

1. INTRODUCTION

All records of Hosea Bright Breazeal and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal known to me at this time are transcribed below, *except* for census records. I have concentrated on H. B. Breazeal's family since much less is known about his parentage than that of his wife Sarah. The records that follow were transcribed from photocopies of the originals in my possession or from microfilm of the originals. If anyone knows of additional records not included herein, please share them with me.

On most of the "official" records, Hosea Bright Breazeal's name is given as "Hosea B." or "H. B." Breazeal. However, many less formal records indicate that he was casually called "Bright Breazeal". Thus, I shall refer to him as "Bright Breazeal" in the following.

Numerous people have shared their materials with me over the years and thus have helped me to compile the Breazeal records that follow. I am quite grateful to them all. First and foremost, Mr. Gene Barron of West Monroe, La. has generously shared his knowledge of our mutual relations with me over the years, including data on the Breazeal and Mayfield families. Mrs. Lois Nix of Amarillo, Tx. has provided me with much information, and the late Mr. Chester Bullock of Magnolia, Ark. very willingly sharing his Cobb research with me. The late Mrs. Ruby Smith Barron of Spearsville, La. was always glad to talk about the Breazeals with me and she loaned me her copies of the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church minutes for an extended period of time. Finally, I am extremely grateful to my dear friend, the late Mrs. Arelia Breed of Farmerville, La., for all of her generosity and assistance, and for her interest in early Union Parish Louisiana and its settlers. She has gone to a great deal of trouble in looking up many of these Union Parish records, for which I am truly grateful.

2. THE SPELLING OF 'BREAZEAL'

To anyone who has studied this family it is clear that the spelling of the surname is not an issue. Besides the rather imaginative different spellings of the name by others, Bright Breazeal himself spelled his surname in a variety of ways during his lifetime. He was not consistent in spelling his surname even when making entries in his own family Bible or in the church minute books while he served as church clerk. At various times in his life, Bright spelled his surname "Brazeal", "Breazeale", and "Breazeal".

The spellings "Brazeal" and "Breazeale" were most commonly used by Bright and his relatives until about 1870, often interchangeably in the same record. Between 1850 and 1870, Bright appears to have used "Breazeale" when signing his name. Beginning in the 1880s, "Breazeal" was the most common spelling used by the family, and this is the spelling used throughout the twentieth century.

Bright Breazeal used all three spellings when recording the births, marriages, and deaths of his family in his Bible. Since he was fairly well-educated for his time (he served as a justice of the peace and as the clerk of various churches), it would seem there was no "correct" spelling of the name until the latter 1800s. About that time, the descendants of Joel Breazeal became fairly consistent in spelling the name "Breazeal", the spelling used ever since.

The records transcribed below will use whatever spelling given in that particular record, but when discussing this family, I will use "Breazeal".

3. BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF BRIGHT BREAZEAL AND SARAH MAYFIELD BREAZEAL

Hosea Bright Breazeal was born 5 April 1813 in Pendleton District South Carolina. He was the son of Nancy Breazeal (1791 – 1841), who was not married when her son was born. Nancy Breazeal was the daughter of Joel Breazeal (c1755 – 1829) and Rebecca Griffin Breazeal (c1760/70 – 1845+), who had married in Chatam County North Carolina in 1779. There is no record of the identity of Bright Breazeal's father.

Little is known of Bright's early years, but he apparently lived with his grandparents in Pendleton District South Carolina. Within a few years of Bright's birth, his mother Nancy Brezeal married a

Mr. Lawless, probably either Larkin B., Hiram, or Henry Lawless. Joel's household on the 1820 census consisted of an older male and female (Joel and Rebecca), a male aged 16–26 (apparently their son Joel M. Breazeal), a female aged 10–16 (apparently their youngest daughter Lucinda), a young male child (apparently Bright Breazeal), and several slaves.

Joel Breazeal's married children began moving westward to Tennessee and Alabama a few years before 1820. His son William Breazeal and son-in-law Azariah Cobb were in Tuscaloosa County Alabama by 1823, and in about 1824 Joel sold his plantation in Pendleton District and joined his relatives in Alabama. He bought a 240 acre farm on Bear Creek in southeastern Tuscaloosa County Alabama on 24 January 1826.

Joel Breazeal died on 5 August 1829, and by Joel's instructions in his will, the plantation became the property of his youngest son Joel Marshall Breazeal. In 1830, the household of Joel M. Breazeal consisted of a male aged 20–30 (Joel M. Breazeal), a female aged 60–70 (apparently his mother Rebecca Griffin Breazeal), a male aged 15–20 (apparently Bright Breazeal), and several slaves.

Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield was born in Pendleton District South Carolina on 17 June 1819, the daughter of Archibald Mayfield and Tabitha Bennett. Archibald was a veteran of the War of 1812, and his father Samuel Mayfield was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Sarah spent her early years near both sets of her grandparents, Samuel and Jane Mayfield and Elisha and Sarah Todd Bennett. The Breazeal, Bennett, and Mayfield families were not only close neighbors in Pendleton District South Carolina, but also connected by marriage: Joel and Rebecca's daughter Mary Ann Breazeal married Elisha and Sarah's son Stephen Bennett in 1815.

About 1824, the Mayfields moved with numerous relatives and neighbors from Pendleton District South Carolina to Tuscaloosa County Alabama. Although the Bennetts remained in South Carolina, Archibald's parents Samuel and Jane moved with their son to Alabama. Archibald Mayfield also bought a farm on Bear Creek in Tuscaloosa County, adjoining the farm of Joel Breazeal. In addition to begin neighbors, the Breazeals and Mayfields belonged to the same church, Sardis Baptist Church.

Hosea Bright Breazeal and Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield were married on 18 February 1836 in Tuscaloosa County Alabama. They apparently lived on either the Breazeal or Mayfield plantations. Archibald Mayfield died in 1833 and upon Tabitha's death in 1842, Bright Breazeal bought 40 acres of her plantation.

Between 1846 and 1849, Joel M. Breazeal began to sell his farm in Tuscaloosa County in preparation to move west to Pickens County. This probably coincided with the death of Rebecca Griffin Breazeal (she was alive in 1844 but this is the last known record of her). When Joel M. Breazeal sold the last of his father's old plantation on 26 January 1849 and moved away, Bright Breazeal also moved his family away from Bear Creek. He settled about ten miles northwest of the old Breazeal/Mayfield plantations and bought a farm there.

A few years after the death of their mother Tabitha Bennett Mayfield in 1842, most of Sarah's siblings left Alabama for Arkansas, and Bright's aunt Rosannah Breazeal Cobb and her family also left for Arkansas. Bright Breazeal's eldest daughter Tabitha married on 12 June 1856 and died the following year, on 8 October 1857 (possibly in childbirth). A month later, on 23 November 1857, Bright and Sarah sold their Tuscaloosa County farm and moved to southern Union County Arkansas/northern Union Parish Louisiana. Although Bright was listed as a resident of northern Union Parish on 17 December 1858, shortly thereafter he settled next door to his uncle and aunt, Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb near Caledonia, Union County Arkansas. Also living nearby was Sarah's brother Andrew J. Mayfield and his family (he had married the daughter of Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb). Bright bought a farm from his first cousins Joel M. and George Cobb either in 1857 or 1858.

Bright Breazeal served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Jackson Township, Union County Arkansas Home Guard during the War Between the States. His eldest son Andrew J. Breazeal died in the service of the Confederate States Army at Fort Pillow, Tennessee, on the Mississippi River, on 25 April 1862. His other sons Reuben S. and James K. Polk Breazeal also served in the Confederate Army.

Bright and Sarah Breazeal sold their farm near Caledonia, Union County Arkansas, on 2 November 1866 and moved a few miles south to extreme northern Union Parish Louisiana. They bought a farm north of Spearsville and remained there for the rest of their lives. Bright served as a justice of the peace

in Union Parish just as he had in Tuscaloosa County Alabama. He was also active in New Hope Primitive Baptist Church from 1872 until 1887, serving as church clerk from 1880 until 1887. Sarah died in 1888, and Bright in 1891. They are buried in the Spearsville Cemetery next to their youngest daughter, Laura Agness, who died in 1912.

4. PARENTAGE OF HOSEA BRIGHT BREAZEAL

Hosea Bright Breazeal and Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield were both born in Pendleton District South Carolina, Bright in 1813 and Sarah in 1819. But whereas several different records prove that Sarah is the daughter of Archibald and Tabitha Bennett Mayfield, there is no known record that specifically names the parents of Hosea Bright Breazeal.

The late Hugh Barron of Spearsville, Louisiana was the grandson of Bright Breazeal's daughter Martha Ruth Etta Breazeal Rockett. Martha Rockett told Hugh Barron that her father's mother was not married when he was born. In other words, Hosea Bright Breazeal was illegitimate. To this day, no record has been found to indicate the identity of Bright Breazeal's father. It is likely that no such record will ever be found.

However, several records indicate that Bright Breazeal was the son of Nancy Breazeal and grandson of Joel and Rebecca Griffin Breazeal. The most important record is the family Bible of H. B. Breazeal. Bright recorded the birth and death dates of Nancy Lawless in his Bible. Nancy is a proven daughter of Joel and Rebecca Breazeal, as Joel named her as his daughter in his will. Also recorded in the Bible is the birthdate of Laura Lawless, presumably a daughter of Nancy Breazeal Lawless. Since the only other dates recorded in the Bible are those of Bright, his wife, and his children, this strongly indicates Nancy Breazeal Lawless was the mother of Bright Breazeal.

Here are other close connections between H. B. Breazeal and the family of Joel Breazeal:

- Hosea B. Breazeal and Joel M. Breazeal were closely associated with each other in the church records of Tuscaloosa Co AL. Joel M. Breazeal was the son of Joel Breazeal and brother of Nancy Breazeal Lawless. J. M. and H. B. Breazeal were frequently mentioned together in the minutes of Liberty Baptist Church between 1840 and 1848 as delegates to district and association meetings, on committees, etc.
- H. B. Breazeal served as the justice of the peace on one of the deeds in which J. M. Breazeal sold his plantation in 1846.
- Bright and Joel M. Breazeal lived in the same neighborhood in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, and during the 1840s, Bright owned a farm which adjoined that of Joel M. Breazeal. Moreover, as long as Joel M. continued to live on the old plantation of Joel Breazeal, Bright continued to live in the same place, apparently on his own 40 acres he bought from his mother-in-law's, Tabitha Bennett Mayfield's, estate in 1843, but perhaps on Joel M. Breazeal's farm (we don't know how long Bright continued to own the 40 acres he bought in 1843). In November 1847, Bright Breazeal stated in church conference that he would serve Liberty Baptist Church for another year as church clerk. However, shortly afterwards he must have changed his mind, for at the next conference in January 1848, Breazeal asked for letters of dismission for him and Sarah. In February and August 1848 Bright bought land about ten miles northwest of the Breazeal/Mayfield farms on Bear Creek. The following November, Joel M. Breazeal sold part of Joel Breazeal's old plantation on Bear Creek, and he sold the remainder in January 1849. He then moved his family westward to Pickens County. The fact that both Bright and Joel M. Breazeal departed from the Bear Creek location at about the same time seems too much to be a coincidence.
- H. B. Breazeal moved his family to Union Co AR in 1858 and settled next to Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb. Rosannah Breazeal Cobb was the daughter of Joel Breazeal and sister to Nancy Breazeal Lawless. Hosea bought land from Rosannah's sons in 1859 and lived next to the

Cobbs for ten years.

- Finally, notice Bright and Sarah named one of their daughters “Nancy” and another “Laura Agnes”. All three of these names were ‘Lawless’ names. Laura Lawless’s birth date is recorded in Bright’s Bible and is, I think, Bright’s half-sister and daughter of Nancy Breazeal Lawless. Agnes Lawless was the wife of Asahel Lawless; they lived near Bright in Tuscaloosa County and Agnes was a member at Sardis and Asa at Liberty Church. I believe it quite possible that Asa Lawless was the brother of Nancy Breazeal Lawless’s husband.

5. HOSEA BRIGHT BREAZEAL FAMILY BIBLE

Mr. Gene Barron of West Monroe is currently the owner of the family pages from Bright Breazeal’s Bible. It consists of four pages with two columns to each page. Each entry in the Bible is in the handwriting of Bright Breazeal.

Page 1, Column 1: Marriages

- **H. B. Breazeale** and **Sarah Eliza Brazeale** his Wife Was Married the 18 Day of Febuary [sic] 1836th and was [sic]
- **H. B. Breazeale** was Born the 5th Day of April 1813
- **Sarah E. Mayfield** his wife was Born June 17th 1819th

Page 1, Column 2: Marriages

- **T. A. Breazeale** was married [sic] June the 12: 1856
- **Arrena E. Breazeale** was married [sic] January 6th 1859
- **J. K. P. Brazeal** Was married [sic] May the 27/ 1866
- **R. S. Brazeal** Was married [sic] July the 19th 1866
- **K. A. Brazeal** Was married [sic] August the 9th 1866

Page 2, Column 1: Births

- **T. A. Breazeale** Was Born January the 10th 1837
- **A. J. Breazeale** Was Born the 21th [sic] Day December 1838th
- **Arrena E. Breazeale** Was Born the the [sic] 19 Day of March 1841
- **Reuben S. Breazeale** Was Born the 25 of Febuary [sic] 1843
- **James K. P. Breazeale** Was Born the 2 Day December 1844

Page2, Column 2: Deaths

- **Nancy Permelia Breazeale** Was Born the May [sic] 14th 1847 and Died the June 18
- **Tabitha A. Breazeale** was Born January 10 1837 and Died October 8 1857
- **Andrew J. Breazeale** Was Born December 21th [sic] 1838 and Died April 25th [sic] 1862 age 24 years 4 month [sic] and 3 days

[at the top of this page one can see the calculations Bright Breazeal must have used to determine the age of Andrew J. Breazeal]

Page 3, Column 1: Births

- **Keturah A. Brazeal** Was Born the 22 of October 1848
- **Martha R. E. Breazeale** Was Born the 29th of September 1851
- **Sarah Ann Eliza Breazeale** was Born June 7th 1854
- **Hosea W. Breazeale** was Born August 29th 1857

- **Hosea Woodford Breazeale** was Bor [sic] August 29th 1857 [this entry made twice]

Page 3, Column 2: Deaths

- **Nancy Lawless** was Born March 11th 1791 and Died June 17th 1841

Page 4, Column 1: Births

- **Laury Lawless** was Born the 24th of August 1822
- **Elijah W. Breazeal** was Born June 23 1860
- **Laura Agnes Brazeal** Born December 29th 1863

Page 4, Column 2: Deaths: blank

6. FAMILY RECORD OF HOSEA BRIGHT BREAZEAL AND SARAH ELIZABETH MAYFIELD

Hosea Bright Breazeal¹

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| b. 5 Apr 1813, Pendleton District South Carolina | father: unknown |
| m. 18 Feb 1836, Tuscaloosa County Alabama | mother: Nancy Breazeal |
| d. 19 Oct 1891, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana | |
| buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana | |

Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| b. 17 June 1819, Pendleton District South Carolina | father: Archibald Mayfield |
| d. 9 Jan 1888, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana | mother: Tabitha Bennett |
| buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana | |

children:

(1) **Tabitha Adaline Breazeal**

- b. 10 Jan 1837, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. 12 June 1856, at the residence of her parents in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, to **John B. Burns**
- d. 8 Oct 1857, Tuscaloosa County Alabama

(2) **Andrew J. Breazeal**

- b. 21 Dec 1838, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- d. 25 Apr 1862, Fort Pillow, Tennessee, while in the service of the Confederate States Army
- 2nd Corporal, 19th Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army

(3) **Arrena Emaline Breazeal**

- b. 19 Mar 1841, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. 6 Jan 1859, Union County Arkansas, to **James Charles Jeter**
- d. 12 Mar 1919, Shamrock, Wheeler County Texas

¹H. B. Breazeal signed his surname as “Brazeal”, “Breazeale”, and “Breazeal” at various times during his life. “Breazeal” was the spelling used consistently by his descendants after 1890.

²The Breazeal family Bible recorded in H. B. Breazeal’s handwriting and a document signed by H. B. and S. E. Breazeal in 1887 give their marriage date as on February 18. Their marriage record in Tuscaloosa Co AL indicates that a marriage license was issued for them on February 10, and their close neighbor George Cobb, a justice of the peace, informed the probate judge’s office that he had married the couple on **February 12**. Presumably then, either Cobb or the clerk in the probate office made an error, and they were actually married on the 18th.

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(4) **Reuben Searcy Breazeal**

- b. 25 Feb 1843, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. 19 July 1866, Union County Arkansas, to **Mary Ann Blanks**
- d. 2 Feb 1917, Jackson Township, Union County Arkansas
buried: Olive Branch Methodist Cemetery, Union County Arkansas
- Private, Company D, 37th Regiment and Company I, 15th Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army

(5) **James K. Polk Breazeal**

- b. 2 Dec 1844, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. 27 or 30 May 1866, Union County Arkansas, to **Mary R. Griffin**
- d. after July 1873
"Polk Breazeal" was a private in Company D, 15th Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army. According to family members, some years after Polk Breazeal married Mary Griffin, an unflattering rumor about her became public. Very embarrassed, Polk Breazeal left Union Parish and his family never heard from him again.

