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OF THE

Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

HARMONY GROVE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Harmony Grove Church

Fayette Co., Ala.

October 18, 19, and 20

1900

Moderator, J. W. ROGERS, Eldridge, Ala.

Clerk, R. W. CLARK, Hamilton, Ala.

Next session will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Fayette
County, Ala., beginning at ten o'clock A. M., on
Thursday before the third Lord's
Day in October, 1901

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FAYETTE COUNTY, ALA.

OCTOBER 18, 1900.

OFFICERS:

J. W. ROGERS, Moderator.....Eldridge, Ala.
R. W. CLARK, Clerk.....Hamilton, Ala.

Next Session Will Be Held With Pleasant Grove Church, Six
Miles South of Eldridge, Ala., Beginning on Thursday at
10 a. m., Before the Third Sunday in October, 1901.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
 3. Election of Officers.
 4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
 5. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
 6. Receive Correspondence.
 7. Return Correspondence.
 8. Appointment of Special Committees.
 - (1), On Devotion. (2), On Documents. (3), On Nominations.
 - (4), On Finance. .
 9. Call for Report of Standing Committees.
 - (1), Sunday Schools. (2), Temperance. (3), State Missions.
 - (4), Home Missions. (5), Foreign Missions. (6), Education.
 - (7), Religious Literature. (8), Prayer and Prayer Meetings.
 - (9), Indigent Ministers.
 10. Report of Treasurer.
 11. Appoint Treasurer.
 12. Call for Report of Special Committees.
 - (1) Documents. (2), Nominations; (3), Finance.
 13. Appoint Standing Committees.
 14. Miscellaneous Business.
 15. Roll Call and Adjournment.
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NOTE—The clerks will please be more particular in making out their Statistical Table. It is impossible to make an accurate exhibit from letters received. (See Section 4 of Constitution.)

R. W. CLARK, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

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The ninth session of the Harmony Grove Association met with Harmony Grove Church, October 18, 1900, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by reading the 13th chapter of I Corinthians by the moderator, and prayer by Elder J. I. McCollum.

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS.

Called for letters from the different churches, which were presented, and read by J. T. Johnson and D. W. Dickinson as follows:

Blanchard—J. M. Carter, messenger.

Guin—J. R. Cutts, W. J. Shaw and J. A. Warren.

Crews—Geo. Hamilton, Josh Flinn and Eld. A. A. Smith.

Hamilton—J. T. Johnson, J. E. Johnson, D. S. Morrow and Eld. R. W. Clark.

Sulligent—Anderson Comer.

Winfield—J. C. Couch, J. T. Spann, W. J. Trull, J. P. McGaha, S. W. Moss and Eld. W. M. Hicks.

New Hope—G. W. Gann, A. H. Franks and E. R. Shirey.

Oak Grove—W. E. Taylor, J. W. Berryhill, D. G. Gore.

Pleasant Grove—W. C. C. Brown.

Bethel—W. M. Wofford.

Harmony Grove—T. I. Perry, C. F. Weeks, C. F. Vaughan, M. C. Bowlin and Eld. J. L. Harbin.

Hopewell—J. J. Whitman.

New River—J. D. Shearer, J. H. Woodward, J. L. Barnard and A. J. Hallmark.

Eldridge—W. T. Walton, W. F. Stubblefield and Eld. J. W. Rogers.

Siloam—J. W. Couch, J. E. Berryhill and M. V. Owing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Association was permanently organized by re-electing Eld. J. W. Rogers moderator, and Eld. R. W. Clark, clerk.

The introductory sermon was then delivered by Eld. Isaac Estell. Text, Hebrews 12, 28.

The association then adjourned until 1:30, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 1:30 o'clock. After the reading of the 128th Psalm by the moderator and prayer by J. A. Trim, the association being seated properly, the moderator called for correspondence.

RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE.

Elders J. A. Trim and A. W. Green came forward from the Yellow Creek Association and presented a letter which was read and adopted. The moderator gave the right hand of fellowship and these brethren were seated.

