

# Hoosier Baptists: The United Association with Names Listed in Annual Meeting Minutes

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The death notices from the meetings of the United Association were published in *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* in the Spring/Summer 2015 issue.<sup>1</sup> This missionary association was based in Warrick, Pike, and surrounding counties and came into being circa 1859. Because Baptist associations, like member churches, are autonomous, there are no set guidelines for recordkeeping. The obituaries in the United Association's minutes are very brief.<sup>2</sup>

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 include only name, year, and page number, but other entries include a bit more information. See the appendix at the end of this article for a list of Baptist titles and abbreviations found in the death notices.<sup>3</sup>

## Notes

1. Timothy Mohon, "Hoosier Baptists—Part 3: Missionary Associations, 1823–Present, Installment 7: United Association," *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* 55 (Spring/Summer 2015): 44.
2. William Taylor Stott, *Indiana Baptist History, 1798–1908* ([Franklin, IN?]: n.p., 1908); [Kingsley Herron, comp.], *Minutes of United Association of General Baptists of Indiana, 1860–1960* (Poplar Bluff, MO: General Baptist Press, [1960?]).

3. For a list of where these and other Hoosier Baptist Association records are housed, see “Hoosier Baptist Records, 1809–2006: A Roster of Indiana Associations with an Inventory of Their Published Proceedings by Repository and a List of Associational Minutes Printed in the Annual Proceedings of the Indiana Baptist Convention,” published in Online Connections, <https://indianahistory.org/wp-content/uploads/Hoosier-Baptist-Records-Roster-1.pdf>.

### United Association Death Notices

**Bristow**, Lic. John (1890): 151.

**Brown**, Eld. Hiram (1889): 144. See entry for “Price, Eld. Thomas A.”

**Campbell**, Eld. John B. (1876): 68. “Resolved, That the funeral of Elder John B. Campbell be preached by Elders Voyles & West on the Sabbath of this Association.”

**Carter**, Eld. William (1867): 31. “WHEREAS, The hand of affliction has visited and taken from our midst, since our last meeting, our beloved Brother (and Minister) William Carter, we therefore feel to mourn his loss, and truly sympathize with all the friends of the departed.”

**Cavett**, Rev. Samuel (1892): 161. “We find it has pleased Almighty God to spare all our ministers during the past year, except Rev. Samuel Cavett. It has pleased God in His providence to call this our dear brother from labor to repose. . . . We recommend that a sermon be preached to his memory on Sunday of this Association, and that Revs. T. A. H. Laslie and J. G. Lane preach the same.”

**Ferguson**, Lic. Henry (1900): 224.

**Harden**, Lic. (1881): 100.

**Houchins**, Eld. Leright (1894): 176.

**Hunt**, Isaiah (1878): 83.

**Hunt**, Eld. M. L. (1874): 59.

**McNeely**, Lic. William (1901): 224.

**Mills**, Eld. Israel (1896): 193; Pleasant Valley church, Kentucky.

**Mills**, Eld. William (1896): 193; Otter Creek church.

**Minnick**, Eld. Samuel A. (1879): 86. “Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our worthy and beloved Bro. and Elder Samuel A. Minnick, therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of our lamented Elder this Association has lost a most worthy member and the Church a zealous supporter. Resolved, That we as an Association deeply mourn our great loss. . . . Resolved, That while his family deeply lament and mourn so great a loss, that we as an Association tender our heartfelt sympathies to the grief-stricken family and friends, and recommend that a funeral sermon be preached in respect to his memory. Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be handed [to] the family, and that the same be printed in the Golden Rule.”

**Minnick**, Eld. S. C. (1880): 96. “Ordered that Eld. L. Houchins preach a sermon to the memory of Elder S. C. Minnick at 9 o’clock A.M.”

**Mounts**, Dea. (1896): 193; Pleasant Valley church, Kentucky.

**Parker**, Eld. Alvah (1870): 41. “On motion, it was ordered that this Association have the funeral of Elder Benoni Stinson and Elder Alvah Parker, preached on Sabbath, at 11 o’clock A.M., as a mark of the very high esteem in which they were held by the members composing this Association, and that Brother J. G. Lane and Brother Soloman Rhoads conduct the services.”

**Perkins**, Eld. David (1893): 168.

**Price**, Eld. Thomas A. (1889): 144. “Whereas, it has pleased the Great Head of the church, the all-wise Creator, to remove from our midst since our last Association two of our ministers, to-wit: Thomas A. Price and Hiram Brown, and in their death we have sustained a great loss. Therefore, we recommend a sermon be preached to their memory, and that the friends of our beloved brethren have our sympathy.”

**Rhoads**, Eld. Solomon (1880): 95. “Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death, our worthy brother, Elder Solomon Rhoads, therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of Elder Rhoads, the Association has lost a most worthy member, and the church a zealous supporter. Resolved, That we as an Association, greatly and deeply mourn our loss. . . . Resolved, That while his two sons, the only ones of his family, remain, and his many relatives are mourning their loss, that we as an Association tender our heartfelt sympathy to a grief stricken family and friends, and that a sermon be preached to his memory, and according to his request that Elder David Perkins preach a sermon on the Sabbath, in his memory.”

**Richardson**, Eld. William (1893): 168.

**Stephenson**, Eld. John (1893): 168.

**Stinson**, Eld. Benoni (1870): 41. See entry for “Parker, Eld. Alvah.”

**West**, Eld. Moses B. (1894): 176.

## **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.