(6) **Nancy Permelia Breazeal**

- b. 14 May 1847, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- d. 18 June 1847, Tuscaloosa County Alabama

(7) **Keturah Antoinette Breazeal**

- b. 22 Oct 1848, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. 9 Aug 1866, Union County Arkansas, to **John Robert Groves**
- d. 18 Aug 1930, Groesbeck, Limestone County Texas
buried: Fordkenberry Cemetery, Limestone County Texas

(8) **Martha Ruth Etta Breazeal**

- b. 29 Sept 1851, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
- m. (1) 21 Dec 1868, Union County Arkansas, to **Henry H. Groves**
(2) 3 Sept 1882, Union Parish Louisiana, to **Hosea Holcombe Rockett**
- d. 27 Nov 1935, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana
buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana

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Family Record

- (9) **Sarah Ann Elizabeth Breazeal** “Eliza” or “Liza”
b. 7 June 1854, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
m. 6 Apr 1875, Union County Arkansas, to **Willian Robert Ogden**
d. 18 Sept 1929, Camp Creek Community, Union Parish Louisiana
buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana
- (10) **Hosea Woodford Breazeal**
b. 29 Aug 1857, Tuscaloosa County Alabama
m. (1) 1878/1879, Union Parish Louisiana, to **Mary J. Trammel**
(2) 20 Dec 1883, Union County Arkansas, to **Angelina Williams**
d. 6 Sept 1936, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana
buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana
- (11) **Elijah Willingham Breazeal**
b. 23 June 1860, Jackson Township, Union County Arkansas
m. 4 Oct 1883, Union County Arkansas, to **Martha J. Sumners**
d. 7 July 1937, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana
buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana
- (12) **Laura Agnes Breazeal** “Fannie”
b. 29 Dec 1863, Jackson Township, Union County Arkansas
m. (1) 17 Mar 1881, Union County Arkansas, to **John E. B. Sumners**
(2) c1906, Louisiana or Arkansas, to **Thad Jinks**
d. 23 Dec 1912, near Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana
buried: Spearsville Cemetery, Union Parish Louisiana

7. LAND OWNED BY HOSEA BRIGHT BREAZEAL, 1843–1893

Hosea B. and Sarah E. Mayfield Breazeal lived their married life in four locations in three states, as follows:

- (1) (1836 – 1848/50) They lived on either Tabitha Mayfield's plantation or on Joel Breazeal's old plantation near Liberty Baptist Church on Bear Creek in southeastern Tuscaloosa Co AL. In 1843, Bright bought 40 acres of Tabitha Mayfield's old plantation, so perhaps he and his family lived there until 1848. However, there is no record of Bright's selling this land, so we have no way of knowing how long he remained the owner of it.
- (2) (c1850 – 1857) They lived on a farm about due south of the city of Tuscaloosa on Sandy Creek in Tuscaloosa Co AL.
- (3) (c1858 – 1867) They lived on a farm near the community of Caledonia in south central Union Co AR.
- (4) (c1868 – 1893) They lived on a farm north of Spearsville in extreme northern Union Par LA.

The land they owned is given in the following tables. The following abbreviations for the legal descriptions of land are used below:

- “S” for “Section”
- “T” for “Township”
- “R” for “Range”
- “E” for “East $\frac{1}{2}$ ” and “W” for “West $\frac{1}{2}$ ”
- “SE” for “Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ ” and “SW” for “Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ ”
- “NE” for “Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ ” and “NW” for “Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ ”

Description	Acres	Purchased	Sold
NE of NE, S27, T24, R7E	40	3 Apr 1843	?
E of NW, S19, T22, R9W	80	22 Feb 1848	23 Nov 1857
W of NW, S19, T22, R9W, except 2 acres	78	16 Aug 1848	23 Nov 1857
part of E of NE, S24, T22, R10W	3	11 Oct 1849	22 Feb 1853
	57	11 Oct 1849	23 Nov 1857
part of SE of SE, S13, T22, R10W	1.5	1854	23 Nov 1857

TABLE 1. Land Owned by H. B. Breazeal in Tuscaloosa Co AL, 1843–1857

Description	Acres	Purchased	Sold
SW of SE, S22, T19S, R15W	40	between 4–20–57 and 8–20–59	2 Nov 1866
NW of SE, S22, T19S, R15W	40	between 8–19–57 and 8–20–59	2 Nov 1866
E of SW, S22, T19S, R15W	80	between 8–19–57 and 8–20–59	2 Nov 1866
SE of SE, S22, T19S, R15W	40	20 Aug 1859	2 Nov 1866

TABLE 2. Land Owned by H. B. Breazeal in Union Co AR, 1857–1866

Description	Acres	Purchased	Sold
SE of SE, S26, T23N, R3W	40	1 July 1870	30 Jan 1893
NE, S26, T23N, R3W	150	8 Nov 1873	? (1892–1893)
SE of SE, S24 W of NE, S25, T23N, R3W except 9 acres	111	no record	13 Mar 1880

TABLE 3. Land Owned by H. B. Breazeal in Union Par LA, 1870–1893

8. RECORDS OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY ALABAMA

Below, the same abbreviations are used for the legal descriptions of land as in the previous section.

- 24 Jan 1826 Tuscaloosa, Alabama U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #5370.
Joel Brazeal of “Tuskaloosa” Co AL buys the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, 80.10 acres at \$1.25 per acre for a total payment of \$100.13.
- 24 Jan 1826 Tuscaloosa, Alabama U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #5371.
Joel Brazeal of “Tuskaloosa” Co AL buys the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, 80.10 acres at \$1.25 per acre for a total payment of \$100.13.
- 24 Jan 1826 Tuscaloosa, Alabama U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #5372.
Joel Brazeal of “Tuskaloosa” Co AL buys the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, 80.10 acres at \$1.25 per acre for a total payment of \$100.13.
- 29 Feb 1828 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book G, pp. 555-556.
Joel Breazeal sells **Joel M. Brezeal** [sic] about 240 acres for for \$300. Land sold was NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, 160 $\frac{20}{100}$ acres, and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, 80 $\frac{10}{100}$. Witnesses: **George Cobb**, **William Breazeal**. (Joel “Brezeal” made his mark to the deed).
- 24 Dec 1833 Tuscaloosa, Alabama U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #10350.
Joel M. Breazeale (also **Brazeal**) of Tuscaloosa Co AL buys the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S22, T24, R7E, a total of 40.05 acres, for \$50.06. He signed this record as “Joel M. Breazeale”.
- 24 Dec 1833 Tuscaloosa, Alabama U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #10351.
Joel M. Breazeale (also **Brazeal**) of Tuscaloosa Co AL buys the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S15, T24, R7E, a total of 40.045 acres, for \$50.06. He signed this record as “Joel M. Breazeale”.
- 10 Feb 1836 Tuscaloosa Co AL Marriage Book 1837–1843, pp. 101–102.
 Marriage license for **Hosea B. Brezeal** [sic] to marry **Sarah Eliza Mayfield**. They were married by **George Cobb, J.P.** on 12 Feb 1836. (This date is incorrect, according to other records. See the Bible record and the deed of Union Par LA dated 28 Jan 1887).
- 1837 Tuscaloosa Co AL Tax List, Beat No. 4, 17th Regiment, Captain McAdory.
H. B. Brazeale paid a tax of \$0.26 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 white poll, 1 slave under 10 years of age, and 1 wood clock. Paying taxes in the same neighborhood were **A. J. Mayfield**, **Tibitha** [sic] **Mayfield**, **Joel M. Brazeale**, **William Brazeale**, **Izriah** [sic] **Cobb**, and **James Ward**.
- 9 Dec 1842 Tuscaloosa Co AL Probate Book 7, pp. 146–150.
 Inventory and Estate Sale of the estate of **Tabitha Mayfield**, deceased. According to the Sale Bill of the property of the estate that was returned to court on the above date, **H. B. Brazeal** purchased the following items from the estate for the indicated amounts:

One cow & calf	\$9.50
1 hog	\$5.25
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to cotton in field at 11cts. pr. cwt. (?)	\$9.82
1 lot Corn, 25 bushels at $37\frac{1}{2}$	$\$9.37\frac{1}{2}$
1 frow	$\$.81\frac{1}{4}$
1 side Saddle	\$1.00
1 pr. Saddle Wallets	$\$1.12\frac{1}{4}$
1 band box	$\$.18\frac{3}{4}$
1 Bed, etc.	\$15.00

3 Apr 1843 Tuscaloosa Co AL Orphans Court Book 3, 1843–1846, pp. 6–7.

Martin Shuttlesworth, William M. Hannah, and R. E. Howard commissioners appointed to sell the real estate of **Tabitha Mayfield** deceased “for the purpose of making a fair and equal division among the heirs of said estate....And the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 27, Township 24 of Range 7 east to **H. B. Brazeal** at four $\frac{54}{100}$ dollars per acre amounting \$181 $\frac{60}{100}$ acres [sic] he being the highest bidder for the same...”

[**Note:** There is no record of Bright Breazeal selling this 40 acres bought from the estate of his mother-in-law.]

12 Dec 1843 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book T, p. 390.

Rebecca Brazeal and **Joel M. Brazeal** sell two Negroes to **Bradley Nall**: “a man **Dave** and his wife **Vilender, Dave** about 47 and **Vilender** 46...” for \$400. Witnesses: **Asa Guin, E. B. Mayfield**. Both signed their names to the record.

8 Oct 1846 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book V, pp. 417–419.

Joel M. Breazeale and his wife **Permely Breazeal** sell land to **John Hargrove** for \$100. Land sold was the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S16, and 20 acres in a square in NW Corner of S22, all in T24, R7E. Witnesses: **M. Breazeal, J.P.** [sic], **William Deason**. Deed signed by “Joel M. Brazeal” and Permely “Breazeal” made her mark to the record.

“Personally appeared before me **Hosea B. Breazeal J.P.** the within named parties **Joel M. Brazeal** and **Permely Brazeal** who acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day and year therein mentioned to the aforesaid **John Hargrove** for value recd. and the said **Permely Breazeal** being by me privately examed [sic] a part [sic] from her said husband acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the within deed...without any fear threats or Compulsion of her said husband...”

Hosen Breazeal J.P. [sic]

Joel M. Breazeal

Permely Breazeal (her mark).

9 Nov 1846 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book V, pp. 419–420.

William M. Hannah and his wife **Lois Hannah** sell 79 acres on “bear creek” to **Hardy Clements**. Witnesses: **Henry F. Hannah, Hosea B. Breazeale J.P.** “a Justice of the Peace”. “Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace...**Hosea B. Breazeale J.P.** an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County.”

23 July 1847 Tuscaloosa Co AL Orphans Court Book 4, 1846–1850, pp. 203–204.

A total of \$5881.72 is to be distributed among the heirs of **Tabitha Mayfield**, deceased. “It is further ordered and decreed by the Court that **Hosea B. Brazeale** [sic] & **Sarah Eliza**, his wife, a daughter of said decedant [sic], are entitled to the like sum of...\$663.63.”

- 22 Feb 1848 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 4, pp. 425–426 and Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 7, pp. 42–43.
J. P. Thompson and his wife **Sarah Thompson** sell land to **H. B. Brazeale** for \$350. Land sold was the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of S19, T22, R9W. Deed signed by J. P. and Sarah Thompson.
- 16 Aug 1848 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 4, pp. 423–424.
William Willingham and his wife **Jane Willingham** sell land to **H. B. Brazeal** for \$350. Land sold was the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of S19, T22, R9W, “...Except about two acres which I have sold to **Elijah Clements** in the south west corner of said tract viz. all the land on the south side of little [sic] sandy [sic] creek [sic] the creek being the line between them.” Deed signed by William Willingham, and Jane Willingham made her mark to the deed. William and Jane Willingham appeared in court on 22 August 1855 to swear they made the deed.
- 28 Nov 1848 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book X, pp. 136.
Joel M. Brazeal and his wife **Permelia Brazeal** sell $79\frac{86}{100}$ acres of land to **Lewis Pumphrey** and **Permelia Pumphry** for \$20. Land sold was the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of S8, T24, R7E. Deed signed by **Joel M. Brazeal**, and **Permelia Brazeal** made her mark to it. The justice of the peace was **H. H. Hargrove**.
- 26 Jan 1849 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book X, pp. 3–4.
Joel M. Brazile and his wife **Permelia Brazile** sell 340 acres of land to **John Hargrove** for \$500. Land sold was the $SW\frac{1}{4}$, the $NW\frac{1}{4}$, and the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T24, R7E, “20 acres in a square in NW Corner of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ excepted.” Deed signed by **Joel M. Brazile**, and **Permelia Brazile** made her mark to the deed. Witnesses were **J. H. D_cess**, **H. H. Hargrove**, **J. P.**.
- 11 Oct 1849 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 4, pp. 422–423.
William Willingham and his wife **Hannah Willingham** sell 60 acres of land to **H. B. Brazeal** for \$110. Land sold was the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of S24, T22, R10W, 60 acres “...lying east of the Marion Road making the Marion the line and also making little [sic] sandy [sic] creek [sic] the line on the south.” Deed signed by William and Hannah Willingham.
- 25 Jan 1850 Tuscaloosa Co AL Court of Revenue & Roads Book Beginning with the Regular Term Aug 20, 1849, p. 27.
“County Court in Vacation January 25, 1850. Ordered that **Hosea B. Brazeal** be and he is hereby appointed overseer on the Bear Creek Road from the State Road to Swindles Branch in place of **L. G. Blount** Removed.”
- Same book, page 29: “It is ordered by the Court that an order issue to **Bright Brazeal**, **Georg Swinde** [sic], **Elijah Williangham**, **Wm. Phifer**, **Reuben Liggins**, **Wm. Willingham**, & **Jas. Phifer** to examine & Report the expediency of altering the Bear Creek Road.”
- 22 Feb 1853 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book AA, pp. 209–210.
H. B. Brazeale and his wife **Sarah E. Brazeale** sell 3 acres of land to **Elijah Clements** for \$10. Land sold was the a part of the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of S34 [sic – should be section 24], T22, R10W, “...that parcel of Land liing [sic] west of my fence Running from the forde [sic] Creek to my Gin House containing three acres more or less...” Deed signed by **H. B. Brazeale**, and **Sarah E. Brazeale** made her mark to the deed. Witnesses: **John Phifer**, **J. P.** On 28 Feb 1853, **Sarah E. Brazeal** appeared and acknowledged that she signed the above deed.
- 1854 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 4, pp. 424–425 (no day or month given).
Richard C. Clanton sells $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land to **H. B. Brazeale** for $\$7\frac{1}{2}$. Land sold was $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in SW corner of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of S13, T22, R10W, “...beginning on the Section line where the old road crosses it between **Clantons** and **Brazeales** near a Post Oak 3X From thence N5.6 E9 ch to a Stake 3x. the old road the line near a dun thence down the drian (?) to a stake 3x: on the Section line Thence along section line...to the beginning...” Witnesses: **William Willingham**, **John H. Ward**. Deed signed by Richard Clanton. On 23 Nov 1857, William Willingham swore to the deed before probate Judge **Moses**

McGuire. [H. B. Breazeal was referred to as **B. H. Brazeale** at one place in this deed.]

23 Nov 1857 Tuscaloosa Co AL Deed Book 4, pp. 426–427.

Hosea B. Brazeal and his wife **Sarah E. Brazeal** his wife sell land to **William Willingham** for \$1500. Land sold was $E\frac{1}{4}$ [sic – should be $E\frac{1}{2}$] of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of S19, T22, R9W, “...except about two acres heretofore sold to **Elijah Clements** in the SW Corner lying on the south side of Little Sandy Creek the Creek being the line...” Also sold was the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of S24, T22, R10W, “...60 acres more or less lying E of the Warrior Road which is the line and making little Sandy Creek the line on the south a tract of land beginning...” [the exact description that Breazeal bought from Clanton in 1854, except that the word “dun” there is “drian” here.]. Deed signed by **H. B. Brazeal**, and **Sarah E. Brazeal** made her mark to it. On this same day, Probate Judge **Moses McGuire** says that **H. B.** and **Sarah Brazeal** “...who are known to me...”

[**Note:** Bright and Sarah Breazeal must have thought a lot of their neighbors William Willingham and Elijah Clements, for they named their son born in 1859 “Elijah Willingham Breazeal”.

9. RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY ARKANSAS

- 20 Apr 1857 Campagnolle, Arkansas U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #6150.
Joel M. Cobb and **Geo. Cobb, Jr.** of Union Co AR buy the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W.
- 19 Aug 1857 Campagnolle, Arkansas U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #7040.
Joel M. Cobb and **Geo. Cobb, Jr.** of Union Co AR buy the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W.
- 19 Aug 1857 Campagnolle, Arkansas U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #7041.
Joel M. Cobb and **Geo. Cobb, Jr.** of Union Co AR buy the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W.
- 1857–1859 Bright Breazeal purchased the above three tracts of land from his first cousins Joel M. and George Cobb. Although there is no recorded deed of the purchase, the following record indicates Bright was the owner of this land by 20 Aug 1859.
- 20 Aug 1859 Campagnolle, Arkansas U.S. Government Land Office, Cash Entry #11158.
Hosea B. Breazeale of Union Co AR buys the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W, 40 acres for a total payment of \$40.00. "...I enter the same for the use of an adjoining farm owned by me, which is situated on the..." E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W, "...upon which there are Twenty acres in cultivation, besides a dwelling house..." The document was signed **Hosea B. Breazeale**.
- July 1861 Union Co AR County Court Record Book E, p. 634.
July Term of Court, List of the Jackson Township Home Guard: "It is ordered by the Court that the following named persons be & they are hereby appointed as a Home Guard of Jackson Township in this County." Those listed included **H. B. Brazzeal**, 2 Lieutenant; **S. T. Cobb**, 3 Lieutenant; **G. Cobb, Jr.** orderly Sergeant; and **T. A. Groves**, **J. H. Pratt**, **A. R. Cobb**, **J. P. Sumners**.
- 2 Nov 1866 **H. B. Brazzeal** and his wife **Sarah E. Brazzeal** sell 200 acres of land to **George H. Thompson** for \$1000. Land sold was the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S22, T19S, R15W. The witness was **M. Vise, J.P.**, and the record was signed by **H. B. Breazzeal**, and **Sarah E. Breazzeal** made her mark to the document.

10. RECORDS OF UNION PARISH LOUISIANA

Hosea Bright Breazeal left numerous records in Union Parish Louisiana, including land transactions, tax records, civil suits, homestead exemption, a stock mark, oath of office a justice of the peace, plus a large number of legal records relating to the estate of James Jeter.

10.1. Land Records.

1 July 1870 New Orleans, Louisiana U.S. Government Land Office Homestead Application #1556, District of Monroe. Application was for 40.28 acres, date of entry was 1 July 1870, date of residence was 10 July 1870, the proof and certificate were dated 2 Feb 1876. "Improvements: house [sic], 7 acres cleared & fenced, 7 acres broken, 7 acres in crop, 5 seasons of planting. Residence claimed: 5 years, 7 months, 1 day." On 1 July 1870, **H. B. Brazzeal** pays \$7 to enter the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S26, T23N, R3W, signed **H. B. Brazzeal**. His affidavit, dated 17 July 1870 and signed as **H. B. Brazzeal** stated:

"I, **H. B. Brazzeal**, of Union Parish La...do solemnly swear, that I am a citizen of the U.S. & the head of a family that I make this entry for the purpose of actual settlement & cultivation that said application No. 1556 is made for my own use & benefit & not for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whatsoever & that I have never heretofore had the benefit of this act. I make this affidavit before a clerk of court on account of Distance & expense of proceeding to the land office at New Orleans La being too great for me to attend there in person."

The clerk's statement: "...**J. W. Reid** Clerk District Court Union Parish La and I do certify that **H. B. Brazzeal** is a resident citizen of Union Parish La."

The Final Certificate #57 was dated 2 Feb 1876, Monroe, and the amount paid was \$1.00. The following affidavit dated 2 Feb 1876, under the Homestead Act of 20 May 1862, was signed by **H. B. Brazzeal** and stated:

"...do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said land, having resided thereon since the 10th day of July, 1871 [sic]..." (at other places the date of settlement was given as 10 July 1870).

The proof for the homestead application was given by **E. J. Pouncey Sr.** and **A. C. Peppers**, who stated they have known **H. B. Brazzeal** for 6 years past, that he settled on the land on 10 July 1870, has built a house, and he had "...cleared and fenced about 7 acres of said land."

8 Nov 1873 Union Par LA Deed Book V, pp. 639–640.
Thomas B. Killgore of Texas sells 150 acres of land to **H. B. Brazzeal** of Union Par LA for \$300. Land sold was the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S26, T23, R3W, except for 1 acre where **J. D. Barron**'s horse lot is, and 9 acres in the NW corner of the quarter section. Witnesses: **J. R. Goynes**, **T. J. Tabor**.

13 Mar 1880 Union Par LA Deed Book 1, pp. 46–47.
H. B. Brazzeal sells 111 acres of land to **H. W. Brazzeal** for \$150. Land sold was the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S24 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S25, T23 R3W, less 9 acres of the south end of the second tract deeded to **Wm. Post**. Witnesses: **W. A. McDaniel**, **S. T. Poe**.

16 Jan 1884 Union Par LA Mortgage Book G, p. 212.
The homestead exemption of **H. B. Breazeal**. The following was sworn to before **W. W. Heard**, a deputy Clerk of the District Court of Union Par LA, and it was signed as **Hosea B. Breazeal**:

"Personally came and appeared before me the undersigned lawful authority **Hosea B. Breazeal** who after being sworn declares that he is the head of a family consisting of his wife and a grandson dependant [sic] upon whom for a support. That he resides up on and owns [sic] by title or act of sale from **T. B. Killgore** the following tract of land to wit: the North East quarter of section Twenty six except one acre where **J. D. Barron** [sic] horse lot is, and nine acres in the North East corner of said quarter section..." T23N R3W, 150 acres, and that this land "...together with the improvements is worth not less than Four

Hundred Dollars. That he has one brown mule worth about eighty dollars. That he has about six head of hogs worth about Twenty dollars, One wagon worth about fifty dollars, Eight head of sheep worth Eight dollars. That he is a farmer and has about one hundred fifty bushels of corn and one thousand pounds of fodder necessary for his farming work. Also about five hundred pounds of pork. That the corn, fodder & pork are worth about one hundred fifteen dollars. That it is his intention to claim the homestead exemptions upon the hereinbefore [sic] enumerated property all of which he is the bonafide owner and possessor.”

28 Jan 1887 Union Par LA Deed Book W, p. 1.

“Be it remembered that before me **William W. Heard** Deputy Clerk and Notary in and for the Parish of Union... personally came and appeared **Mrs. Sarah E. Brazeal** and her husband **Hosea B. Brazeal** both residents of Union Parish La. and the said **Hosea B. Brazeal** husband acknowledges and declares before me that he and his said wife **Mrs. Sarah E. Brazeal** were lawfully married in Tuscaloosa County Alabama on the 18th day of February 1836 and about Six years after said marriage his said wife received from her mothers, **Mrs. Tabitha Mayfields** Succession in land and money the sum of Five Hundred dollars, this Money and land was [sic] her own separate paraphernal [sic] property, and when they moved to this State in 1858 he took charge of her said money and funds and disposed of them for his own use and benefit, and he is now due his said wife the said sum of five hundred dollars for her own separate paraphernal funds and now in order to restore the same to her and in part pay her the amount he is due her hereby bargains, sells, gives in payment and delivers unto his said wife the following discribed [sic] land situated in Union Parish La...” NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S26, T23, R3W less 10 acres for a total of 150 acres valued at \$400. “...he also bargains, sells, transfers, gives in payment and delivers to his said wife the following personal property to wit:”

1 old wagon	\$20
12 head of sheep	\$12
9 head of hogs	\$9
one lot of farming tools and implements	\$10
1 cow and 2 yearlings	\$20
1 oxen	\$20

“And the said **Sarah E. Brazzil** being present and authorized by her husband hereby accepts all of said property at the prices stated and... hereby resumes the administration of her paraphernal property.”
Witnesses: **Jas. A. Ramsey, Geo. Fenton**. Signed by **H. B. Brazeal** and **Sarah E. Brazeal** made her mark to the record.

[**Note:** “Restitutions” such as the above were commonly made in the mid-to-late 1800s in Louisiana during situations where the husband was in the process of being sued and was likely to loose his property; placing property in the wife’s name prevented it from being seized and sold to recover the damages from the suit. Bright Breazeal was sued by some of the grandchildren of James Jeter for his actions as administrator of Jeter’s estate. He lost the suit and had to pay a relatively small sum in damages. Perhaps in fear of future judgements against him in this matter, he made this restitution. By legally placing his property in Sarah’s name, it would not be possible for the court to seize any of his property to pay for any future judgements against him. It is an ironic example of that era that while Bright donated his property to his wife as her separate property, as her husband he had to give his permission for her to accept this donation!]

30 Jan 1893 Union Par LA Deed Book 2, pp. 126–127.

“I **H. W. Brazzile**... do by virtue of the special written power of attorney to me given by the heirs of **H. B.** and **Sarah E. Brazeal** Deceased...” sells 40 acres to **B. Frank Post** for \$10. Land sold was the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S26, T23, R3W. Witnesses: **W. M. Post, Jr., R. B. Stokes**. The deed was signed by **H. W. Brazzeal, Agt.** and **B. Frank Post**.

17 Dec 1858 Union Par LA Civil Suit #1207, **H. B. Breazeale** vs. **Wm. Jones**. Breazeal's attorney **D. Puckett** made the following petition to the Judge of the 12th District Court, Union Parish Louisiana:

"The petition of **Hosea B. Breazeale** a resident of the aforesaid parish and state respectfully shows that on or about the twenty sixth (26) day of November one thousand eight hundred & fifty eight (1858) he tracted for a certain gray Gelding of **William Jones**, also a resident of said parish of Union, for which gray horse or gelding your petitioner gave the said **Jones** a fine young mare worth one hundred and twenty five dollars and his certain promisory note for thirty dollars drawn in favor of said **Jones** or bearer and due on the first day of March 1859. Petitioner avers that said **Jones** represented the aforesaid horse or gelding as sound property and free from all recthibitory [sic] vices. Petitioner further avers that said horse or gelding was unsound at the time of the trade, and so diseased as to render him entirely worthless. Petitioner further avers that he has made a tender of said horse or gelding to the said **Jones** and demanded his mare and note, that said **Jones** refuses to give petitioner any satisfaction alleging that he has disposed of the mare and defies the law. Petitioner further represents that he is damaged in the sum of twenty five dollars for being kept out of the use of his said mare and being compelled to keep and feed a worthless animal. Wherefore petitioner prays that the aforesaid **Jones** be duly cited to answer hereto and on final hearing of the case he be decreed to pay your petitioner the following sums, to wit; one hundred and twenty five dollars being the value of the aforesaid mare, thirty dollars it being the amount of said promisory note, and twenty five dollars damages for costs of suit and for general relief, etc."

"Recd. in office on the 17 day of Dec 1858 and in [sic] the 5" day of of [sic] Januay [sic] 1859 I served a certified copy of this citation accompanying a certified copy of Petition on **W. E. Jones** Personally fifty miles from office.

Serving Cit & Pet:	\$1.00
Milage [sic]	1.50
(Total:)	\$2.50

[**Note:** The above is all that remains of the suit between Breazeal and Jones. The papers indicating the judgement were either not filed, lost, or missorted.

26 Dec 1878 Union Par LA (Unnamed) Record Book, p. 104.
The oath of office of **H. B. Breazeal** as a Justice of the Peace for Ward 7:

"I **H. B. Brazel** do solemnly swear or affirm that I accept the civil and political equality of all men and agree not to attempt to deprive any person or persons on account of race color or previous condition of any political or civil right privelege [sic] or immunity enjoyed by any other class of men. That I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Justice of the Peace for the Seventh Ward of the Parish of Union according to the best of my ability and understanding so help me God."

The document was signed **H. B. Breazel** and by **W. W. Heard**, Clerk of the District Court.

3 Sept 1882 Union Par LA Marriage Book 6, p. 405.
Marriage record of **Hosea H. Rockett** to **Mrs. Martha R. Groves**. They were married by **William Hunt, M.G.** and the witnesses were **H. B. Breazeal, R. W. Goyne**, and **J. B. Hayes**.

23 July 1883 Union Par LA Marks & Brands, Book A, p. 83.
H. Bright Brazeal's Stock Mark:

"Clerk's Office. Before me, the undersigned legal authority, personally came and appeared **H. Bright Brazeal**, to me personally well known who declares and says that he claims the following to be his stock mark to wit: A crop off of each ear, and an under-bit in the right ear, and makes this his declaration & application to have the same recorded.

H. B. Brazeal”

Breazeal signed this document before **Jas. M. Smith**, the Clerk of the District Court.

10.3. The James Jeter Succession. Bright Breazeal became connected to James J. Jeter in 1859, when his daughter Arrena Emaline Breazeal married Jeter's son James Charles Jeter. According to information provided by Mrs. Lois K. Nix, a descendant of James Jeter, he was born about 1795 in Edgefield District South Carolina. Jeter married Nancy L. Caswell (c1804 – 1864) in Putnam County Georgia on 27 Dec 1819. Jeter served in the War of 1812 under General Andrew Jackson and also participated in the Battle of New Orleans. He moved from Macon County Alabama to Union County Arkansas between 1840 and 1850, and then between 1850 and 1860 settled in northern Union Parish Louisiana. He left Louisiana for Texas in 1864, and he died in Hopkins County Texas in 1870.

When James J. Jeter died in 1870, he was still the owner of 440 acres of land in northern Union Parish, plus a small amount of other property left on his old farm. In 1870 Bright Breazeal applied to be appointed the administrator of the estate of James Jeter. It is not known what motivated Breazeal to make this decision, as Jeter did not owe Breazeal any money. Perhaps he was requested to handle the matter by his son-in-law James C. Jeter, son of the deceased James J. Jeter.

Whatever the reasons behind Breazeal's deciding to act as Jeter's administrator, it was a move that would haunt him for at least the next seventeen years, as it entangled him in a complicated legal matter involving Jeter's grandsons William P. and John W. Reppond. James J. Jeter's daughter Lucretia Jane Jeter (1836 – 1866) married Ettienne Andrew Reppond in Union County Arkansas on 29 Dec 1853. Their sons William P. and John W. Reppond began legal proceedings against Hosea Bright Breazeal in 1883 in connection with Breazeal's actions as administrator. Keep in mind that the Repponds pursued these legal matters against the father of their aunt, Arrena Emaline Breazeal Jeter, wife of their mother's brother James Charles Jeter.

The material which follows comes from three sources, James Jeter's succession and two civil suits filed by Jeter's grandsons against Bright Breazeal.

7 Feb 1870 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 623. Petition for Administrator and Inventory.

“To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court in & for the Parish of Union State of Louisiana, The petition of **H. B. Brazeale** a resident of the Parish and State above written with respect represents that **James Jeter** late of same residence departed this life during the year 1866 intestate leaving a small estate consisting of Land, rights and credits. Petitioner avers that an Administration of said Estate is necessary. Wherefore he prays that an order may issue from your Honorable Court directing and authorizing **Wm. C. Smith** Parish recorder & Ex-officio Notary Public in & for Union Parish La. to make an inventory and appraisal of all the property belonging to the said Estate Estate [sic] of **James Jeter** dec'd. and after all legal delays that he may be appointed and confirmed as Adm. of same for all further orders & decrees necessary in the premises & for general relief, etc.

Mayo & Lewis

Attys for Petr.”

Parish Judge **T. B. Tompkins** ordered and decreed that **H. B. Brazile** be appointed administrator of the Estate of **Jas. Jeter** Dec'd.

11 Mar 1870 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 624–625. Appraisers and Inventory.

Appraisers of the property of the estate of **James Jeter** were appointed: **G. A. Bruton** and **W. D. M. Bruton**. Inventory of **James Jeter's** estate listed the only property as 440 acres of land valued at \$550.

12 Mar 1870 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 624. Oath of Administrator.

“I **H. B. Brazile** do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as Administrator of the Estate of **James Jeter** Deceased, according to the best of my ability and understanding So help me God...”

25 Apr 1870 Union Par LA Civil Suit #127-E, **H. B. Brazeal**, Admr. **Jas. Jeters** Est. vs. **Thos. Wheeler**.

“State of Louisiana, Parish of Union, Parish Court. Personally appeared before me the undersigned lawful authority **Hosea B. Brazeal** Admr. of the Estate of **James Jeter** decd. and Pltff. in the above entitled cause [case] who after being by me duly sworn deposes that **Isaac Reppond**, **Benjm. Day**, and **James M. Turner** are competent and important witnesses in his behalf in the prosecution of the said suit and that the personal attendance of said witnesses in open court on the trial of said case is necessary in order to elicit the truth from such witnesses which cannot be done by taking their deposition out of Court. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th April 1870.

[**Note:** The above record is all that remains in the file for Civil Suit #127-E. Many papers are loose and unsorted, so the remainder may be located in the future.]

23 July 1883 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 626–627. Proceedings of Sale of Real and Personal Property.

“I **H. B. Brazel** Administrator of the Estate of **James Jeter** Dec'd. having Advertised to sell for cash all the real Estate belonging to said Succession and after offering the same at public outcry at Marion La. on ? day of ? A.D. 1871 and there being no bidders for the same I then proceeded to Advertise all the real Estate for sale on terms on credit in Accordance with the provises of Articles 990 & 991 of the Code of practice said sale being Advertised for more than fifteen days in a public Newspaper published at Farmerville La. called the Union Record to be had at the door of the Court house at Farmerville on the 26 day of December A.D. 1871 and the sale in pursuance of the orders of the Honorable the Parish Court of Union Parish to be made by the Sheriff of Union Parish as Auctioneer And upon the day & date above written I caused him to offer in forty acre lots the following described land....” The highest bidder for all 440 acres was **James M. Turner**, who also purchased this personal property of the estate: one corn mill for \$10, one old gin stand for \$15, and one belt for \$0.60.