Eld. J. I. McCollum was received from North River Association and seated.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Returned correspondence to North River Association and appointed W. T. Walton, W. J. Killingsworth and W. F. Stubblefield messengers.

Returned correspondence to the Yellow Creek Association and appointed Elders W. M. Hicks, W. T. Caudle J. L. Harbin and Bro. J. A. Warren messengers; to the North River Association, W. T. Walton and Elders D. W. Dickinson and J. L. Harbin; to the Clear Creek Association, Jesse Barnard, William Wofford and Elders J. W. Rogers and W. M. Hicks.

Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotion—W. C. C. Brown, T. I. Perry, J. J. Whitman, with the deacons of Harmony Grove church.

On Documents—I. Estell, W. T. Caudle and D. W. Dickinson.

On Nominations—J. L. Harbin, W. T. Perry and J. W. Couch.

On Finance—J. T. Johnson, W. F. Stubblefield and W. E. Taylor.

Called for report on Sunday Schools. There being no report ready the following committee was appointed to prepare one: W. T. Walton, J. T. Johnson and A. B. Comer.

Called for report on temperance. There being no report ready the following committee was appointed: W. M. Hicks, W. J. Trull and J. T. Spann.

Report on State Missions was read by J. T. Spann and discussed by W. M. Hicks, I. Estell and J. T. Johnson and laid on the table for next day.

There being no report on Home Missions the following committee was appointed to prepare and deliver same tomorrow: J. D. Sherer, J. H. Woodard and C. H. Vaughan.

On motion it was agreed that the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions be discussed together.

Called for report on Religious Literature, which was read by the chairman, and discussed by W. M. Hicks and I. Estell and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We recommend the Bible, it being the book of books, the gift of God to man, a waybill from earth to heaven, to be consulted at all times and places. The more we know of this book, the more we know of God, our duties as Christians, neighbors and citizens. All the help we can employ in the study of the Bible will prove beneficial, such as Baptist literature. If you have no Sunday Schools you should study your Bibles at home with your children and try to implant in their tender minds the spirit of meekness and not of prejudice.

We think that all Baptists should keep posted on Baptist doctrine and we recommend Baptist literature in connection with the Bible.

J. D. SHERER, Chm'n.

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Report on indigent ministers was read by the chairman and adopted as follows: We, your committee on indigent ministers beg leave to report. "We find none in this Association."

G. W. GANN, Chm'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted, as follows:

		Dr.
Received of Finance Committee	.....	\$20 45
“ for Associational Purposes	.....	10 05
“ for Orphan's Home	9 31
“ for Foreign Missions	4 35
“ for State	3 80
“ for Home	3 80
Total	\$51 76
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Amount paid for 500 Minutes	\$18 00
“ “ to Clerk	10 00
“ “ to Orphan's Home	9 31
“ “ to Foreign Missions	4 35
“ “ to State	.....	3 80
“ “ to Home	.....	3 80
“ “ for Postage on Stationery	.....	1 21
“ “ for Postoffice Order	.....	14
Balance in Treasury	.....	1 15
Total	.....	\$51 76

R. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

R. W. Clark was appointed treasurer.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock a. m., October 19th, after prayer by Eld. R. W. Clark.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

The association met at 8:30 o'clock a. m., Saturday, Oct. 19, 1900, after the reading of the 132d Psalm by the moderator and prayer by J. H. Longier.

The body being declared in order for business, Eld. J. H. Longier of North River Association was received and seated.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on temperance was read by the chairman and discussed by W. M. Hicks and J. H. Longier and adopted as follows:

We your committee on temperance beg leave to submit

the following report. That while temperance is equally as applicable to the subject of eating, sleeping, working or any other subject of the various things in the economy of human exercise or practice as to the use of intoxicant spirits, yet the subject of alcoholic beverage drinking by virtue of its demoralizing and debauching tendency should occupy the especial attention of this body. We believe that the curse of rum has slain more men, crushed more homes, robbed more children of bread and clothes, broke the hearts of more wives, inspired more criminal deeds, crushed more virtue, blasphemed against God, and caused the damnation of more human beings than the combined infamies of war and infidelity, and we recommend that Baptist churches, with full force and union put the stamp of their condemnation upon this devilish traffic known as whisky selling and whisky drinking above any other evil of the world. Let us pray for sobriety in the churches to a man.

