seconded that the presiding elder be permitted to employ Bro. Nathan Johnson, to aide in any part of his work, where he may think proper to employ him; Carried.

Samuel Wright, was recommended but not rec.nd

Thomas Browder } being duly recommended were
& Thomas Joiner } readmitted.

Moved and seconded that the case of Bro. Jermiah Lawson be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Lawson be admitted on Trial - Lost. -

Moved and seconded that the case of Bro. James P. Milligan be reconsidered, and at his request obtain a location. - Carried.

Conference entered into the examination of the character of the Elders

Francis Landrum

Joseph D. Farrow

William C. Stribling

Richard Corwine

W^m M Reynolds

Jonathan Stamper

Passed in Review and were

Approved

Conference then adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock.

Tuesday morning 8 O'Clock, Conference met according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business, Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Conference resumed the examination of Elders,

Abel Robinson } Passed in review, & were approved.

David D. Dyche }

Moved and seconded that Bro. David D. Dyche sustain a superanuated relation to this conference. Carried.

Josiah Whitaker, William Gunn

John Johnson, Isaac Collard

William Adams, John Denham

Simon Peter, Marcus Linsey

John Tevis, Charles Holliday

George Locke, Allen Elliott - Bro. Elliot at his request was located. -

George McNelly, passed in review and was approved.

George C. Light, Conference Missionary, made his report, which was received. -

Bro. Jonathan Stamper, was appointed agent, to receive and pay over the donations to the Augusta College, and report the same to our next conference.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to receive what the preachers have collected for the benefit of the Augusta College and report to the Conference, Carried.

And Marcus Linsey - Peter Acres & John Johnson, were appointed for that purpose. -

Ge^o. C. Light passed in review and was approved. -

Moved and seconded that a conference collector be appointed for the benefit of the Augusta College and that he shall receive his quarterage and expences out of the money which he may collect. - Carried. -

Rhomas Morris } passed in review and

George W. Taylor } were approved. -

Conference then adjourned to meet again at 3 O'Clock this evening. - Met according to adjournment and after divine service, proceeded to resume the examination of the character of Elders. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Milton Jennison } passed in examination and

John James } were approved - and at his

& W^m. Peter } request, the relation of Bro. Peter

to this Conference was changed to that of an effective member. -

Henry Gregg passed in review and at his own request obtained a Location.
Blachley C. Wood, passed in review and was approved and at his request obtained a Superannuated relation.

Edward Stephenson passed in review and was approved. Absalom Hunt passed in review & was approved.

Moved and seconded that he be located. Lost.

Moved and seconded that he be placed in a supernumerary relation to this Conference. - Carried.

Esay Simmons } Passed in review and were placed approved
Sam. P. Gillespie } and Bro. Ray continued in a superannuated
& John Ray relation.

Benjamin T. Crouch being called — Conference adjourned until next morning 8 O'Clock. -

Wednesday morning 8 O'Clock, Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop M^cKendree, proceeded to give an appropriate lecture on the Administration of our Discipline, & the character of Bro. Crouch was resumed by the Conference and approved of, and his relation changed to that of an effective member. Benjamin Lakin, a superannuated preacher had his relation to this conference continued, and he premited to live within the bounds of the Ohio Conference if it suits his convenience best.

Bro. M^cHenry read an address on Family Visitation.

Moved and seconded, that the manuscript just read by Bro. M^cHenry, be referred to the Committee for the examination of Manuscripts, and they report to this conference. -Carried

The committee for writing the memoirs of the dead reported in part, and their report was received.

Moved and seconded that the Committee be allowed a further time to write the Memoirs of Bro. John R. Finley desd. and that Bro. Jonathan Stamper use his best efforts to obtain all necessary information relative to this subject, and that the Committee prepare and send on the report to the Book agent for publication. - Carried. -

The Committee appointed to receive, what the preachers have received for the benefit of the Augusta College, reported, and their report was received. The 1st Committee further reported a bill of instructions for the agent appointed to receive and pay over the donations to the Augusta College, which was received as amended.