[**Note:** Although the sale took place in December 1871, the results of the sale were not filed for twelve years. Bright Brazeal said he thought it had been filed by his attorneys, Mayo & Lewis (see below).]

16 Oct 1883 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 627–628. Application and Order to Sell Property.

“The petition of **H. B. Brazzel** Administrator of the Estate of **James Jeter** dec'd. would show that he was duly appointed to administer the Succession of **James Jeter** decd. that during the Administration he applied for and obtained an Order from the Hon. the parish Court of Union parish to sell all the property belonging to said Succession both real & personal, that pursuant to said order all property was sold except forty acres of land described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 31 Township 22 North of Range 3 East. That to close said Estate & meet debts due on order of sale to sell for cash the above land is necessary. Wherefore he prays for an order to sell the said land after legal advertisement & for such other orders as are necessary.

J. E. Trimble
Atty for Admr.”

“Premises considered it is ordered that property belonging to the Estate of **James Jeter** be sold for cash after legal Advertisement, by the Administrator of said Estate. Signed officially this the 16th day of Oct. A.D. 1883.

Jas. M. Smith
Clerk D.C. & C.”

17 Nov 1883 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Petition of Plaintiffs, Filed 17 Nov 1883.

“To the Honorable Judge of the 3d. Judicial Dist. Court of Louisiana holding sessions in and for the Parish of Union. The petition of **William P. Reppond** and **John W. Reppond** who is an emancipated minor but who is herein aided and assisted by his curator ad litim **Gill D. Russel** who accepts said appointment and appears herein for the purpose of aiding and assisting said emancipated minor in this suit and proceedings, all residents of Union Parish La. respectfully represent unto your Hon. Court that petitioners [sic] except said curator ad litim are the children and sole heirs of **Mrs. Jane Reppond** who is now deceased and who was a daughter and heir of **James Jeter** deceased whose succession was opened in your said parish of Union in Feb 1870 by the appointment of **H. B. Brazzil** of Union Parish La as administrator of said succession of **James Jeter** Decd. That the said **H. B. Brazzil** has been pretending to administer said succession for more than ten years without ever filling [sic] any account of his administration, that at the time of his appointment petitioners were both minors that there were no debts due by the estate and really no administration was necessary, but the said **H. B. Brazzil** has sold the [sic] most of the property several years ago and still holds the proceeds and has never settled the estate. Petitioner[s] have an interest in said succession as heirs representing their deceased mother as aforesaid.

“Petitioners aver that there is still the following described land belonging to said succession to wit the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31 T22 North R3 East and the said **H. B. Brazzil** has advertised the same for sale that it is worth Sixty dollars that there are no debts owe [sic] by the estate and no necessity for said sale. That the order for said sale is illegal because granted by the clerk without a statement of the debts. That... the said **Brazzil** adms. withholds the funds already in his hand and petitioners fear that the object of this sale is to appropriate the proceeds to his own use. Petitioners aver that the admr. bond is not among the papers and that if said land is sold it will be greatly to their injury and that the said **H. B. Brazzil** will sell the same on the 17th of Nov 1883 [this is an error; 17 Nov 1883 was the date the suit was filed] unless restrained by in [sic] injunction from your Hon. Court....Wherefore petitioners [request an order preventing the administrator from proceeding] any further with the sale of the land described herein and which he has advertised for sale.... and that a further order issue from your Hon Court commanding the said **H. B. Brazzil** administrator to file in your Hon Court within thirteen days from the service thereof a full fair and explicit account of his administration of said succession showing the funds on hand and all his acts and doing as administrator of said succession.

“And upon the final trial hereof there be judgment perpetuating [sic] the writ of injunction issued herein and judgment against the said **H. B. Brazzil** adms. for the costs of this suit. Petitioners pray for citation and service hereof and of the writ of injunction as the law [directs]....”

“State of Louisiana, Parish of Union.

Personally appeared before me the under signed legal authority **William P. Reppond** and **John W. Reppond** who being by me duly sworn deposes and says that all the allegation contained in the within and forgoing petition are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.”

W. P. Reppond (his mark)
J. W. Reppond

17 Nov 1883 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Writ of Injunction.

“The foregoing petition and affidavit being considered it is ordered that a writ of injunction issue as prayer for ? pltfs giving bond as the law directs in the sum of fifty dollars. Done and signed officially on this the 17th of Nov 1883.

Jas. M. Smith

Clerk D. Ct.”

“Service of the within acknowledged the 17th day of Nov AD 1883.

J. E. Trimble

Atty of **H. B. Brazzil** Admr.”

17 Nov 1883 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Injunction Bond, Filed 17 Nov 1883, “**Jas. M. Smith**, Clerk D. Ct.”

“**Jas. A. Ramsey** is hereby authorized to sign my name to the injunction bond in any suits that **W. P. Reppond** and **J. W. Reppond** may bring in the Dist. Court against the succession of **James Jeter** decd. or **H. B. Brazzil** administrator of said succession provided the bond is not for more than Sixty Dollars. This November the 16th 1883.

B. T. Hopkins”

The Injunction Bond of **William P.** and **John W. Reppond** with **Benjamin T. Hopkins** as security and against **H. B. Brazzil**, Admr. for \$50 signed on 17 Nov 1883.

17 Nov 1883 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Writ of Injunction, 17 Nov 1883.

“To **H. B. Brazzil**, Administrator of the succession of **James Jeter** Deceased. Whereas the necessary affidavit has been made in the above entitled suit by the Plaintiffs herein (**W. P.** and **John W. Reppond**) and whereas the said plaintiffs have given bond with good and solvent security in the sum of Fifty Dollars conditioned according to law and whereas an order has been signed by the proper authority granting this writ.

“Now therefore, you are hereby enjoined, inhibited, and restrained from further proceedings with the sale of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31 Township 22 North, of Range Three (3) East belonging to said Estate & described in Pltffs petition and that you remain so enjoined inhibited and restrained until the further orders of this Honorable Court. Witness the Honorable, **E. M. Graham** Judge of said Court on this 17th day of November A.D. 1883.

Jas. M. Smith

Clerk D. C. & C.”

“Received in office on the 17th day of November 1883 and on the same day month and year I made personal service in Farmerville Union Ph La by handing to **H. B. Brazzil** adm a Certified Copy of this original writ of Injunction.

B. F. Pleasant

Sheriff”

12 Feb 1884 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. “Motion to Dismiss Injunction, Filed Feby 12th 1884.”

“Defendant moves the Court to dissolve the injunction issued in this case for the reason
1. that the bond is insufficient and the security thereon unsolvent.

“Second. That no cause or right for an injunction existed under the allegation made in plaintiffs petition. The court has therefore issued improvidently (?).

“Defendant avers that he has been in his representative capacity damaged by the illegal acts of plaintiffs in the sum of Twenty dollars fees of Council in representing him in this case and.... Ten dollars for advertising. He prays that the injunction be dissolved with Thirty dollars damages against principal....

J. E. Trimble

Atty for adm”

10 July 1884 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Answer to Plaintiff’s Petition, “Answer Filed July 10th A.D. 1884.”

“Defendant in the ? cause for answer pleads the general issue to each and every allegation contained in plaintiffs petition and specially denies the pretended ? of petitioners. Further answering defendant avers that through his attorneys **May** [sic] & **Lewis** he filed an account of his administration. That said account showed there was insufficient property to pay the costs named & attorneys fees demanded in the case. That the land advertised to be sold was offered and adjudicated together with all the other land at the time of Sale but for some reason the same was not described in the act of Sale to **J. M. Turner** the purchaser. That at his request & to protect his title, Your petitioner advertised said land intended to sell it in order that a full account of his administration could be had & the property, which is all that remained, & of but little value, could be properly accounted for. He avers that he has been damaged by the illegal act of petitioners in the sum of Twenty five dollars attorney fees & that an additional cost of not less than Ten dollars has been imposed upon the estate by their illegal act. Wherefore he prays that plttfs demand be rejected and that the injunction issued be dissolved and that your petitioner in his representative capacity have judgement against plttf & their security on their bond in ? in the Sum of Twenty five dollars attys fees & Ten dollars damages for illegal & unwarranted costs incurred by the acts of plaintiffs & all costs.

J. E. Trimble

Atty. for defendant

18 July 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 628–630. Account and Tableau of Claims.

“The petition of **Henry** [sic] **B. Brazzeal** Administrator of the Estate of **James Jeter** decd. would show that in 1870 he was duly appointed administrator of the Estate of **Jas. Jeter** decd. by order of your said Court. That he employed a law firm to conduct & direct his business. That long since he believed the Attorney employed had rendered a full account of the Acts & doings of your petitioner as he in person paid **S. C. Lewis** one of the firm to file his final Account. That notwithstanding the persons employed he has been obliged to employ other counsel to close this Estate and present annoying litigation. Your petitioner herewith [sic] as full and complete an account as is in his power. It shows that he is.... due from the Estate the sum of Forty Four $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars And that there remains Forty acres of land to meet this amount besides other costs which must necessarily accrue. He prays that his account [be accepted by the court along with the] due proof of its correctness that it be homologated. He further prays for an order to sell the remaining property as the law directs that the entire Estate may be closed. He further prays for general and equitable relief.

J. E. Trimble

Atty for Petitioner”

“**H. B. Brazzell** Administrator In account with Estate of **James Jeter** Decd.

The Administrator charges himself with amount of inventory	550.00
He claims credit for difference in appraised value of 400 acres of land and for amount for which it sold, See process verbal of sale.	500.00
Amount Secured	50.00
He charges himself with proceed of sale of corn mill	10.00
He charges himself with proceed of sale of Gin Stand	15.00
He charges himself with proceed of sale of Gin Stand belt	.60
He charges himself with the rent of lands to T. J. Wheeler	70.00
He claims the following credits for moneys paid	
Claim Dr. D. M. Bruton	15.00
Claim W. C. Smith , Recorder	5.50
Claim J. W. Reid , Clk	10.00
Claim Mayo & Lewis , Attys	30.00
Claim Mayo & Lewis , Attys	20.00
Claim Union Record	10.00
Claim Jack Booth , Auctioneer	2.50
(Total:)	\$143.00

He claims that he is entitled to the following additional credits to wit:

Commissions as Administrator on \$5.50	\$12.75
Advertising in The Gazette	7.00
J. E. Trimble Atty fees	25.00
(Total:)	\$187.75

He represents that there is on hand and unsold property of the Estate consisting of a forty acre tract of land and described as the SW/4 of SW/4 Section Thirty-One Township 22 Range Three East.

Recapitulation

Amt realized from property and Rent	145.60
By Amt paid	143.00
By Amt. due and unpaid	44.75
To balance	42.15
(Total:)	\$187.75

2 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 630. Opposition to account of Administrator.

“3rd Dist Court Union Parish – State of Louisiana.

Now comes **William P. Reppond** and **John W. Reppond** both residents of Union Parish La. and file this their opposition to the account and tableau of claims filed in this Hon. Court on the 18th of July 1885 by **H. B. Brazzil** Administrator of the succession of **James Jeter** Decd. Opponents aver that they are the children and sole heirs of **Mrs. Jane Reppond** who is now deceased and who was a daughter and heir of the said **James Jeter** Decd. and opponents being the heirs of said succession have an interest in opposing said account. Opponents deny generally the correctness of every credit on said account and aver that each item of credit should be stricken off. They also aver that the said Administrator has not charged himself with all the property and funds of the Succession that went into his possession as administrator, And avers that he ought to be charged with this [sic] items to the amount of five hundred dollars in excess of what he is already charged with. Wherefore opponents pray that this their opposition be sustained and that all the items of credit on said account be stricken of [sic] and that the admrs. be charged with five hundred dollars in excess of the claims already on said account. Opponents pray for all other orders necessary and for general relief.

J. R. Ramsey

Atty for Opponents”

4 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 630–631. Supplemental Account of Administrator.

“To the Honorable the Judge of the Third District Court in and for the parish of Union, State of Louisiana. Your petitioner **H. B. Brazzeal** Administrator of the Estate of **James Jeter** Decd.... [files this] amended account of his administration. He avers that the ten days of credit to which he is entitled has been omitted and herewith presents them to wit.

Amount Paid Union Record for advertising Succession property	55.57
Amt. due Gazette for homologating final account	3.00
Total	58.57

Total amt paid as above fifty-Eight $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars for which petitioner avers he is entitled to credit. Adopting all the charges and credits in his original account. Your petitioner prays that the above item be allowed as credits. He further prays for general relief & etc.

J. E. Trimble

Atty for petitioner”

6 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Judgement of District Court.

“By reason of the law and the evidence upon the trial of the above intituled [sic] case being in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendent it is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that pltfs **W. B. Reppond** et. al. do have and recover judgment against the deft. **H. B. Brazzil** adms. sustaining and perfecting the injunction issued in this case and that Deft. **H. B. Brazzil** pay all costs of this suit.

“This done seal[ed] and signed in open court on this the 6th day of November 1885.

John Young

Judge District [Court]”

12 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 631. Ammended Opposition.

“3rd Dist Court Union Parish – State of Louisiana.

Now comes the opponents **William P. Reppond** and **John W. Reppond** and with leave of the Court first being had and obtained files this their amended opposition further answering they deny generally all the correctness of all the credits claimed by the Adms. both on the original and amended account they aver that there were at the time no debts due by the deceased and the credits if allowed are exorbitant and too great a sacrifice both of the funds and property of the estate. Wherefore Opponents pray that all of said credits be rejected and stricken from the Account and that the adms. be condemned to pay the certain amount of the inventory and other charges on said acct. and for all other orders necessary and for general relief.

J. R. Ramsey

Atty for Opponents”

12 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 631–632. Plea of Prescription.

“3rd Dist Court Union Parish – State of Louisiana.

Now comes **William P. Reppond** and **John W. Reppond** Opponents and placed the prescription of one three and five and ten years as a bar to the credits placed on the account of **H. B. Brazzil** Adms. They aver that said claims that the Adms. has pretended to have paid were prescribed and the Adms. was without authority acknowledge or pay them and he is not entitled to any credit therefore. And they therefore pray that all the credits be stricken off of said account.

J. R. Ramsey

Atty for Opponents”

12 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 632–638. Plea of Prescription.

“3rd Dist Court Union Parish La.

Now comes the Opponents and specially pleads the prescription of one three and five years as a bar to the pretended claim of **Dr. Bruton** and the credit claimed for the pretended payment of said claim and all other credits on the Account of the Adms.

J. R. Ramsey

Atty for Opponents”

12 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 632–63. Evidence.

“3045, Estate of **James Jeter** Decd. Evidence adduced [sic] in open Court on the trial of the opposition to the Final Account, This Nov. 12/1885.

“Administrator offered in evidence the Process verbal of sale of Real & Personal Property of said Estate marked “A” for identification & the same was objected to by opponents counsel for the reason that it is a document not having been executed in the regular course of administration but executed long after the time heirs charged with having disposed of the property & at a time suspicious when it would be manufacturing evidence for himself. Which objection the Court overrules for the reason that it goes to the effect & not to the advisability of the evidence. To which ruling Opponents except & ask that exception be noted which is done (Said Process verbal of sale marked “A” filed in evidence by Admr.)

[**Note:** What follows is a transcript of the trial at which H. B. Breazeal testified and defended himself against the claims of the Repponds. This is transcribed exactly as it was entered in the record books at the Union Parish courthouse. However, notice that often the questions asked and the answers given by Breazeal do not exactly “match up”. It appears as if the questions and answers might have been mixed up before they were recorded in the Succession Book.]

“**H. B. Brazzeal** sworn for Admr. says:

‘I am the administrator of this Estate & was appointed as such admr. in 1870.’

“**Question:** ‘At whose request did you apply for & obtain the appointment of Admr. of this Estate?’ Objected to by opponents counsel for the reason that the question is totally irrelevant & any statements from others would be hearsay evidence unless it was given in the form of a testament [sic] required by law. Which objection is sustained by the Court for the reason that none but the declaration of the ancestor (?) under whom opponents claim can be admitted in evidence to bind them. To which ruling Admr. excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

[**Answer by Breazeal:**] ‘At the time I was appointed admr. **Mrs. Oscar Reppond** was living with her husband down on their place toward the River near the old **Jeter** Place. **Oscar Reppond**’s wife was the daughter of old man **James Jeter** Dec’d.’