W. M. HICKS, Chm'n.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by the chairman and very ably discussed together with the reports on Home and State Missions, by Elders D. W. Dickinson, W. M. Hicks and J. H. Longier and they were all adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report:

Our Savior's great command to us as His church is "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," etc., and "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Every human being capable of understanding is a subject of gospel address and the world is our great mission field. God is the author of missions. He sent His Son and this Son sends us into the fields as harvesters.

Dear Brethren: Think of the countless millions who are dying without ever hearing the gospel. This ought to make

us rally to help the Foreign Board to forward the work onward. We have many encouraging reports from the Foreign Missionaries. The Canton in China reports about twice as many baptisms this year as last and increasing interest in the work. So let us help with our prayers and means to advance the great work. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. DICKINSON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on State Missions beg to submit the following report:

It seems that the State Board is making strong efforts and is doing much good in the spread of the gospel. There are one hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and forty-five white Baptists in Alabama.

There were added to the Baptist churches of Alabama last year by baptism, six thousand, six hundred and eighty-two, hence we see the gospel is being carried forth throughout the bounds of Alabama. We recommend that this body cooperate with the State Board in helping send the light more and more. Let no one who is redeemed through Christ hesitate while souls are dying in the blight of sin and night. God tells us to give the light. "Ye are the light of the world." Respectfully submitted.

J. T. SPANN, Chm'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report:

The territory of the Home Board embraces the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba, there being much destitution in this field. We recommend that the Home Board take gospel steps to occupy this field by giving them the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Our Savior said: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, and lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

J. D. SHERER, Chm'n.

The body adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator and W. T. Caudle.

Eld. W. J. Blankenship from the New River Association was received in the usual form and seated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee on Finance submitted the following report which was adopted.

Received for State Missions	\$	96
" " Home Missions		1 10
" " Foreign Missions		3 15
" " Orphan's Home		5 84
" " Minutes		16 40
" " Associational Fund		10 20
" from Trsasurer		1 15
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Total	\$38	20

J. T. JOHNSON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, appoint Eld. J. W. Rogers to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this association; W. T. Caudle, alternate, and Eld. R. W. Clark to go to the Baptist State Convention at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Adopted.

J. L. HARBIN, Chm'n.

The association adjourned until Saturday morning 8:30 o'clock, Oct. 20, 1900, after prayer by Eld. A. A. Smith.

SATURDAY'S SESSION

Saturday morning, Oct. 20, 1900, 8:30. The association met and after devotional exercises the body was called to order by the moderator.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The report on District Meetings was read by the chairman and adopted as follows:

The tenth session of the Second District of the Harmony

Grove Association will be held with Oak Grove Church, four miles south of Guin, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1901. Eld. W. T. Caudle to preach the introductory sermon and M. V. Owings, alternate.

QUERIES.

1. Why did the Lord command the unjust steward, or in what respect did he act wisely? Luke 16, 8—J. L. Harbin.

2. In what respect was John the Baptist greater than a prophet and less than the children of the kingdom? Matthew 11, 11—M. V. Owings.

3. Was the death of Adam spiritual or temporal?—I. Estell.

4. Discussion of Matthew 12, 43-46—W. T. Caudle.

I. ESTELL, Moderator.

A. H. FRANKS, Clerk.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

The report on Documents was read by the chairman and adopted, as follows:

We find nothing that claims the attention of the committee except two petitions for the next association. One from Pleasant Grove Church, the other from Hopewell Church.

We recommend that the petition from Pleasant Grove Church be granted. I. ESTELL, Chm'n.

On motion the clerk was authorized to insert in the minutes only the names of the messengers that were in attendance.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the chairman and discussed by W. T. Walton, J. L. Harbin, R. W. Clark, G. W. Gardner, I. Estell, J. G. Brooks, J. T. Johnson, A. A. Smith, W. M. Hicks, J. W. Rogers and J. A. Warren, and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report:

We regret to find so little interest taken in the education and training of the young in the association. "Train up the

child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22, 6.