Moved and seconded that a copy of the report and instructions be furnished Bro. Jonathan Stamper, and that the original be filed among the papers of this Conference. - Carried. -

Moved and seconded that the Memorial of the Trustees of Augusta College, and prospectus of a new week by publication, called the Augusta Chronicle, be referred to a select Committee- Carried. - and Marcus Lindsey, Peter Akers, Barnabas McHenry, and Charles Holliday, and Thomas A. Morris were appointed for that purpose. -

Moved and seconded that we reconsider Thomas Atteberry's case, and at his request, permitted to stand on the list of effective members. Carried.

John R. Keach } passed and approved, and retained a superannuate relation.

Edward Ashley } passed in review, was approved & Continued in a

& Leroy Cole } Superannuate relation.-

William Holman } were approved & they continued in a superannuated

Henry McDaniel } relation.-

Barnabas McHenry

Tadeck B. Thackston passed, was approved and placed in a superannuated relation. -

Appeals were then called for and that of Bro. John Christian from the Green River D^t. Conference was taken up, and after the charges, specifications and evidence together with the defence was received; Conference adjourned until 3 O'Clock PM.

Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service, Bishop Roberts took the Chair, and the case under consideration was resumed, and conference after mature deliberation, confirmed the decision of the Local Conference, and he is therefore suspended from all official service in the Methodist Episcopal Church, until the next meeting of the district conference to be held for the Green River D^t. which was announced to him from the Chair. -

The case of Bro. Samuel King in an appeal from the quarterly meeting Conference held at Cairo for the Goose Creek Circuit March the 19th 1825 was not taken up, and after the charges and specifications were read, and the testimony gone through, both for and against him, Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock.

Thursday morning 8 O'Clock Conference met according to appointment, and after divine service Bishop Roberts took the Chair. And the case of Bro. Sam^l. King being resumed, he was permitted to make his defence, and after mature deliberation, this conference reverse the decision of the quarterly meeting conference, and he is therefore restored to the church and his official standing which was announced to him from the chair.-

The Case then of Amed Rucker, in an appeal from the quarterly meeting Conference held at Townsend meeting house on the 23rd day of July 1825 - Where he was expelled from the Methodist E. Church was taken up, and after the charges and specifications, together with the evidence for both sides had been read, and the case spoken to - - - It was moved and seconded that we prolong the session 20 minutes - Carried. -

It was then moved and seconded, that the Judgment of the quarterly meeting conference be confirmed. - Lost. -

Moved and seconded that he be suspended from all official service in the church for 3 months from this day - Lost. - and he was again restored to the church and his former privileges-

The Conference then adjourned 'till 3 O'Clock PM.-

Conference met according to adjournment, and after divine service, Bishop M^cKendree took the Chair, and it was moved and seconded that Bro. George C. Light, be authorised to inform Bro. Amed Rucker of the decision of this conference in his favor. Carried.

Conference then entered into an examination and Election of Local Deacons to Elders Orders. - and Bros. Isaac E Holt } of Salt River } Were duly recommended & Pleasant Paris } D^t. } mended & Elected Joseph Furgerson of G. R. D^t. was recommended but not elected.

Edward Talbott being restored to his official standing in the Methodist E. Church by the Local conference for the Salt River D^t. was duly recommended to this conference for a restoration of his parchment, which was granted; and the Chair directed Bro. Tevis, to inform Bro. Talbott of the decision.

John Graham, of the Green River D^t. was duly recommended and approved. Moved and seconded that Bro. John Graham be elected to Elders Orders, on the merit of his promises, in favor of the emancipation of his slaves. - Carried.

John Sanders } of Cumberland D^t. were recommended
Geo. B. Harland } and Elected.

The Stuarts of the Conference were permitted to make their report, and the report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred Bro. M^cHenry's address on Family Visitation, reported and their report was received - and their resolutions are here inserted.

First, Resolved, that, That address be printed.

Second, Resolved That each presiding elder & preacher in charge shall have a copy.

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Trustees of the Augusta College, made their report, which report was laid on the Table.