“**Question:** What agency did **Oscar Reppond** have in procuring you as admr.? Objected to by opponents counsel for the reason that it elicits the opinion of the witness that the opponents are in no manner bound by anything that **Oscar Reppond** did or said & his declarations to the Admr. are purely heresay. Which objections [sic] is sustained for the reason stated in the objection. To which ruling Admr. excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

[**Answer by Breazeal:**] ‘I think **James Jeter** left 10 or 11 heirs at his death. I am certain there were ten heirs of the first set of children by his first wife. There were six girls of the first set & 4 of the girls were married. When **James Jeter** left to go [to] Texas 2 of those girls were unmarried & one of the boys not married. Three of the boys of the first set were married. Can’t say how many of these ten are living or have children living. One of them is living in Mississippi two of them married **Repponds** & have children living. One of them married **Hunter** & has children living. I don’t know how many of the boys are living two of the boys were living in Texas but don’t know whether they all are living now or not. One boy is living in Arkansas. I don’t know whether the two girls that went to Texas unmarried are now living or have children living. I believe all of the ten children of the first set were living at the

time I administered on this estate. **Dr. D. M. Bruton** presented me with a claim against the Estate for \$65.00 & I paid it. I paid this **Bruton** claim not long after the sale I think it was in 1870. The claim of **W. C. Smith** Recorder for \$5.50 is true & correct & I paid it. The claim of **J. W. Reid** Clerk of Court for \$10.00 is true & correct & I paid it. The claim of **Mayo & Lewis** Attys for \$30.00 is true & correct & I paid it & the claim of **Mayo & Lewis** Attys for \$20.00 is true & correct & I paid it. The claim of the Union Record for advertising for \$50.57 is true & correct & I paid it. The claim of **Zack Booth** Auctioneer for \$2.50 is true & correct & I paid it.'

The Admr. offered in evidence the claim dated Oct 17/1883, due "Gazette" for \$7.00 for advertising which was objected to by opponents counsel for the reason that it is admitted to be a claim for advertising a sale decreed to be illegal by the Court which claim the administrator has been condemned to pay personally. Which objection is sustained for the reasons stated in the objection. To which ruling admr excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

[Continuation of Breazeal's Testamony:] 'The claim of \$3.00 due the Gazette for publishing final acct. of this Estate is true and correct & I have agreed to pay it. The claim of \$25.00 of **J. E. Trimble** Attys fees is true & correct & I have agreed to pay it.'

"Cross Examination by opponents says: 'The **Dr. Bruton** claim is for building a screw running gear of a gin'.

[Answer by Breazeal:] 'I don't know of my own knowledge that he did the work. **Dr. Bruton** presented his claim to me & I paid it. I think it was before the sale of the land **Dr. Bruton** first presented his said claim to me. I don't recollect the date of **Dr. Bruton's** acct. & can't say when he did the work. I don't know whether he did the work at all or not. I don't know what was done on the place before I took [over as administrator]...cultivated before I took charge of it. I don't know whether the Gin house & screw were used after **Jeter** was gone. I don't know what time **Dr. Bruton** claimed to have done that work. I don't recollect now that I knew anything about this **Bruton** claim when I applied to administer. I don't know what has become of the bond in this Estate. I gave about - I don't know why that bond has never been recorded.'

"Question: 'Who went [sic] your security on that administrator's bond?' Objected to by admr. for the reason it is not pertinent to any issue in this case & the bond still as the best evidence. The Court sustains the objection on the ground the question has not [sic] relevancy [sic] to any issue in this case & not on the second ground of objection. To which ruling opponent excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

[Answer by Breazeal:] 'I don't know when **James Jeter** moved on the place he lived on when he left here. He left here about the close of the war. I don't recollect positively at what time he left. I think he moved his family when he left. He went to Texas. He never returned to this Parish that I know of before he died. He left some land here when he moved to Texas. He also left a gin stand & mill & gin band.'

"Question: 'Did not **Mr. James Jeter** Decd. carry all of his stock & other personal property with him to Texas except what is accounted for by the Admr.?' Objected to by the admr. for the reason that it is wholly irrelevant to any issue in the case. Which objection is sustained by the court for the reasons stated in the objection. To which ruling opponents except & ask this exception be noted which is done.

[Answer by Breazeal:] 'I have already paid **Judge Trimble** \$15.00. I think in this succession I paid him some since the 40 acres of land was advertised for [sale]. The \$15.00 I paid **Trimble** was for defending me in the injunction suit of **W. P. Reppond** et al vs. **H. B. Brazzil** Admr. I have not paid him any other money besides the \$15.00 that I recollect of.'

"Cross Examination by Admr. says: [Breazeal's Testamony:] '**Dr. Bruton** presented his \$60.00 claim to me & I paid it.'

"Question: 'To whom did you submit the **Bruton** account before you paid it?' Objected to by opponents for the reason that it is irrelevant & the fact he submitted it to any one would

not bind us unless it was shown it was submitted to one through whom we inherited. Which objection is overruled & the evidence admitted on the ground of good faith.

[**Answer by Breazeal:**] 'I submitted this claim of **Bruton's** to my Attys **Mayo & Lewis** before I paid it.'

"**Question:** 'Who had charge & control of this place & rented it before you took charge as Admr. & before the death of **James Jeter**?' Objected to by opponents counsel for the reason that it is totally irrelevant to any issue in the case as there is no charge against the Admr. for any rent or other charges except what is in the final acct. & Inventory. Which objection is sustained by the court for the reason stated in the objection. To which ruling admr. excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

"**C. H. Turner** Sworn for Adms. says: 'I am a son of **James M. Turner**. I know what they call the 400 acres tract of land belonging to the Estate of **James Jeter** Decd. Evidence of Admr. Closed

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S. H. Spigner sworn for Opponents says: 'I am acquainted with **W. P. & Jno. W. Reppond** opponents herein.... I think **James Jeter** left here in 1864 to go to Texas. It was my understanding he left a tract or parcel of land when he left here. I suppose he took his family to Texas when he left. It is my understanding he **James Jeter** was living in some part of Texas when he died. I helped to build a....cotton press on **James Jeters** place myself. This was several years before **Jeter** left the State. I don't know of any screw being built on that place after **Jeter** left it. I don't know of **Dr. Bruton** having done any work on the gin or screw either. I have been acquainted with the **Jeter** Place for at least 30 years. I never heard of any new screw being put up on that place by **Dr. Bruton** or any one else since **Jeter** left there.'

"Cross Examination by Admr. says: [**Spigner's Testamony:**] 'I don't think **Dr. Bruton** could have put a screw on that place without my knowing it. I have lived further than $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the **Jeter** place in 20 years. I don't recollect, but it was sometime before the war that I helped build the Screw on that place. I don't recollect but maybe some 2 or 3 years before the war. I never was in the war but about 3 months the latter part of the war. I knew **Dr. Bruton** personally.'

"**Question:** 'From what you know of **Dr. Bruton** is he a man who would claim pay for work that he had never done or had done?' Objected to by opponents counsel 1st because it elicits the opinion of the witness, 2nd If the character of a man was admissable in a case of this kind it would not Justify an Admr. paying a pretended claim against the Estate, 3rd The evidence sought is totally irrelevant to any issue in the case & does not bind the opponent. Which objection is sustained by the Court for the reason the evidence is irrelevant. To which ruling Admr. excepts & asks his exception be noted which is done.

"**W. P. Reppond** sworn for Opponents: 'My mother was named **Jane Jeter**. Her father was **James Jeter**. My mother is dead. I have been knowing the **Jeter** place for the last 15 years. I have not known of any improvements being built on the **Jeter Place** by **Dr. Bruton**. I remember my father coming back from the war. I lived then (about the time father came back from the war) about 8 or 9 miles from the **Jeter** place.'

"Cross Examination by Admr. says: [**Reppond's Testamony:**] 'I don't recollect how old I was when my father came back from the war. I will soon be 25 years old. I visited the **Jeter** place once in a while with my father before, & up to 1870. I don't recollect how often I visited it a year. I went with my father in his buggy when I went to the **Jeter** place. I don't remember who was living on the **Jeter** Place at that time. We usually went by the place & sometime we stopped in. I can't remember any specific time I was on the place from 1867 to 1870. I recollect seeing my grandfather **James Jeter** one time.'

"All the papers in the Estate of **Jas. Jeter** Dec'd. filed in evidence by Pltff is including petition & order for administration & inventory, Inventory Leters & oath of admr & marked.

Evidence of Opp. closed”

“Evidence in rebuttal: **H. B. Brazzil** recalled for Admr. says:

Question: ‘When the account of **Dr. Bruton** was presented to you what proof was there if any of the correctness of the account?’ Which question was objected to be [sic] opponents counsel for the reason that the evidence sought if admitted at all would be admissible only in the original opening of his case second, any proof that he might have had of the account being Ex parte also res index alias octa is not binding on the opponents & is not admissible against them. 3rd Carde testimony of the proof is not the best evidence. Which objection was sustained by the Court for reasons that the evidence sought is not the best evidence & the affidavit itself to the correctness of the act. would not be admissible of in Court & the objection is not sustained on the ground of it not being rebutal [sic] evidence to which ruling the Admr. excepts & asks that his exception be noted which is done.
Evidence closed”

20 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 639. Judgement.

“3rd Dist Court Union Parish La. By reason of the law and the evidence upon the trial of the opposition of the account of the administrator filed in this Succession being in favor of opponents and against the administrator it is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that said opposition be sustained and that the following items of credit be stricken off of said account to wit.

claim in favor of Dr. Bruton	\$65.00
Gazette advertising	\$7.00
J. E. Trimble Atty fee	\$25.00

And that the item of **Mayo & Lewis** Atty’s fees be reduced to.... \$30.00 and that the item of second advertisement be reduced to \$30.00 And that said account as thus amended be and... the same is hereby homologated. And the Admr. is authorized to settle with the heirs in accordance therewith. And that the admr. pay all costs of this opposition. Thus done read & signed in open court on this the 20th day of Nov 1885.

John Young
Judge 3rd Dist of La.

A true and correct record
This December 20th 1895
Jas. M. Smith
Clerk D. C. & C”

20 Nov 1885 Union Par LA Succession Book 2, p. 639. Motion for a new trial.

“Succession of **James Jeter** Dec’d. In the matter of the Opposition to the Account & tableau of Debts filed **H. B. Brazzeal** Admr. In Third District Court Parish of Union State of Louisiana.

The Administrator **H. B. Brazzeal** by Counsel moves the Court for a new trial in this matter for the reason that the Judgment rendered herein is contrary to the law and the evidence.

J. E. Trimble
Atty for Admr.”

[**Note:** Apparently, the motion for a new trial was denied, for this motion is the last record in the Succession.]

14 Jan 1886 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Order to Sheriff to Seize Property.

“To the Sheriff of the Parish of Union, Greeting: We Command You, That by seizure and sale of the property, real and personal, rights and credits of **H. B. Brazzil** in the manner prescribed by law, you cause to be made the sum of Four dollars and Twenty cents **S. H. Spigner’s** witness claim

in said case and also the sum of Ten dollars and 70 cents costs, as well as your own costs and charges; to satisfy a judgment lately rendered against said **H. B. Brazzil** for costs in our 3rd District Court for the Parish of Union, in favor of the said **W. P. Reppond** et al. And how you shall have executed this writ you make return to our said Court in seventy days, as the law directs. Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord, 1886.

Jas. M. Smith, Clerk District Court”

15 Jan 1886 Union Par LA Civil Suit #2844, **W. P. Reppond and John W. Reppond** vs. **H. B. Brazzil**, adms. Sheriff's return to the court:

“Received in office on the 13th [sic] day of January A.D. 1886 and on the 15th day of same month & year I went to the residence of Deft. **H. B. Brazzil** in Union Parish La about 20 miles from court house in Union Parish La and without making a seizure said **H. B. Brazzile** settled this writ in full by paying to me the sum of Twenty four (\$24.00) Dollars in cash and this amount being payment in full of principal Clerk's and Sheriff's costs. I now return this writ settled in full.

To 20 miles traveled: \$4.00

J. C. Montgomery

Depy. Sheriff

10.4. Tax Records of Union Parish Louisiana. These tax records are now on microfilm at the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge. Earlier this century, they were removed from the courthouses and microfilmed. In the typical wisdom of modern Louisiana government officials, the originals were then destroyed.

The tax information for Bright Breazeal for the years 1868 through 1892 is given on the following table. He was not listed on the 1867 tax list, so he must have not moved from Union County to Union Parish until late 1867 or early 1868. Also, his heirs sold his land in January 1893, and so his estate had no property to report in 1893 or subsequent years.

Year	Ward	Name	Acres of Land	Value of Land	Value of Animals	Value of Vehicles
1868	–	H. B. Brazil	280	\$560	\$230	–
		This year: 20 acres planted in cotton, 20 acres planted in corn, and 240 acres uncultivated. Nothing produced last year.				
1869	–	H. B. Brazzile	240	\$500	\$235	–
		This year: 12 acres planted in cotton, 20 acres planted in corn, and 208 acres uncultivated. Farm goods produced last year: 8 bales of cotton, 200 bushels of corn				
1870	–	H. B. Brazeal	280	\$500	\$140	\$75
		This year: 12 acres planted in cotton, 23 acres planted in corn, 245 acres uncultivated. Farm goods produced last year: 4 bales of cotton, 200 bushels of corn.				
1871	–	H. B. Brazeal	320	\$600	\$140	\$25
		H. B. Brazile, Admin. of Jas. Geter/Giter				
			560	\$840		
1872	–					
1873	–	H. B. Brazzile	320	\$500	\$110	–
1874	–	H. B. Brazil	570	\$850	\$220	–
1875	3	H. B. Brazzeal	570	\$600	\$110	–
1876		Tax list missing				
1877	3	H. B. Brazeal	510	\$1000	\$309	\$35
1878		Only a fragment exists – no Breazeals				
1879		Tax list missing				
1880	3	H. B. Brazzeal	550	\$825	\$220	–
1881	3	H. B. Brazile	550	\$920	\$303	\$50
1882	3	H. B. Brazzeal	550	\$685	\$160	\$30
		“Household goods” were valued at \$5				
1883	3	H. B. Brazzeal	470	\$705	\$182	–
		“Household goods” were valued at \$10 “Other Items” valued at \$50				
1884	3	H. B. Brazzeal	190	\$240	\$150	–
		“Other items” valued at \$48				
1885	7	H. B. Brazzil	190	\$350	\$100	\$40
1886	7	H. B. Brazzil	190	\$285	\$140	–
1887	7	H. B. Brazzil	190	\$237	\$151	–
1888	7	H. B. Brazzil	190	\$237	\$164	–
1889	7	H. B. Brazzeal	190	\$285	\$180	–
		animals: 1 mare & colt, 5 cattle, 2 oxen, 20 sheep; 1 gun 1 wagon valued at \$25, “Other items” valued at \$20				
1890	7	H. B. Brazzeal	190	\$285	\$198	\$30
		“Other items” valued at \$15				
1891	7	H. B. Brazzil	190	\$285	\$118	\$25
		“Other items” valued at \$15				
1892	7	H. B. Brazzil, Est. of	190	\$285	–	–

TABLE 4. Union Par LA Tax Records of Hosea B. Breazeal, 1868–1892

10.5. **Spearsville Cemetery Tombstones.** Bright and Sarah Breazeal are buried in this cemetery, as well as their children Laura Agnes Sumners Jinks, Sarah A. E. Ogden, Martha R. E. Groves Rockett,

Hosea W. Brazeal, and Elijah W. Brazeal. The tombstones of Bright, Sarah, and their youngest daughter Laura Agnes Jinks are in a row at the bottom of the first hill walking in the cemetery away from the road.

H. B. Brazeal
Born
Apr. 5, 1813
Died
Oct. 19, 1891

Not gone from memory.
Not gone from love.
But gone to my father
in heaven above.

Sarah E.
Brazeal
Born
June 17, 1819
Died
Jan. 9, 1888

Weep not for me my children dear,
I am not dead sleeping here,
I was not yours but Christ's above,
He loved me best and took me home.

11. AGRICULTURAL CENSUS RECORDS

The U.S. censuses from 1850 until 1880 consisted of various parts, called *schedules*. What most people refer to as “the census” was actually the population schedule. There were also agricultural, manufacturing, and mortality schedules, and in 1850 and 1860, there were slave schedules. The data from the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 agricultural schedules on Bright Breazeal’s farms is given below.

1850 “Tuskaloosa” County Alabama Census, Agricultural Schedule

District 1, page 865, October 1850, #34

Farm of H. B. Brazeal

80 acres improved land	value of livestock: \$150
140 acres unimproved land	livestock:
value of farm: \$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 horse
value of farming implements and machinery:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 milch cows
\$75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 other cattle
farm production in 1849	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 swine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 bushels of Indian corn 	value of homemade manufacturers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 bushels of oats 	\$50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 400-pound bales of ginned cotton 	value of animals slaughtered: \$35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 bushels of peas and beans 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 bushels of sweet potatoes 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 pounds of butter 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tons of hay 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 pounds of beeswax and Honey 	

1860 Union County Arkansas Census, Agricultural Schedule

Jackson Township, P.O. Morgan’s Store, 18 Sept 1860, #24

Farm of H. B. Breazeal

50 acres improved land	value of livestock: \$290
170 acres unimproved land	livestock:
value of farm: \$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 horse
value of farming implements and machinery:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 ass or mule
\$140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 milch cows
1859 crop production:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 swine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 bushels of Indian corn 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 400-pound bales of ginned cotton 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 bushels of sweet potatoes 	

1870 Union Parish Louisiana Census, Agricultural Schedule

Ward 3, No Office, Page 1,

#23 Farm of **House Brazile**

30 acres improved land
 250 acres unimproved land, wooded
 value of farm: \$500
 value of farming implements
 and machinery: \$50
 1869 crop production:
 • 200 bushels Indian corn
 • 4 450-pound bales ginned cotton
 • 25 pounds of butter

value of livestock: \$225

livestock:

- 1 horse
- 3 milch cows
- 2 working oxen
- 4 other cattle
- 25 swine

value of homemade manufacturers:
 \$30

value of animals slaughtered
 or sold for slaughter: \$100

value of all 1869 farm production:
 \$696

#24 Farm of **Henry Groves** produced 50 bushels Indian corn in 1869 valued at \$50

[This is Bright Breazeal's son-in-law. He owned no land and was probably farming Bright's land.]