Impressions made upon the minds of young people are more lasting than upon old ones, and Christ set the example of teaching children. We recommend the study of the scriptures to every child. Paul told Timothy: "Thou hast known the holy scriptures from a child." Sound literature should be taught and we recommend that Union literature and Union Sunday Schools be condemned by every Baptist and that strict Baptist literature be used in all our Sunday Schools, and that every pastor insist on a Sunday School in his church. Respectfully submitted. W. T. WALTON, Chm'n.

By recommendation of the Committee on Devotion Eld. A. W. Green preached a very able and impressive sermon at the arbor at 11 o'clock, the association continuing its work in the house.

REPORT ON PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

The report on prayer and prayer meetings was read, amended and adopted as follows:

We recommend to the various churches that every one do all in his reasonable ability to encourage prayer meetings, and that a closer spiritual work be inaugurated. We regret to report so little interest in this association in this line.

COMMITTEE.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Sunday Schools—W. F. Stubblefield, L. C. Keiley and J. H. Dobbins.

On Temperance—W. J. Trull, S. W. Moss and J. W. Couch.

On State Missions—J. T. Johnson, S. J. Baird and W. J. Shaw.

On Home Missions—R. W. Clark, J. M. Carter and J. P. Holloway,

On Foreign Missions—A. B. Batson, W. C. C. Brown

and J. L. Barnard.

On Education—D. W. Dickinson, J. L. Harbin and C. T. Weeks,

On Religious Literature—I. Estell, J. R. Cutts and J. A. Warren.

On Prayer and Prayer Meetings—J. J. Whitman, W. H. Mills and B. D. Kelly.

On Indigent Ministers—C. H. Vaughan, A. J. Hallmark and J. D. Sherer.

Executive Committee—C. C. Kelley, G. W. Gann, J. A. Northcutt, J. T. Johnson and J. D. Westbrook.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m., prayer by Eld. A. W. Green.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 1:30, p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator and J. T. Johnson.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this association tender its thanks to Eld. J. H. Longcier of Jasper, Ala., for two able and impressive speeches on the subjects of temperance and missions.

Resolved, That Eld. W. M. Hicks be indorsed as a debater and defender of the Baptist doctrine by this association.

Resolved, That Section 1 of the constitution of this association be amended by inserting the word "male" before the word "members," that it may read: "This association shall be composed of male members," etc. R. W. CLARK.

Resolved, That the association tender its thanks to the Harmony Grove Church, and the community, for their hospitality and kindness shows us during our stay with them.

J. A. WARREN.

Resolved, That fifth Sunday meetings be dispensed with in the First District and that said District be authorized to hold its meetings with New River Church, beginning Saturday

before the second Sunday in September, 1901, and that Pleasant Grove Church be authorized to formulate a program for the same.

After prayer by Eld. W. M. Hicks and a song, with the extension of the parting hand and benediction by Eld. J. W. Rogers, the association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, six miles south of Eldridge, Ala., on Thursday, at 10 o'clock a. m., before the third Sunday in October, 1901.

J. W. ROGERS, Moderator.

R. W. CLARK, Clerk.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. B. Batson.....	2 Churches.
J. G. Brooks.....	Winfield, Ala.....1 Church.
W. T. Caudle.....	Pharos, Ala.....1 Church.
R. W. Clark.....	Hamilton, Ala.....2 Churches.
M. N. Daniels.....	Pharos, Ala.....
D. W. Dickinson.....	Winfield, Ala.....1 Church.
I. Estill.....	Guin, Ala.....
J. L. Harbin.....	Winfield, Ala.....1 Church.
Q. D. Haney.....	Chickasaw, Ala.....
W. M. Hicks.....	Winfield, Ala.....
J. W. Rogers.....	Eldridge, Ala.....1 Church.
A. A. Smith.....	Guin, Ala.....

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ERRATA.

