The regular Baptist Church of Christ at Colersain
Bertie County, North Carolina, a member of the Chawon
Association, greeting we having taken into consideration
the gift of our brother Ira Adlin and hoping from the
exercise of his mind that he is called to the work of the ministry
by the great head of the Church as Aaron of old, and
that his usefulness may be further extended have granted
him full liberty to preach the Gospel where ever God in
his providence may please to open a door.
Be it known therefore, to all to whom this may appear
that by virtue of an act of this Church of which he is
a member he is regularly licensed to preach the Gospel and
we cordially recommend him to all especially to the chiefs
of the saints who is to be esteemed for his work in the
field by order of Conference in behalf of the whole the 10th
of July 1836.

J.W. Ward Minis.

J.W. Williams, C.R.
April 27, 1979

Dear Mr. Woodard,

Your most appreciated letter of August 2, 1948, received by me last year, was shown to my cousin Mrs. W. H. Peeler of Suffolk, Va. on a recent trip. These letters regarding my ancestors concerning Rev. Adam in the Minutes of the Chosen Baptist Association refer to his activities for years 1859-67.

Mrs. Peeler had discovered among old family papers and records the enclosed original copied by Xerox and, thought as I that you may find of interest, since it's 1835 date precedes your material.

My records are not accurate as to Rev. Adam's death, but indicate his death to be about years 1890-91. Family records also indicate he was quite deaf even as a relatively young man. These factors plus age may explain or indicate limited, or terminated, ministerial activities by the year 1867, after which they still limited only ordained ministers.

Sincerely yours, Robert Odom