1880 Union Parish Louisiana Census, Agricultural Schedule

Ward 3, 3 June 1880

Page 3, #2 Farm of **Hosa B. Brazzeal**

50 acres improved land
 2 acres permanent pastures, meadows, orchards
 300 acres wooded unimproved land
 10 acres old fields or non-wooded unimproved
 land
 value of farm: \$1500
 value of farming implements and machinery:
 \$20
 cost of building and repairing fences in 1879: \$20
 value of all 1879 farm production: \$950
 1879 crop production:
 • 25 acres planted in Indian corn that pro-
 duced 400 bushels
 • 18 acres planted in cotton that yielded
 11 bales
 • 50 bushels cow peas
 • 1 acre of apple trees with 100 bearing
 trees

value of livestock: \$400

livestock:

- 4 horses
- 1 milch cow
- 7 other cattle
- 1 calf dropped in 1879
- 1 cow slaughtered in 1879
- 4 cattle died, strayed, or
were stolen in 1879
- 13 sheep
- 3 lambs dropped in 1879
- 10 sheep fleeced in spring
1880
- 20 pounds wool
- 40 swine on 1 June 1880
- 20 barnyard poultry on 1
June 1880
- 5 other poultry
- 20 dozen eggs produced in
1879

Page 3, #3 Farm of **James D. Barron**

Page 9, #3 Farm of **Woodford Brazzeal**, owned 115 acres land

Page 9, #4 Farm of **Wm. Ogdon**, rents 75 acres land for money

[Bright Breazeal's son]

[Bright Breazeal's son-in-law]

12. CHURCH RECORDS

We are fortunate that the church minutes of several churches of which Bright Breazeal was a member have survived. Of all the numerous records left by Breazeal, I think these are the most interesting. Whereas censuses and court records are typically dry and give little insight into the personality of participants, church minutes are often filled with personal information. Since Bright served as the church clerk of two different churches whose minutes have survived, we have numerous samples of his handwriting and of his monthly activities in church. He was clearly dedicated to his religion, for while he was serving as church clerk, he never once was absent from the monthly conferences held on Saturday.

Bright Breazeal was a Baptist, and in his later years, he belonged to the Primitive Baptist faith. The church minutes of at least three churches to which Bright belonged are extant: Sardis Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, and New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Spearsville, Union Parish Louisiana.

Bright Breazeal was elected as clerk of Liberty Baptist Church in June 1846 and served until January 1848. Many years later, in early 1880, he began serving as the church clerk of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church and served until November 1887. It is quite interesting to study the differences in Bright's handwriting in the 1840s and in the 1880s. His spelling was quaint in both time periods, and changed very little. However, as a 30-year old church clerk in the 1840s, he clearly had more patience in recording the minutes than he did as an 70-year old man in the 1880s. And as one would expect, his writing in the 1840s was clearer and more precise than it was later in his life.

Every entry from the various church minutes involving Bright Breazeal and his relatives is transcribed below. All original punctuation has been retained, and errors in the original are always followed by the standard "[sic]". It is often difficult to determine if certain words are capitalized or not, especially words beginning with the letter "C". In addition, when referring to a church member, certain clerks used "brother" or "br." before the member's name without capitalizing it. As this was done so often, I have *not* followed each instance by the usual "[sic]". Rather, I have transcribed them as they were originally written.

12.1. Sardis Baptist Church Minutes, Tuscaloosa County Alabama. These minutes are on file in the Special Collections Department of Samford University Library in Birmingham, Alabama. Unless otherwise noted, every entry took place on the Saturday before the first Sunday of each month, which is when the church conference was held, with services held on both Saturday and Sunday. Sundays were always called with the "Lord's Day" or the "Sabbath".

Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield joined Sardis Church by experience in September 1832, along with her eldest brother Andrew J. Mayfield and a sister, Arrena M. Mayfield. They, along with their mother and grandfather, Tabitha and Samuel Mayfield and Rebecca Griffin Breazeal, were dismissed from Sardis in November 1835 to constitute an "arm" of Sardis that became Liberty Baptist Church.

Bright Breazeal joined Sardis Baptist Church by experience a few months after Sarah, in November 1832. He was excluded from Sardis Church in June 1835, apparently in relation to his handling a matter involving Samuel Mayfield, his future grandfather-in-law. He was restored to membership a few years later, in November 1837, and then he was dismissed from membership at Sardis by letter on the first Saturday of August 1838. At the next meeting of Liberty Church on the third Saturday of that same month, he requested to join Liberty.

Here is a list of the people mentioned in the Sardis Church minutes that are connected to Bright Breazeal:

Elder Joab Pratt: He was the minister at Sardis for many years, and he later often preached at nearby Liberty Church. In the midst of the Panic of 1837, he led a large group of Tuscaloosa County residents west to Arkansas, settling in what was then Saline County, now Grant County. The town of Prattsville in present-day Grant County was founded by these settlers and named after Elder Pratt. In the early 1840s, other groups of Tuscaloosa County residents left Alabama to join Pratt in Arkansas, including Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal's eldest brother Andrew J. Mayfield, who had married Azariah and Roseannah Breazeal Cobb's daughter Rachel Breazeal Cobb in 1841. In about 1844, Sarah's youngest three siblings Tabitha Ann, Talitha Cumi, and Archibald Pinkney Mayfield all joined their brother in

Arkansas, as well as Bright's aunt and uncle, Rosannah Breazeal Cobb and Azariah Cobb. In the mid-1850s, Elder Pratt and many of these settlers moved south from Grant County to southern Union County Arkansas, including Rosannah and Azariah Cobb. Pratt is said to have preached the very first sermon in the new Union County Arkansas county seat of El Dorado in 1846.

Nancy Breazeal Lawless: Bright's mother petitioned to be dismissed from Sardis in October 1827 (called "Lollis" in the minutes), but there is no record of her joining the church. Other researchers have indicated that the early church clerks were rather sloppy in recording membership. She rejoined at Sardis in November 1831 and remained a member until her death in 1841.

Joel Breazeal: Bright's grandfather; he joined Sardis in February and died on August 5, 1829.

Rebecca Griffin Breazeal: Bright's grandmother; there is no record of her joining the church, but she was dismissed from Sardis in November 1835 with many others to form an "arm" of Sardis that later became Liberty Baptist Church.

Agnes Lawless: Her relationship to Nancy Lawless is unknown, but her husband Asahel (Asa) Lawless was possibly a brother to Nancy's husband.

Rachel Lawless: Her relationship to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is not known. She could have been Nancy's daughter and so a half-sister of Bright Breazeal, but there is no proof of this. There were at least three Lawless households in that area and very little is known about any of them.

Azariah Cobb: Bright's uncle, the husband of Rosannah Breazeal Cobb. Rosannah was the daughter of Joel and Rebecca Griffin Breazeal. Azariah was in Tuscaloosa County by 1823, and he left there in 1841 or 1842 and moved to Saline County Arkansas with Elder Joab Pratt and other Tuscaloosa County residents.

Tabitha Bennett Mayfield: Mother of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal.

Samuel Mayfield: Grandfather of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal. Samuel Mayfield was regularly cited for drunkenness in the Sardis minutes. In February 1835, Bright Breazeal was appointed to cite Samuel Mayfield to attend the next conference to answer charges of drunkenness and "swapping horses". Perhaps due to Bright's relationship with the Mayfields, he must not have handled this matter to the satisfaction of the church. Bright was excluded from Sardis Church in June 1835 "for making fals [sic] statements in the Church..."

Andrew J. Mayfield: Born 1815, eldest brother of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal. He married Rachel Breazeal Cobb, the daughter of Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb in 1841. They left Tuscaloosa County in 1841 or 1842 along with many other of their relatives and presumably first settled in Saline County Arkansas. But in the late 1840s, they moved south to Claiborne Parish Louisiana. Finally, in the 1850s, they moved a short distance north to southern Union County Arkansas and settled near Rachel's parents.

Arena Amanda Mayfield: Born 1817, elder sister of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal. She married John H. Pitman on 11 Oct 1832, and they moved to Mississippi in the 1840s.

Rachel B. Cobb: Bright's first cousin; a daughter of Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb. She later married Andrew J. Mayfield, elder brother of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal.

Sarah C. Cobb: Bright's first cousin; a daughter of Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb.

Other Cobbs: The precise relationship of the following Cobbs who were members of Sardis Church to Bright Breazeal is unknown. They are possibly nephews or neices to Bright's uncle Azariah Cobb: **John S. Cobb, Samuel T. Cobb, Hugh B. Cobb, George H. Cobb, Sarah Ann Cobb.**

Larkin Lawless: Relationship to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is unknown. He is one of the three adult male Lawlesses in the Bear Creek area. Judging the ages on the 1830 and 1840 censuses, he does not appear to be the husband of Nancy Lawless.

Jonathan Lawless: Relationship to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is unknown.

James Lawless: Relationship to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is unknown.

Transcripts of Sardis Baptist Church Minutes

- Oct 1827 Page 26. "Saturday befor [sic] the firs [sic] Lords [sic] day in October 1827 Church met and after services proceded [sic] to business as follows **Br. Sumner** Md. [moderator].... **Sister Nancy Lollis** [sic] petitiond [sic] for a letter of dismission granted..."
- June 1828 Page 28. "Saturday before the Lords [sic] in June 1828 the Church at Sardis met and after divine worship proceded [sic] to business as follows **Br. Prat** [sic] Md. [moderator].... **Sister Agneys Lawlis** [sic] was received by letter..."
- Feb 1829 Page 31. "Saturday before the first Lords [sic] in Febuary [sic] 1829 Church met and after worship proceded [sic] to business.... and **Joab** [sic] **Braszeal** Came forward and was received by experence [sic]."
- Aug 1829 Page 33. "on the 5 of august [sic] 1829 **Br. Joel Brazeel** deceased."
- Nov 1831 Page 40. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in November 1831 Church met and after worship proceded [sic] to business **Br. Pratt** Md.... Opend [sic] a door for the reception of members Came forward **Sister Nancy Lawlis** [sic].... and was recived [sic] by letter..."
- Sept 1832 Page 43. "Saturday before the fifth Lords Day in 1832 September Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Br. Pratt** Md.... then.opend [sic] a door for the reception of members Came forward **Sarah Mayfield**,.... **Rachel Lawlis** [sic],.... **Azariah Cobb**,.... and was received by Experence [sic].... **Andrew J. Mayfield**, **Arrena M. Mayfield**,.... Came [sic] forward and was recd. by Experence [sic]."
- Nov 1832 Page 43-44. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in November 1832 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Br. Pratt** Md.... .opend [sic] a door for the reception of members Came forward.... **John S. Cobb**,.... **Samuel T. Cobb**, **Hugh B. Cobb**,.... & was recd. by Experence [sic].... Conference was.opend [sic] on sunday [sic]. **Bright Brazeal**.... Came forward & was received by Experence [sic]."
- Dec 1832 Page 44. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in December 1832 Church met and after worship proceded [sic] to business **Br. Pratt** Md.... .opend [sic] a door for the reception of members Came forward.... **Rachel B. Cobb**,.... **George H. Cobb**, **Jonathan Lawlis** [sic] and was received by experence [sic].... then Came forward.... **Larkin Lawlis** [sic].... & was received by Experence [sic]..."
- Jan 1833 Page 45. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in January 1833 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... .opend [sic] a door for the reception of members Came forward **James Lawlis**, **Sarah C. Cobb**,.... & was received by Experence [sic]..."
- Feb 1835 Page 53. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in Febuary [sic] 1835 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... a Charge a gainst [sic] **Br. Sam Mayfield** for swapping horses & git-ting [sic] Drunk on the Sabbath **Br. H. B. Brazeel** was appointed to site [sic] him to next conference."
- Mar 1835 "Saturday before the first Lords Day in March 1835 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to busi-ness **Bro. Pratt** Md.... took up the reference [sic] in relation to **Br. Sam Mayfield**..."

- May 1835 Page 54. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in May 1835 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... the Church took up a charge against **Br. H. B. Brazeel** for Making fals [sic] statements in the Church & laid it over..."
- June 1835 "Saturday before the first Sabath [sic] in June 1835 Church met & after worship proceded [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... opend [sic] a door for the reception of members **Sister Sarah ann** [sic] **Cobb**....received by letter Calle [sic] for the refference in relation to **Bright Brazeel** took it up & Excluded him."
- Nov 1835 Page 56. "Saturday before the first Lords Day in Novem [sic] 1835 Church met & after worship proced [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... sundry Members [sic] requests [sic] letters of dismission for the purpose of Constituting a Church on Bar [sic] Creek to wit **Samuel Mayfield**,.... **Tabitha Mayfield**, **Andrew Mayfield**, **Sarah Mayfield**, **Rebecka Brazeel**, **Areana Pitman**,.... reques [sic] letters of Dismission."
- Nov 1837 Page 64. "Saturday before the first Sabbath in November 1835 Church met & after worship proced [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... **H. B. Brezeel** Come [sic] forward & made his acknowledgment [sic] & was restored to fellowship..."
- Mar 1838 "**Br. Joab Pratt** & sister **Francis Pratt** requests letters granted."
- Aug 1838 "Saturday before the first Sabbath in August 1838 Church met & after worship proced [sic] to business **Bro. Pratt** Md.... **Br. H. B. Brazeel** requests a letter granted **Br. Pratt** Complained against **Br. Haggard** for Talking hard about him and not taking a gosple step the Case was taken up and laid over..."
- Sept 1838 Page 69. **Rosanah Cobb** was received by experience.
- 1841 Page 81. "...**Sister Nancy Lawlis** [sic] Departed this life June the 17 1841."

12.2. Liberty Baptist Church Minutes, Tuscaloosa County Alabama. These minutes are on file in the Special Collections Department of Samford University Library in Birmingham, Alabama. Unless otherwise noted, the conferences were held on the Saturday before the third Sunday of each month. Services were usually help on both Saturday and Sunday. Sundays were often called the "Lord's Day" or the "Sabbath".

Both Bright and Joel M. Breazeal were rather active in the affairs of Liberty Church, serving on numerous committees, as delegates to both district and associational meetings, etc. Bright Breazeal appeared to keep a rather low profile for the first few years he was a member at Liberty, whereas Joel M. was frequently mentioned beginning a few months after he joined in October 1837. Until about February 1842, any mention of "Brother Breazeal" appears to have referred to Joel M. Breazeal. After that, their first names are nearly always given to distinguish them.

In June 1846, Bright Breazeal was chosen clerk of the church for one year, and in November 1847 he was again chosen church clerk for a year. At that same November 1847 conference he answered the church that he would serve as clerk. But between November and January, something caused Bright change his mind, for at the January 1848 conference, he and his wife requested letters of dismission from Liberty Church, which were granted. One month later, he purchased 80 acres of land from J. P. Thompson, who served as preacher of Liberty Church for many years.

Bright and Sarah's dismission from Liberty Church coincided with their departure from the Bear Creek area where the Mayfields and Breazeals had lived since the mid-1820s. It also coincided with the preparations that Joel M. Breazeal was making to himself leave Tuscaloosa County. He began selling off his plantation in 1846, and he sold the last of his holdings in January 1849 and moved to Pickens County.

Here is a list of the people mentioned in the Liberty Church minutes that are connected to Bright Breazeal:

Joel Marshall Breazeal: Bright's uncle; Joel M. was the youngest son of Joel and Rebecca Griffin Breazeal.

Mayfields: All of the siblings of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield were members of Liberty Baptist Church:

Andrew J. Mayfield: See his listing before the transcribed minutes of Sardis above. He was one of the founding members of Liberty Church in 1835. He must have been dismissed from Liberty between 1841 and 1844, but this was apparently not recorded in the minutes.

Arena Amanda Mayfield Pittman: See her listing before the transcribed minutes of Sardis above. She was one of the founding members of Liberty Church in 1835, but she was excluded from the fellowship of the church in December 1842.

Elisha Bennett Mayfield: Born 1820, married Sarah Ann Creel. He lived in Bibb/Tuscaloosa County and died in a training camp in 1861 after joining the Confederate army.

Samuel J. Mayfield: Born 1822; he died as a young man in 1840.

Jane Adaline Mayfield: Born 1825, married John H. Ward 12 Sept 1841. They lived in the Tuscaloosa County area their entire lives.

Tabitha Ann Mayfield: Born 1829; married David McDaniel in Saline County Arkansas after moving there to live with her brother Andrew J. Mayfield. She died there in 1866.

Talitha Cumi Mayfield: Born 1829 (twin to Tabitha Ann); married Ezekiel N. Lawless in Saline County Arkansas after moving there to live with her brother Andrew J. Mayfield. They later moved to Texas, and she died sometime after 1870.