On page 4 of these Minutes, under the head of "Returned Correspondence," the second place where North River Association occurs it should be New River Association.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be composed of male members chosen by the different churches in our union on producing their letters.

2. The association shall have power to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all of their bearings, yet so that churches and individual members are left free and giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

3. To give churches the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister-churches to inquire into the cause of the breach and use her best endeavor to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be repaired to withdraw from any church which she may look upon as being unsound in principle or immoral in practice until the same can be reclaimed.

4. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the body a written communication specifying the names of delegates, their number enrolled, received by baptism, letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last report, and each church shall report to each annual session the work done in Sabbath schools and prayer meetings, with the number of ordained ministers belonging to them, with postoffice.

5. The churches are entitled to representation as follows: For every fifty or less three lay delegates, and one lay delegate for every twenty-five above fifty, together with their regular ordained ministers, who are standing delegates.

6. The association shall elect a moderator and clerk annually, who shall be chosen by a majority present.

7. Churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates are found to be orthodox and orderly, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every query sent to the association by a church shall be considered.

9. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting their internal concern.

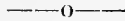
10. The body shall not adjourn any session until all business of the session is finished.

11. The minutes shall be read and approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before adjournment.

12. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at regular sessions of the body by a majority present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, these three are one.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the inability of man to recover himself from his lost state.
4. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only through the merits of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that all will be preserved in grace and none will be lost.
7. We believe that good workers are the fruits of faith and that they follow justification and are evidence of a gracious state.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

**GOSPEL ORDER.**

1. We believe that a church is a congregation of Christ's baptised disciples united in the belief of what He has said and covenanting to do what He has commanded.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and lawgiver, and that the government is with the church, and that the discipline of the church is intended for the reclaiming of those members who are disorderly in principle or practice and must be kept up for the glory of God and the unity of the churches.
3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Jesus Christ and are to be kept up until His second coming.
4. We believe that baptism and immersion are equivalent terms and that none but believers in Christ are subjects for scriptural baptism.
5. We believe that none but those regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.
6. We believe that none have the right to administer the ordinances of the church but ministers of the gospel, regularly ordained to that office.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. To expedite business committees may be appointed at the discretion of the association.
3. But one person shall speak at the time, and he shall rise and address the moderator, the moderator being judge of order.
4. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use words of personal reflection.
5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the association unless withdrawn by him who made it.
6. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
7. All cases, after due consideration, the moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, or otherwise, and the decision thus made shall be announced by the moderator immediately.
8. No person shall leave the house while in session without leave of the moderator.
9. No person shall speak twice on the same subject without leave of the body.
10. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses one to another.
11. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat while speaking, but shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.
12. Any member violating these rules may be reprov'd as the association may think proper, only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF HARMONY GROVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

District No.....	CHURCHES.	State Missions ..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions	Ordhan's Hon.e..	Minutes.....	Pastor's Salary...	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel, Sun-day Schools, &c.	Total ..	Value of Property..
1	Bethel.....					\$ 60				\$ 60	\$ 200 00
2	Blanchard.....					1 15				1 15	25 00
2	Concord, Not Represented.....										200 00
2	Crews.....					75	10 00			10 75	300 00
1	Eldridge.....	\$ 96			\$ 1 44	2 65	75 00		\$13 50	93 55	800 00
2	Guin.....			\$ 1 35	25	1 50			8 00	11 10	800 00
2	Hamilton.....	1 55		3 35	1 00	1 50	20 00	\$ 85 00	20 00	132 40	575 00
2	Harmony Grove.....				75	2 00				2 75	200 00
2	Hopewell.....				50	85				1 35	400 00
2	New Hope.....					2 00				2 00	300 00
1	New River.....					1 50				1 50	300 00
2	Oak Grove.....					1 40				1 40	200 00
1	Pleasant Grove.....					1 50				1 50	200 00
2	Siloam.....		\$ 1 10			1 25				3 65	75 00
2	Su Igen'.....				1 30	1 30	29 51	40 00	3 75	74 56	500 00
1	Spring Hill, Not Represented.....									6 00	500 00
2	Winfield.....		4 00			2 00					100 00
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