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| NAME <i>Eld. Richard Lundy</i>            |          | b. <i>1866</i> |
| Ancestry                                  | Married  |                |
|                                           | b.       | d.             |
|                                           | Ancestry |                |
| Record <i>Jefferson 1843</i>              |          |                |
| <i>Asher Co. 1852</i>                     |          |                |
| See <i>Three Forks Assn. 1890, p. 13.</i> |          |                |
| <i>State Gen. Mus. 1866</i>               |          |                |
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For manuscripts of the above, see Guides to the following collections:

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NAME: Gentry, Richard

DATA: Ordination, March 26, 1842

SOURCE: Old Fields Baptist Church, Ashe County, N. C. Records, volume I.  
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DATA: Licensing, Dec. 22, 1838

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Association adopted the following Historic Report.

The Three Forks Church was constituted in the year 1790 on the 6 day of November. The territory that now embraces Watauga Co. was then Wilkes Co. N. C. The church was organized with seven members. We have been unable to ascertain the names of the ministers who aided in the constitution of the church. In Feb 1791 the church agreed to pay Brother Barlow 10 Shillings for every time he visited them according to the church's request. We have not learned where Barlow lived. In the year 1808 the same church appointed a committee to assess the members in order to secure means to defray church expences and Robert Shearer for many years was treasurer of the church and made his report to the church annually. There are two peculiarities about this church which we wish to mention; the appointing of Ruling Elder and Singing clerks. In the years 1793 members were dismissed from Three Forks Church to constitute Roan's creek now Taylorsville or Mountain City church.

Members of the Three Forks church assisted the Yadkin Church in the organization of the Globe Church 1796. Cove Creek Church was constituted with members from Three Forks in the year 1799. Three Forks Church first became a member of Brier Creek Association, remained with that association until the organization of the Mountain Association which took place about the year 1795. The territory of the Mountain Association was very large, embracing Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and some Counties in Va. The territory being so large the Fathers

Re: Richard Gentry

organized the Three Forks Association from Churches dismissed from the Mountain Association in 1841 Nov. 5th. day, its name was taken from the Church where it was organized. It was organized before Watauga County was organized.

Consequently it was organized in Ashe Co. N. C. There were nine Churches to wit: Bear Creek, Beaver Creek, Cove Creek, Ebenezer, (now Mt. Zion) Old Fields, Pine Grove, Roans Creek, Three Forks of the North Fork and Three Forks of South Fork. The churches aggregated about 470 members and five ordained ministers. Isaiah Wilcoxon, Brazillia McBride, Jacob Fair, Jacob Green, Reuben Farthing. Licentiates, David Cook, Absalom Fair, Richard Gentry.— Isaiah Wilcoxon was moderator at the Organization of the Association and the year following. Brazillia McBride was moderator from the year 1843 to the year 1854, a period of 12 years. Elder J. A. Farthing succeeded Elder McBride and was Moderator from 1854 to 1875 a period twenty one years. Elder D. C. Harman filled the Chair for three years. Elder A. C. Farthing succeeded Eld. Harman in 1878 and has been moderator ever since, a period twelve years. There have been five brethren who have served the association as Moderator through forty nine sessions of the body. Three of them have gone to their rest and two are still with us on the battlefield, For which we are grateful to our Heavenly Master. Elder Richard Gentry served the Association as Clerk for nine years, Eld. John Cook eleven years Rufus Moore three years, Hiram McBride five years. All those four men have been called to their rest and were men of noble

*Christian* characters. We thank God that such men ever lived and walked among us. Eld. D. C. Harman J. J. T. Reese and others have served the Association since 1868. As to doctrine a majority if not all the Churches adopted the Philadelphia confession of Faith, the doctrine of salvation by Grace so dear to many of our hearts now. Such was the substance of our Father's Theology sinners saved by Grace was to them an inexhaustible theme; and their preaching had a wonderful effect. God heard the preaching of those; for see our Territory is limited almost to one county. We have 2096 members instead of 470 with which the association was organized. Twenty seven churches and thirty one ministers, 24 ordained and seven licentiates. Enough ministers to hear preaching at every Church every Sunday and then spare some to go to China as missionary. For the 1st. quarter of a century the association did but little mission work only what the ministers did in preaching to weak churches and sections destitute of Gospel preaching. Those preachers received very little and often nothing for their labors.