Archibald Pinkney Mayfield: Born 1832, youngest child of Archibald and Tabitha Bennett Mayfield. He moved to Saline County Arkansas with his other siblings in 1844, but was living in Union County in 1850. He moved back to Saline (later Grant) County and had married by 1860. He joined the Confederate army during the war and served as the 2nd Lieutenant in a calvary unit. He spent over a year in a Yankee prison after being captured.

Cobbs: As mentioned earlier, Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb were Bright's uncle and aunt. Their daughters Rachel B. and Sarah C. Cobb and son Joel M. Cobb all moved their membership from Sardis to Liberty in the late 1830s or 1840.

Asahel (Asa) Lawless: He was one of the three adult male Lawlesses in the Bear Creek area, but he was not the husband of Nancy Breazeal Lawless. His wife was Agness, who joined at Sardis in June 1828. They were listed on the 1850 census of Perry County Alabama.

Laura Lawless: I am convinced that she was a half-sister to Bright Breazeal and the daughter of Nancy Breazeal Lawless. Her date of birth was recorded after that of Nancy Breazeal Lawless in the family Bible of Bright Breazeal. She joined Liberty Church at the same time that Caroline, James, and Asahel Lawless did, and also at the same time that Tabitha C., Talitha C., and Archibald Mayfield joined.

Ezekiel N. Lawless: No proof of his relationship to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is known, but I believe is may be her son. Ezekiel married Talitha C. Mayfield, younger sister of Sarah Elizabeth Mayfield Breazeal. They lived in Saline County Arkansas in 1850, but had moved to Texas by 1860. and later they moved Their eldest child, a male, was named "Hosea B. Lawless" and their next child, a female, was named "Nancy Lawless". This choice of names is striking. However, notice that Ezekiel joined Liberty Church on the same day that Asahel Lawless did.

Henry Lawless: Relationship unknown; he and Matilda and Primrose Lawless all joined Liberty Church at the same time on the third Sunday of August 1838, the day after Bright Breazeal joined at Liberty.

Other Lawlesses: The relationship between the following Lawlesses to Nancy Breazeal Lawless is unknown: **Matilda Lawless, Primrose Lawless, Henry Lawless, Caroline Lawless, James Lawless.** Caroline and James Lawless joined Liberty Church on the same day that Laura Lawless did.

Transcripts of Liberty Baptist Church Minutes

- 14 Nov 1835 "State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County
We the undersigned having been Called upon by a number of brethren of the Baptist order and faith living in the neighborhood of Bear Creek In the County & State aforesaid to act as a presbytery in order to look Into their Standing & Constitute them into a church Should they be found orthodox & other Circumstances Should make it proper did meet according to said Call on the Fourteenth day of Nov. 1835 and after an Examination Into the Standing & principles of the Following named Brethren viz: **Samuel Mayfield,.... Tabitha Mayfield, Andrew J. Mayfield, Sarah Mayfield, Rebeckah Brezeale, Irena Pitman,....** did proceed to Constitute them Into a Church on the principles and Abstract of faith as published by the Tuscal. Baptist Association & they are hereby vested with full power to exercise all the priveleges which of Right belongs to regular Churches of our faith and order.
Henry W. Hart
Thomas W. Norris"
- Oct 1837 "A door was opened for the reception of members... **J. M. Brazeal** and his wife" and "**Ataline Mayfield...** were all unanimously recd. on a relation of their experiences."
- July 1838 "**Br. Brazeal** and **Br. Mayfield** appointed delegates to association at Friendship Church."
- Aug 1838 "**Br. H. B. Brazeal** came forward with letter of dismission from Sardis Church and was unanimously recd." On the third Sabbath: **Henry Lawless, Matilda Lawless, Primrose Lawless** received by experience.
- Oct 1838 **Elisha Mayfield** received by experience.
- May 1839 "Church then takes up a charge against **Br. Jesse Townsend** for using harsh expressions to **Br. Samuel Tubb. Br. Joel M. Brazeal....**appointed to cite **Br. J. S. Townsend** to attend our next conference that being the time referred to – to try to settle the matter."
- July 1839 Matter between **Townsend** and **Tubb** continues. **Br. Brazeal** appointed to cite **Townsend** to attend next conference.
- Aug 1839 **Samuel J. Mayfield** received by experience. **Br. Townsend** excluded from the church. Delegates to the association: **Br. Brazeal.**
- Sept 1839 **Asahel Lawless** received by experience... "A committee appointed to write to a church in So. Carolina for letter of dismission from that Church he having come without calling for a letter... **Ezekiel Lawless** came forward and was rec'd." "**Nathan**, a coloured person belonging to **Br. Brazeal** came forward and was rec'd."
- Nov 1839 "**Joel M. Cobb** rec'd. by exp."
- Mar 1840 "**Br. Azariah Cobb** & wife, **Sister Roseann Cobb** and **Rachel B. Cobb** and **Sarah C. Cobb**, their daughters; by letters from Sardis Church."
- May 1840 "Church then took up a charge against **Br. N. C. Dodson** for forbidding his wife's return which the Church thinks is putting her away – and a committee of 5 members were chosen to see **Br. Dodson** to

wit: **Br. Azariah Cobb, Br. Tubb, Br. Brazeal, Br. Mayfield and Br. Hannah.**"

June 1840 Dodson matter continued.

July 1840 Dodson matter continued. **J. M. Brazeal, Br. Mayfield, E. S. Dodson, John F. Jolly, and Br. Hannah** chosen delegates to the district conference.

Aug 1840 Dodson matter continued. Delegates to association: **Br. A. Cobb, Br. Tubb, Br. E. Dodson, Br. Brazeal**, alternate.

Oct 1840 Dodson matter continued. "...went into ordination of two Deacons in this Church...**Br. J. M. Brazeal** and **Br. Azariah Cobb.**"

Nov 1840 **Br. N. C. Dodson** and **Sister Martha Dodson** both excluded from the church since there was "a pointed contradiction remaining between them."

Feb 1841 "**Br. Henry Lawless** having failed to attend conference for several months Church appoints **Br. Brazeal** and **Br. A. Cobb** to see him."

June 1841 "Subject of footwashing was taken up and laid over till next conference."

July 1841 "Subject of footwashing brought before the Church which was decided in the affirmative." Delegates to union meetings: **Br. A. Cobb, Br. J. M. Brazeal.**

Aug 1841 Delegates to association: **J. M. Brazeal, A. J. Mayfield.** "Meeting protracted. Members received on Wed.: **Tabitha Mayfield, Telitha C. Mayfield,... Archibald Mayfield,... Caroline Lawless, Laurah Lawless, James Lawless,... and Asahel Lawless.** **James Lawless** called for letter a few days later."

Feb 1842 "the Church agrees to call for supply in the ministry. The Church Unanimously agrees to call **Br. Thompson.** The clerk to write a letter to **Br. Thomson** [sic] to notify him of his call from the Church and **Br. J. M. and H. B. Brazeal** to convey letter to **Br. Thompson.** **Br. Joab Pratt** having removed from this vicinity to the State of Arkansas and he having been slandered and as we believe by false accusation between this State and the State of Arkansas. This Church Unanimously concludes to send **Br. Pratt's** Fair Character and standing from amongst us to that part of the country wherein he stands accused and the church hereby authorises [sic] the Clerk of Liberty Church to assign that instrument in behalf of sd. Church."

July 1842 Delegates to union meetings: **J. M. Brazeal.** Delegates to Association: **J. M. Brazeal, Elisha Mayfield.**

Aug 1842 "Friday before 3rd Sabbath in Aug 1842.

Church met and after prayer and preaching by our beloved **brother Summer** also our beloved brother **Thompson** came into conference.... The subject of footwashing was taken up and we agree to go into the measure as agreed on in July 1841 and that we attend to the same on tomorrow night at this places (being Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in Aug 1842). Then was offered a letter by **Br. Thompson** from our Sister Church (Mount Pisgah) Six of the members of which requesting that we receive them as under the watch care of the church until they can offer them letters of dismission Mount Pisga [sic] having been duly dissolved for fellowship with us who were unanimously recd. to wit – also one Colored **brother Moses** belongs to **T. Mayfield...**"

"**Tabitha Mayfield** deceased Wednesday 24 Aug 1842."

Nov 1842 "Church then resolved to send a request to our sister the Cedar Grove Church to ordain **Br. Burns** and agree to send our request verbally by **Br. J. M. Brazeal** and **Br. E. S. Dodson** at the time of their

next conference.”

Dec 1842 “Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in dec [sic] 1842 Church met and after public worship came into conference.... **Br. J. M. Brazeal** lays in a charge against our beloved **Sister Irena Pitman** who had recd. a letter of dismission from this church and had joined a church not of our faith and order – the church therefore took the charge against her and after due investigating the same this church considered it her duty to exclude her from membership.... **Br. J. M. Brazeal** calls for for [sic] a letter of dismission for our beloved **Mother Brazeal** and a colored Sister of **Mother Brazeal’s**. Also **Br. J. M. Brazeal** calls for a letter of dismission for himself and wife all of which were granted.”

[**Note:** “Irena Pitman” was Sarah Mayfield Brazeal’s elder sister, Arena Amanda Mayfield Pittman. She and her husband had recently moved to Mississippi. Although Joel M. Brazeal and his wife received letters of dismission from Liberty in December 1842, they apparently turned their letters back in to Liberty between January and June, 1843, for in June 1843 he was appointed to serve on a church committee. However, there is no record of his being received again as a member of the church. His mother Rebecca Griffin Brazeal joined Springhill Church after receiving her letter from Liberty, and she remained a member there until November 1844, when she rejoined at Liberty.]

June 1843 “A colored brother belonging to **Mr. Ward** having left his wife and we are informed that he has used ill language. The Church takes up his case against him, and appoint **Br. H. B. Brazeal** and **Br. E. B. Mayfield** to see and talk with him and report to our next conference.... Case of fornication of **Sister Primrose Lawless** then taken up and committee of four to see her...” Committee included **J. M. Brazeal**.

July 1843 **Sister Primrose Lawless** excluded. Delegates to union meeting with Macedonia Church: **J. M. Brazeal, A. Lawless. Adaline Ward** granted a letter of dismission.

[**Note:** “Adaline Ward” was Sarah Mayfield Brazeal’s younger sister, Jane Adaline Mayfield Ward, wife of John H. Ward.]

Aug 1843 Delegates to association: **J. M. Brazeal**, and “in case of failure”, **Br. E. B. Mayfield**.

Sept 1843 **James Lawless** received into the church “by satisfactory acknowledgement, having been excluded previously.”

Nov 1843 **James Lawless** granted letter of dismission.

Jan 1844 “The Church at Sardis requests the attendance of three members from this Church to sit with them in their next conference on settlement of business which request was granted and the following Br. [sic] were appointed to wit: **J. M. Brazeal, R. E. Howard**, and **E. S. Dodson**.”

Mar 1844 “**Br. Elijah Clements** lays in a complaint against Sardis Church for not having a minute made of a certain act of that church in which he was concerned. and this church agrees to send a committee of five to that church to examine the proceedings and try to counsel on the proceedings whether they be right or not – And right sustain her – and if wrong admonish her to her duty in the spirit of Meekness. The members thus chosen were **J. M. Brazeal, H. B. Brazeal, E. B. Mayfield, E. S. Dodson**, and **R. E. Howard**.”

Apr 1844 “**Br. E. Clements** solicits this church to send a committee to Sardis Church to examine into some acts of that Church – which this Church declines doing.”

July 1844 Letters of dismission granted to **Sisters Tabitha and Telitha C. Mayfield** and **Archibald Mayfield**. Delegates to district meeting: **E. B. Mayfield, J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, R. E. Howard**. Delegates to association: **R. E. Howard, J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson**.

[**Note:** Tabitha, Talitha, and Archibald Mayfield were the youngest children of Archibald and Tabitha Mayfield. They were apparently preparing to join their elder brother Andrew J. Mayfield in Saline County Arkansas.]

- Aug 1844 (the Saturday of a three day meeting that began on Friday) **J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, and R. E. Howard** appointed to write letter to Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton Co Miss. regarding **Br. and Sister Jesse S. Townsend.**
- Oct 1844 "In behalf of a number of members of this Church living on South Sandy **brother Oswald** petitions to this Church for the extinsion [sic] of an arm of Liberty Church in that place which being examined into – the church granted. And **br. J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, and R. E. Howard** appointed to write Rules etc. for the government of sd. arm – and a committee of nine members are appointed to attend on Saturday before 1st. Sabbath in Nov. next to assist in the establishment of sd. arm to wit: **E. S. Dodson, J. M. Brazeal, R. E. Howard, William Deason, E. B. Mayfield, Vincent King, H. R. Hannah, H. B. Brazeal, M. Self.**"
- Nov 1844 "**Mother Rebecca Brazeal** requests to join this Church on a letter of dism. from Springhill Church, but said letter of dism. being mislaid, Church unanimously receives **Mother Brazeal** and **br. J. M. Brazeal** will either get the letter which is mislaid or another letter from sd. Church and hand to this Church some time in the future. Committee on South Sandy arm not ready to report; laid over. **Br. J. P. Thompson** chosen Moderator and **Br. Howard** clerk for ensuing year. **J. M. Brazeal** and **E. S. Dodson** appointed to inform **Br. Thompson** of his call... Church takes up a charge against **Br. James Lawless, Jr.** for immoral conduct and **Bros. J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, and E. B. Mayfield...** appointed to cite him. "**J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, and E. B. Mayfield** appointed to examine Church book and report at next conference."
- Dec 1844 "Committee on South Sandy arm reports arm established at Union meeting house.... **Br. James Lawless** not being present his case continued and **Br. H. B. Brazeal** appointed to cite him to attend next conference."
- Jan 1845 "References: Case of **James Lawless, Jr.** Exonerates himself by saying that the report of having used ill language is not correct. Church acquits."
- Feb 1845 References **J. J. Jolly** case continued; **A. Lawless** to inform him of same. Letter of dismissal: **Henry Lawless.**
- Mar 1845 References: **J. J. Jolly** case again continued. **J. M. Brazeal** appointed to cite him.
- Apr 1845 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in Apr. 1845. Church met and after public worship came into conf.... The church takes up a charge (vs.) **brother John Bracknell** for having used slanderous language (vs.) a personage [sic] in the bounds of church – and it being of a public nature the church agrees to appoint a committee and converse with him and request his attendance at next conference also to report at next conference – committee as follows – to wit – **J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, Middleton Self, Hiram White, H. B. Brazeal...**"
- May 1845 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in May 1845 – Church at Liberty met and being no minister present called conference.... **J. M. Brazeal**, Moderator.... References called for which brings before the church the case of **br. John Bracknell** the committee which was apointed [sic] to cite **br. Bracknel** reported to church and the church receives report and discharges committee. The church takes up the matter and **br. Bracknel** states that if he said anything like the language refered to by several brethrin [sic] that he had no cause and that if he did he has forgotten it – and that if he did so that he is truly sorry for it – and that he has no remorse of feeling (vs.) the brethren who heard him use the language refered to. The church on his acknowledgement agrees to restore **Br. Bracknel** to fellowship..."

June 1845 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in June in the year 1845 Liberty Church met and after prayer by **br. Thompson** and preaching by **br. Raglin (?)** and **br. Thompson** came into conference.... General business calld [sic] for **Br. James Lawliss** having been absent for some time the church appoints a committee consting [sic] of **Br. J. M. Brazeal** and **br. Howard** to see and convers [sic] with him and request his attendance at out next conference.... The church then takes up a charge (vs) **Br. Wm. McDowell** for a charge of intoxication and also for the use of improper language. The church ap [sic] a committee to see and cite him to our next conference as follows **J. M. Brazeal** and **E. S. Dodson...**"

July 1845 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in July 1845 Liberty Church met and after Preaching by **Elder Joab Pratt** and **br. Thompson** came into conference.... References called for which brings before the church from our last conference the case of **br. Ja. Lawliss Junr.** committee reports report recd. committee discharged. The church takes up the case and on investigating the matter the church thinks it duty to exclude him. He is therefore excluded.... **Br. H. B. Brazeal** is appointed to call on **br. James Lawless** for his church..."

Delegates to Union Meeting: **J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, E. B. Mayfield, and H. F. Hannah.**
Delegates to Association: **R. E. Howard, J. M. Brazeal, E. S. Dodson, and H. F. Hannah** as alternate.

Aug 1845 "Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in Aug. 1845 Liberty Church met and after public worship came into conference.... Appointed **Br. Edwin Mitchell** Moderator.... References called for which brings before the church the case of **brother Lawless Junr.** – he being ixcluded [sic] at our last conference and **br. H. B. Brazeal** being appointed to call for his letter – brings forward the letter from **br. Lawless...** General businiss [sic] called – **Br. Ely Hughs** presents a petition from Union Church (arm of this church) for letters of dismission from this church to try to go into a constitution on Saturday before the fifth Sabbth [sic] in this inst. the letters are granted and the following br. to go to that church at that time and if they cannot complete their desires the brethren to return their letters to this church again – as follows the brethren to go from this church are **br. J. M. Brazeal, H. F. Hannah, E. S. Dodson, H. B. Brazeal, Wm. McDowell, John Shuttlesworth, V. King** – Then conference closed."