Moved and seconded that we institute a religious paper under the superintendence of the Ky. and Ohio Conference, who shall choose their own Editor or Editors.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Saml. P.N. Gillespie, at his own request, obtain a location. - Carried.

Conference then proceeded to take the numbers in Society.---

Kentucky District	Whites	Colored
Lexington Station	187	— 119
Lext. Circuit	800	— 300
Mount Sterling	753	— 120
Maddison	434	— 20
Cumberland	320	— 1515
Somersette	491	— 31
Danville	444	— 117
Augusta D ^t .	<u>3429</u>	<u>723</u>
John's Creek	800	15
Little Sandy	374	37
Fleming	894	56
Hinckston	738	170
Licking	422	28
Newport	479	38
Limestone	705	102
Liberty	120	00
Maysville	105	25
Salt River D ^t .	<u>4137</u>	<u>471</u>
Franklin	290	32
Shelby	561	61
Shelbyville	178	102
Jefferson	117	87
Louisville	115	92
Salt River	432	61
Breckenridge	437	53
Wacon Creek	<u>441</u>	<u>17</u>
Green River D ^t .	<u>3121</u>	<u>565</u>
Hartford	674	113
Greenville	405	67
Henderson	366	26
Livingston	446	34
Christian	563	197
Hopkinsville	163	115
Red River	560	140
Tennessee Mission	175	5
Cumberland D ^t .	<u>3352</u>	<u>497</u>
Logan	550	130
Fountainhead	605	77
Goose Creek	471	21
Wayne	533	24
Green River	529	63
Barren	405	13
Bowling Green	425	34
Russelville	99	24
	<u>3617</u>	<u>376</u>

Conference then adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock, met according to adjournment, and after divine service Bishop Roberts took the Chair.

Conference voted their approbation, that Bishop M^cKendree shall be permitted to chose any member of this conference to travel with him- and Bro. George Stevens was selected for that purpose.

Moved and seconded that Bro. George Stevens's expenses be paid by the church. Carried.

The motion in favor of the publication of a religious paper under the patronage of this and the Ohio Conference was taken up, and after discussion it was moved and seconded that the motion be adopted. - Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to solicit the concurrence of the Ohio Annual Conference in its next session in publishing said paper, and in union with a committee appointed by the Ohio Conference, adopted a plan for publishing such a paper, and that Committee after having obtained the concurrence of the Ohio Conference, enter into any regulation that may be necessary with the Trustees of the Augusta College or others for the commencement of the publication of said paper, but should the Ohio Conference refuse to concern with this conference then our committee is directed to make the necessary arrangements with the trustees of Augusta College or other persons in behalf of this conference, for the publication of said paper, and report to the next annual conference- Moved and seconded that the motion prevail. - Carried. -

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to wait on the Ohio Conference. Carried. And Jonathan Stamper, George C. Light & Peter Akers were appointed for that purpose.

Moved and seconded that the Episcopacy be at liberty to put another member into the committee in place of Bro. Akers if necessary. - Carried.

The report made by the select committee to whom was refered the memorial of the Trustees of the Augusta College, and laid on the table was taken up. - Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. - Lost. -

Moved and seconded that Bro. McHenry be solicited to do what he can for the benefit of the Augusta College and report - Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Henry McDaniel be appointed Conference Collector for the benefit of the Augusta College, and report to the next conference. - Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Henry McDaniel & McHenry be furnished by the secretary with a certificate of their appointments, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary. Carried. -

Conference proceeded to fix upon the place for our next session and Louisville, being chosen, the time was then fixed to commence on the 12th day of October 1826. -

Bro. Ogden for the Tennessee Mission made a Verbal report to the Conference -- Moved and seconded - that the secretary furnish the committee appointed to meet the ensuing Chio Conference with a certificate of their appointment & duties, and that said certificate be signed by the president and counter-signed by the secretary. - Carried.

A motion was made and seconded to return through the medium of the press the thanks of this conference to the Masonic Fraternity of Russellville for the use of their house during the session, and also to the Citizens for their kind and Christian attentions. Which was carried unanimously by a rising Vote.

R. D. Neale Sec.

W. R. Roberts