In 1860 a collection was taken at the meeting of the association for the benefit of L. O. Buckner missionary to the Indians. The collection amounted to \$20.00. This being the first collection taken for missions recorded in the annals of our associational history. For many years the association met on Friday and organized and then transacted all their business on Saturday, seldom stopping to rest or even to eat dinner. They invariably had four sermons on Saturday and four on Sunday, their usual committees were Arrangements, Finance, Arrangements of the ministry (that is devotional exercises)

Within the last fifteen years there have been several changes; the association has three days for business instead of two. Committees on Foreign missions, Home missions, Education, State missions, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Colporteur and Periodicals, &c. have been added, it is too true we have done but little for the spread of the Gospel, yet we have done enough to show to the world that we are in favor of the spread of the Gospel, that there is a spirit of missions among us.

In uniting with the State convention in the mission and S. S. Work we have brought down the anathemas of our Antimission brethren on our heads. We have assisted in "carrying the war into Greece" for we have helped some in supporting missionaries of the State and Western convention in Ashe and Alleghany counties and there is a good work in progress in these counties. Brethren, one half a century of our Associational history is nearly written, we look back and see that something has been done for the Glory of the Master. The men that (lived and) were in the work fifty years ago are gone. Perhaps they did the best they could, as well as we would have done had we lived when and where they did. They commenced the work and left it to us to carry on. God calls us to greater efforts we believe if the voice of McBride, Gentry, Cook, Farthing, Harison and others could be heard in our councils today they would say onward. We should not forget they have been in the Master's School in heaven for years they have greeted with their hallelujahs the blood washed heathen as they have gone up from Burmah China Africa and the Islands of the seas.

*God forbid that our shoulders should unworthy of their  
mantles -  
Let us buckle the armor on and get close our work and  
close our Master. God has given us means to support our  
pastors and the orphans at Thomasville and support our  
missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Say will  
we do it?*

E. F. Jones.  
D. C. Harman.  
David Green.  
Committee.

#### OBITUARY.

Elder R. P. Farthing, the subject of this sketch was born in Wake county, N. C. June the 28th. 1808. His father Elder William Farthing, emigrated to Ashe county N. C. now Watauga and located in the beautiful valley of Beaver Dam. In this beautiful and romantic valley he grew up to manhood. Early in life he sought the Savior and found peace by believing in Christ. He joined the Baptist church of Christ at Three Forks in the year 1826. He professed a call to the ministry and began to preach the Gospel, in 1831 He moved his membership from Three Forks to Cove Creek and remained there untill the organization of the Bethel Church near his home. He remained in Bethel church during the remainder of his life. Elder Farthing was a man of rare gifts and attainment in early life; his educational opportunities were limited only having the advantage of the common schools of fifty years ago. Yet by hard study and close application he acquired the power of clothing his

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whereas, It has pleased the Allwise Ruler of the universe to stretch forth his hand and remove from his labors here below to his celestial abode, our much beloved brother, Rev. R. Gentry, we feel assured that the Disposer of all events, who ordereth all things right, in sundering the ties which so strongly bound us together here, has but transferred our brother from his labors in the church militant to the rapturous joys of the church triumphant.

Br. Gentry was born on the 19th of September, 1793, in Surry County, N. C. He embraced religion in 1824, and connected himself with the Baptist church that same year; commenced preaching in 1835; was a strong advocate of missions and temperance. Died November 21st, 1865, aged 72 years, 2 months and 6 days.

We feel with deep sorrow the irreparable loss which the churches and our Association have sustained in the death of such a devoted christian and faithful minister. His amiable and christian deportment endeared him to all who knew him. By the noble qualities of his bold and manly character, he secured for himself the love and esteem of all with whom he was associated. His last days were spent in the active service of his Master, and he now fills a christian hero's grave. But while we thus mourn, we also bow in humble submission to the decrees of the Allwise Being, in whose hands we are but as clay to be moulded at his will.

