The Minutes are dedicated to the memory of three retired pastors in the Stanly Baptist Association.

Mr. Gales was a retired Baptist minister with 37 years of service in Stanly and surrounding counties. At the time of his death, he and his wife, Cannie Sides Gales, were members of Silver Springs Baptist Church.

He was born May 2, 1912 in Rowan County and died February 1979. During that time he served in a number of churches including Needmore in Rowan County, Williams Street in Albemarle, Flint Hill and Union Grove in Moore County, Lakeview in Davidson County and West Oakboro in Stanly County.

Born April 4, 1920 in Wilkes Co., Macon Partee Greene was the son of the late Mansfield and Effie May Wagoner Greene. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in Wilkes Co., attended Wingate College and earned his B.S. degree from Wake Forest College. He was graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He served as pastor of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Ky., Grundy Baptist Church in Grundy,Va., Lilesville Baptist Church in Anson County and for many years as pastor to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Stanly Co. He was pastor to Guilford Baptist Church in Greensboro when he retired due to ill health and subsequently moved back to Stanly Co.

He served one term as moderator of the Stanly Baptist Association, and had been a member of the Executive Committee of the General Board and on the Nominating and Resolutions Committees of the State Convention.

Mr. Pickler was born April 25, 1901 in Stanly County, the son of the late Dock Frank and Sallie Miller Pickler. He was educated at Pfeiffer College and Fort Worth Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He and his wife, Nina Morgan Pickler, were members of First Baptist Church, Albemarle at the time of his death, February 1, 1979.

Mr. Pickler preached full time for 36½ years and has been retired for about 36 years. He was ordained in Mineral Springs Baptist Church, the first church he served, and continued to serve numerous churches full time until he retired because of poor health.