Feeling that all that He does is wise and good, and for the best,  
Resolved that we deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives of the deceased and tender to them our sincere condolence in this their great affliction.

W. R. GWALTNEY, Chairman

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Your committee hesitate not to say that it is their solemn conviction that God intends that the work indicated in the above shall be accomplished by the dispensations of his Providence, and that the people of the South, their owners and instructors are of all others the best qualified to perform it.

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| J. J. JAMES,   | W. M. YOUNG,  |
| W. M. WINGATE, | N. W. WILSON, |
| J. MITCHELL,   | S. G. MASON,  |
| G. W. PUREFOY, |               |

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

ELDER RICHARD GENTRY, of Ashe county, died early in the Spring of this year, aged about seventy years. He was for many years a faithful and zealous minister of the gospel, a warm advocate of missions, education and other benevolent objects. Surrounded by influences greatly prejudicial to the object of this Convention, he nevertheless earnestly and successfully opposed error and did great good in inculcating truth and in carrying forward the work of benevolence. A kind father and husband, a faithful pastor and a bold defender of the faith once delivered to the saints, he has left behind him an example worthy of imitation. The circumstances of his death were peculiar. Leaving his house in his usual health, he was found a few hours afterwards, sitting against a tree in the adjoining woods where he had fallen asleep in Jesus.

J. J. JAMES, Chm'n.

The committee to nominate Boards for the ensuing year reported as follows:

*Board of Education*, Wake Forest College.—Elder W. M. Wingate, D. D., Elder W. Royall, Elder W. T. Walters, Elder W. T. Brooks, Elder A. F. Purefoy, W. B. Royall, J. H. Foote.

*Board of Missions*, Raleigh, N. C.—Elder T. E. Skinner, Elder J. K. Howell, J. G. Williams, T. A. Hughes, W. J. Palmer, A. P. C. Bryan and J. H. Alford.

*Sabbath School and Publication Board*, Raleigh, N. C.—P. F. Pescud, John Armstrong, J. G. Williams, Jordan Womble, Jr., A. D. Royster and Elder J. K. Howell.

The report was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to present to the annual sessions of this body a report of all moneys raised for the different objects of the Convention, and by whom contributed.

The usual resolutions of thanks were adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

On motion adjourned.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES AND ASSO-<br>TIONS. | S. M.   | P. M.    | D. M.  | EDUCA-<br>TION. | S. S. &<br>COLL. | TOTAL.   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| Charlotte Church,.....                | \$13 50 | \$ 13 50 | \$     | \$ 18 00        | \$               | \$ 45 00 |
| Greensborough Church,.....            |         |          |        | 5 75            |                  | 5 75     |
| Hillsborough Church,.....             |         |          |        | 10 00           |                  | 10 00    |
| Mt. Tabor Church,.....                | 5 00    | 2 88     |        |                 |                  | 7 88     |
| Amis' Chapel Church,.....             | 1 88    | 2 87     |        | 1 00            | 3 00             | 8 75     |
| Antioch Church,.....                  | 2 50    | 2 50     |        | 2 50            | 2 50             | 10 00    |
| Hester's Church,.....                 | 10 00   |          |        | 2 50            |                  | 12 50    |
| Roiesville,.....                      | 2 75    | 2 50     |        | 2 50            | 2 50             | 10 25    |
| Mountain Creek Church,.....           | 10 00   |          |        |                 |                  | 10 00    |
| Tally Ho Church,.....                 | 2 50    | 2 50     |        | 2 50            | 2 50             | 10 00    |
| Flat River Union Church,....          | 2 50    | 2 50     |        | 2 50            | 2 50             | 10 00    |
| Newbern Church,.....                  | 7 50    |          | 7 50   |                 |                  | 15 00    |
| W. W. Mitchell,.....                  | 1 25    | 1 25     |        | 1 25            | 1 25             | 5 00     |
| Carthledges Creek Church,....         | 2 50    | 2 50     |        | 2 50            | 2 50             | 10 00    |
| Rev. J. N. Hoggard,.....              | 3 50    | 3 00     |        | 3 00            | 3 00             | 12 50    |
| Chowan Association,.....              |         | 13 25    |        |                 | 13 25            | 26 50    |
|                                       | \$65 38 | \$ 49 25 | \$7 50 | \$54 00         | \$33 00          | \$209 13 |

Amount of funds contributed by the church in Charlotte and paid over to the Board of Domestic Missions, Marion, Ala., by Elder R. H. Griffith, \$25.00.

J. H. BELL,  
J. H. DUNN,  
A. J. EMERSON, } Com.

at Goshen, 10 miles west of Wilkesboro. The early land entries establish this. Boomer, where old Warrior Church, now Zion Hill, stands, is on the waters of Warrior Creek about three miles south of Goshen. When it went by the name of Warrior, it was no doubt an arm of Flat Rock Church.<sup>26</sup> The area was well settled at the time, indeed as early as 1778. Baptists then had churches every three or four miles where several families resided.

Since Kings Creek, head of Yadkin (Patterson), and Coffey's Meeting House on Lower Creek became a part of Caldwell County and their history is well covered in Mrs. Nancy Alexander's story of Caldwell, pgs. 69-74, and by Paschal, pgs. 240, 267-68, 271-72, no further details will be given here.

The Three Forks Baptist Church of New River was located near the present church on U.S. Highway 421 about three miles east of Boone, on the south prong of New River; Howard's Creek flows into it.<sup>27</sup> Elder Ebenezer Fairchilds<sup>28</sup> and Elder George McNeil served it as pastors. It became a member of the Yadkin Association; it was one of the churches creating the Mountain Association and remained in it until 1840 when the Three Forks Association was formed.<sup>29</sup> In 1838 the Mountain Association declared non-fellowship with all churches who favored missions or permitted its members to join the institutions of the day. In 1840 that association dismissed ten of its churches and they met at Three Forks and formed the Three Forks Association.

Joining the Sons of Temperance resulted in the expulsion of Elder Aaron Johnston from Beaver Creek Church in Ashe, and Elder Richard Gentry and his son, Captain W. H. Gentry from Old Fields Church in Ashe. This moved Mrs. Hartzog, daughter of Elijah Calloway, to ask the brethren to consider what they had done: received a member back who had been drunk and excluded two of their best men because they wouldn't drink. A like fate befell Elder Robert Steele in Alexander. Elder S. P. Smith, was having a rough time in Wilkes, too. He met with elders Johnston and Gentry, J. J. Watts, J. H. Watts, and Z. B. Adams in Alexander where they organized, in 1852, the Taylorsville Baptist Association.<sup>30</sup> Then on November 11, 1859, at Zion Hill Church (at Boomer) in Wilkes County a new association was formed, named the United Baptist Association. It unequivocally declared for missions, Sunday schools and temperance. There were three

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In Ashe County, N. C .after a protracted illness on the 10th December, 1860, sister P. H. Gentry, wife of Elder Richard Gentry in the 63rd year of her age. Sister Gentry, after obtaining the grace of God, united herself with the Baptist church in the month of July in the year 1827, which profession she continued to honor until the day of her death. She was truly a soldier of the cross ever ready to warn the sinner, and comfort the mourner, and to cheer her husband in all his trials and afflictions. She was a loving wife and an affectionate mother, and those who knew her best loved her most. Her kind disposition rendered her acceptable to all. She was one of the church's brightest stars, a lover of God and a defender of his cause; but consumption sieged upon her, and soon she found she must die. She said she was ready to go at her master's bidding. She admonished all her friends to be faithful and meet her in heaven. Her last words were, "the promises of the Lord are sure and steadfast." She is gone where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.-- The church has lost one of its best members, the husband a loving wife, her children an affectionate mother. But their loss is her eternal gain. May God support and comfort the bereaved husband and children.

S. TRIVETT

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