Jan 1846 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in Jan 1846 Church met pursuant to adjournment No preaching – came into conference.... Appointed **br. J. M. Brazeal** to act as moderator.... References from last conference was taken up and called **br. J. P. Thompson** as a supply in the ministry and appointed **br. H. B. Brazeal** and **E. B. Mayfield** to notify **br. Thompson** of his call.... General businiss [sic] called for **br. E. S. Dodson** calls for letter of dism. – it was granted..."

Feb 1846 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in Feb. 1846 Church met and after prayer by **br. J. M. Brazeal** came into conference.... **Br. J. M. Brazeal** appointed Moderator.... References called for.... The committee which was appointed at our last conference to see and notify **br. J. P. Thompson** of his call by this church to serve us this year in the ministry made their report that they had not seen **br. Thompson** – Therefore sd. committee is continued to see **brother Thompson** and hand a letter to him which is to be written to him in behalf of the church by **br. J. M. Brazeal** and to report to our next conference. Conference closed."

Mar 1846 "Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in march [sic] 1846 Church met and after preaching by **br. J. P. Thompson** came into conference.... References called for and the church takes up the reference of appointing another deacon whereupon **br. R. E. Howard** was appointed and the church then agrees to solicit **br. J. P. Thompson, br. Oswalt, br. Meek, and br. Bridston** to attend at the time of our next conference to assist in the ordination of a deacon in this church.... The church then calls for the reference of a call in the ministry and **br. Thompson** answering this church that through the Mercy of God he will try to serve this Church this year in the Ministry.... **br. John Shuttlesworth** states that he has got into a difficulty with **J. H. Ward** of Sardis Church the church condemns the course of **br. Shuttlesworth** he says he is truly sorry for the difficulty but as the matter cannot be settled to day [sic] She appoints a committee consisting of **br. J. M. Brazeal, br. Middleton Self and br. Henry F. Hannah** to labor with **br. Shuttles** [sic] and **br. Ward** and to report the fruit of their labor at

next conference...”

[**Note:** “J. H. Ward” was John H. Ward, the husband of Sarah Mayfield Breazeal’s sister Jane Adaline Mayfield Ward.]

Apr 1846 “Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in Apr. 1846 Liberty Church met pursuant to adjournment and after prayer and preaching by **Thompson** church came into conference.... References called whereupon the church takes up the subject of the ordination of a deacon but the ministry who were solicited failed to appe [sic] and the church continues the case till our next conference and continues the same committee with the addition addition [sic] of **br. E. B. Mayfield** with instructions to solicit the same preaching br. with the addition of **br. Samuel Raglin**. The church takes up the reference on the subject of difficulty between **br. John Shuttlesworth** and **br. John H. Ward**. The committee failed jointly to see them but **br. J. M. Brazeal** saw and conversed with them but he states that he thinks that he affected but little. The parties being present state that they had conversed with each other but had not reconciled the matter. The church advises the brethren to converse again this evening upon the matter and that our Moderator, the same committee with the addition of **br. Thompson, br. V. King** and **Hughs** and **Howard** be present and try to effect a settlement this evening and to report on tomorrow. The br. all attended according to appointment and after talking their difficulty all over the Moderator advises the brethren to lay the matter down to which the brethren assent to lay it down and gave each other their hand as a manifestation of the same and of friendship. This is the report of committee.”

May 1846 “Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in May 1846 Liberty Church came into conference – after preaching by **br. Oswalt**.... the brethren who were solicited to attend as a presbyty attended (to wit) **br. Oswalt** and **br. Boidston** – and they with our br. moderator went into the ordination of **br. Howard** as a deacon in this church according to appointment.... The church then agrees to go into the choice of another clerk at the time of our next conference.”

[**Note:** The above entries were made in the handwriting of church clerk Ralph E. Howard. The minute entries that follow were recorded by Hosea Bright Breazeal.]

“July **H. B. Breazeale** was lected [sic] Clerk June Term 1846”

June 1846 “Church at liberty met after preaching By **J. Brown** met in Conference our pastor And Clerk Being absent chuse [sic] **J. Brown** moderator and **J. M. Brazeal** Clearck [sic] protom. 1 invited viseting [sic] Brotheren [sic] to seats with us opened a dore [sic] for the recepting [sic] of members and none came 3 Call for reference [sic] took up the reference [sic] and went in to [sic] the Choice of a Clerk our present Clerk Being Chousen [sic] and ordain [sic] Deacon for which **H. B. Breazeale** was unanimously Elected and excepted the apointment [sic] 4th ginal [sic] Bisness [sic] call for But ware [sic] none.”

July 1846 “the Church at liberty after preaching By **Broth (?) Burnes & J. P. thompson** [sic] met in Conference. 1: invited visiting Brethering [sic] to seats with us 2th open a dore [sic] for the recpting [sic] of members there were none Come forward.... 4th genneral [sic] Bisness [sic] the Church goes into a Choice of deligates [sic] to the district meeting first were as follows **Broth H. B. Brazeal** and **J. M. Brazeal, H. (?) hannah** [sic], **E. B. Mayfield**, and **R. E. Howard** in case of failer [sic] and the Clerk to rite [sic] the letter 2 to the Assiciation [sic] **Broth J. M. Breazeale** and **H. B. Breazeale, R. E. howard** [sic], and **E. B. Mayfield** in case of failier [sic] and the Church Sends two dollars and a half one half for minets [sic] and the other for association use and the Clerk to write the letter. the Church apoints [sic] a protracted meeting to Commence on thursday [sic] Before the third Sunday in august [sic] 1846...”

Aug 1846 “Saturday Before the third Sunday in August 1846 Church met after preaching by **Bro. J. P. thompson** [sic] come [sic] in Conference.... open a dore [sic] fore [sic] the recepting [sic] of members there ware [sic] none Com [sic].... ginal [sic] Bisness [sic] Call for **Broth David Caroll** Come forward and said he got into a Shooting mach [sic] unthoughtedly and was Sorrow [sic] for it the church for give [sic] him on his acknowledgement.... the Church took up a report a ganst [sic] **Br. Vincient** [sic] **King** reported By **Broth Ward** for wannting [sic] to fite [sic] and **H. B. Breazeale** to site him to attend our next

Conference and **J. M. Breazeal & Wm. deason** [sic] to convers [sic] with **Sister Mary ann Elliott** on certain matters then Conference Close.”

Sept 1846 “September turn [sic] 1846 no meeting”

Oct 1846 “October turn [sic] 1846 liberty [sic] Church met after preaching By **broth J. C. Brown** and **J. P. thompson** [sic] Come in Conference.... the Church take [sic] up the report aganst [sic] **Broth V. King** and appointed a Committy [sic] of five members to meet with **J. H. Ward & Vincint** [sic] **King** the Commity [sic] is discharge [sic] the matter is settle ? themselves and **Broth. Vincint** [sic] **King** made a [sic] Acknowledgement the Church forgive [sic] him.... Meeting Protracted Sunday. Monday open a door for the Reception of members and came forward **lucinda** [sic] **Brazeale** and **Martha Jane hannah** [sic] and joined By Experience and they was [sic] received....”

Nov 1846 “Saturday before the third Lords day in November 1846. The church met in conference **Brother Lawless** chose in [sic] moderator.... Conference closed. Sunday come [sic] in conference....”

Dec 1846 “Deceber [sic] term 1846. Satuday [sic] Before the th? in dec 1846 the Church met in Conference.... opend [sic] a door for the Aception [sic] of members and Came forward **Sarah Ann Mayfield** With a letter from Union Church and unanimously recieved [sic] her in our fellowship... Call for reference Ware [sic] none.... general Bisness [sic] Call for the Church goes in to a Chois [sic] of a pastor and Clark [Clerk] for the year 1847 and Call **J. P. Thompson** as pastor and Elected **H. B. Brazeal** Clerk and he agrees to serve the church....”

[Note: Sarah Ann Mayfield was Sarah Ann Creel Mayfield, the wife of Elisha Bennett Mayfield. Elisha B. Mayfield was the brother of Sarah Mayfield Breazeal.]

Jan 1847 “Saturday Before the third Sunday in January 1847 liberty [sic] Church met after Preaching by **broth J. P. Thompson** the Church met in Conference.... Call for reference the reference from last Conference With regard to **Broth J. P. thompson** [sic] answer to this Church that he will served [sic] the Church one more year.... **Sister Rutha dodson** [sic] request [sic] a letter of dismission for her self and her son **Jesse** the Church Consult the Case tell [sic] our next Conference then Confer. Close.”

Feb 1847 “february [sic] turn [sic] 1847 Saturday Before the third Sunday in february [sic] the church met in Conference after preaching By **Bro Willis Burns & J. P. thompson** [sic] Come into Conference.... Call for reference the Church took up the request of **Sister dodson** [sic] and her son **Jesse** of ? lass [sic] Conference for wantting [sic] a letter of dismission and the church refused to give them a letter on [sic] Because they was a going to joined [sic] a Church that was not of our faith and order then Conference close.”

Mar 1847 “March turn [sic] 1847 the Church met in conference After preaching By **Broth J. P. thompson** [sic]....”

Apr 1847 “Saturday Before the 3 Sunday in April 1847 liberty [sic] Church met and after public worship Come [sic] in to Conference....”

May 1847 “May turn [sic] Saturday Before the third Sunday in ? May 1847 the Church met and after preaching By **J. C. Brown** and **J. P. thompson** [sic] the Church Come [sic] in to Conference.... **Broth Asahel lawless** [sic] Call [sic] for a letter of Dismission to Join new hope [sic] Church. it [sic] was granted him Conference Closed.”

June 1847 “June turn [sic] 1847 Saturday Before the third Sunday in June 1847 the Church met and After preach- ing by **Bro. J. P. thompson** [sic] Come [sic] into Conference....”

July 1847 “Saturday Before third Sunday in July 1847 liberty [sic] Church met after preaching by **Bro. B. Oswalt** and **J. P. thompson** [sic] the church met in Conference.... Ginerall [sic] Bisness [sic] Call the Church goes into the Chois [sic] of Deligates firs [sic] to the District Meeting whareas [sic] we have Chosin [sic] **Joel**

M. Breazeal, Vincient [sic] King, Stephen Hubbard, Middleton Self and Simeon C. Brown in Case of failure then [sic] And the Clerk to write the letter then goes in to the Choies of deligates to the Association and Choies [sic] **Joel M. Breazeal, Vincient [sic] King, R. E. howard [sic] and Middleton Self** in Case of failer [sic] and the Clerk to write the letter the Church Sends two dollars and a half one half for Minntes [sic] and the other for the use of the Association.”

Aug 1847 “August Term 1847 liberty [sic] Church Met after preaching By **Bro Mitchel** and **Oswald** then Come [sic] in Conference.... Reference Call for the letter to the Destrict [sic] Meeting was Red [sic] and received.... **J M B: C.C.**”

[**Note:** The initials at the end of the previous entry appear to indicate that Joel M. Breazeal served as the clerk of the August 1847 Liberty Church conference. However, the entry is recorded in the handwriting of Bright Breazeal.]

Sept 1847 “September Turm [sic] 1847 no Conference held on a Count [sic] of the Association held at the same time.”

Oct 1847 “Saturday Before the third Sunday in October 1847 the Church met in Conference after preaching By **Bro. Oswalt & J. P. thompson [sic]** Come [sic] in Conference.... Conference Close prayer By the Moderator.”

Nov 1847 “Saturday Before the third Sunday in November 1847 the Church met and after preaching By **Bro. J. P. thompson [sic]** Come in to Conference.... Reference Call for the Church Cal [sic] a pastor And Clerk for 1848 And Cal [sic] **J. P. thompson [sic]** Pastor and **H. B. Breazeale** Clerk the Clerk a greed to Serve the Church and wates [sic] on the Moderator tell [sic] January next for an Answer.”

Dec 1847 “December turm [sic] 1847 Saturday Before the third Sunday in December 1847 Church and pastor being absent had no conference.”

Jan 1848 “Saturday Before the third Sunday in January 1848 the Church met in Conference no pastor **Bro. J. M. Breazeale** Moderator.... Jenerl [sic] Bisn [sic] the Church dus [sic] a way [sic] the first Art [Article] of our Rule with Regard to Calling a pastor Annally [sic] and a mends [sic] as follows that for the furtur [future] we will call a pastor and consider him our pastor as long as he can supply us or the church is satisfied with his labours [sic] and the Church Call **Broth. Arnel** for a pastor and appoints **Bro. J. M. Breazeale** Rite [sic] a letter to him and R? the Same. **Broth. H. B. Breazeale** Call for a letter of Dismission for him self [sic] and wife letters granted.”

[**Note:** This is the last entry in the minutes book in the handwriting of Bright Breazeal. The following minutes were recorded in the handwriting of R. E. Howard, who followed Breazeal as clerk.]

Feb 1848 “Liberty Church Feb. Term 1848. Members met pursuant to adjournment and after Prayer by **brethren R. E. Howard, J. H. Ward and J. M. Brazeal** church came into conference.... General business called for The church then went into the choice of a supply in the ministry whereupon **Elder Wm. S. Meek** was unanimously chosen and **br. R. E. Howard** appointed to write to him informing **br. Meek** of the same. **Br. Howard** was chosen clerk he answers that he will try to serve the church.”

Mar 1848 “.... **Sister Martha Hughs** is reported to this church as being in disorder whereupon a committee of [sic] consisting of **J. M. Brazeal, Middleton Self, and Vincent King** were appointed to investigate the matter and bring it before next conference.”

Apr 1848 “Liberty Church met pursuant to adjournment preaching by **br. H. Hagler** then church came into conference.... References called for which brings before the church the case of reference from last conference against **sister Hughs** for fornication the committee reports that they got information in the matter sufficient to convince them of her guilt – the committee asks to be discharged – The church discharge [sic] them – and takes up the matter against Sister and after satisfaction in investigation she is excluded.

Then conference closed.”

June 1848 “Liberty Church met pursuant to adjournment and after prayer and preaching by **br. Franklin Creel** came into conference.... General Business elicited – The church takes up a charge (vs) **br. E. B. Mayfield** for having laid an accusation (vs) **br. Samuel Shuttles** [sic] of dishonesty – and the church asking to settle agrees to send to Sardis, Haysop and Syloam for helps [sic] to settle the difficulty and requests 4 members from each church and clerk to write to the churches – **br. J. M. Brazeal** to bear the letters to Haysop and Syloam – **br. Howard** to Sardis – And requests their attendance at the time of our regular conference in aug. next...”

Aug 1848 “Liberty church met pursuant to adjournment prayer and preaching by **Revd. (?) Wm S. Meek** then came into conference. 1. Apointed [sic] **Revd S. Meek** Moderator and **R. E. Howard** Clerk of the committee Chosen to assist in settling the difficulty between **Br. E. B. Mayfield** and **br. Samuel Shuttlesworth**. The church chooses **br. Vincent King**, **Br. Edwd Deason** and **br. Simon Brown** to act with the helps from their Sister churches in trying to settle the difficulty between the above named brethren. The case between them was called and the committee or helps a majority of them say that we acquit **Br. E. B. Mayfield** of the charge which was ehibited (?) (vs) him by Liberty Church. The committee then asked to be discharged they were discharged accordingly. General business elicited. The church then goes into the choice of deligates to the association and district meetings – whereup **Br. Vincent King**, **Howard**, **Brazeal** and **Hubbard** were chosen to district meeting and **br. Howard**, **br. King** and **br. Self** and **br. Brazeal** in case of failure to the association...”

Oct 1848 “October Term Liberty Church met pursuant to adjournment Prayer by **br. Howard** them came into conference.... General business called for. [the following requested letters of dismission] **Sister Susanah Deason**, **R. E. Howard**, **br. Middleton Self**, **Sister Phebe Self**, **br. Henry Self** and **br. Alexander** (colored br. of **br. Selfs**) also **Washington M. Howard**, **John J. Howard**, **Nancy E. Howard**, **Ruthy Dodson**, **Jesse Dodson**, **Sister Permelia Brazeal** and **Nathan and Lizza**, colored br. and Sister of **br. J. M. Brazeals** — were all granted. **br. J. M. Brazeal** applies for a letter of dismission but there being a report in circulation that **br. Brazeal** had been intoxicated and the church takes up (vs) **Br. J. M. Brazeal** by report and appoints **br. Stephen Hubbard** to see **br. J. M. Brazeal** and request his attendance at next conference....”

Nov 1848 “Nov. Term Liberty Church met pursuant to adjournment.... References called for – which brings before the church the case of **br. J. M. Brazeals** calling for a letter of dismission from this church, during the time of her last conference; but a report being in circulation that **br. J. M. Brazeal** had been overtaken in the fault of having drank too much spirits; the church defered [sic] granting his letter till the present conference. And **br. Brazeal** being now present and states that he did drink too much and that he is truly sorry for the same and asks that the church should forgive forgive [sic] him – which they cordially did. And then grants **br. Brazeal** a letter of dismission.... The church then goes into the choice of a clerk and appoints **br E. B. Mayfield...**”

Dec 1848 Church chose **Br. Boidston** pastor, **E. B. Mayfield** to write to **Br. Boidston**.

Aug 1849 District delegates: **E. B. Mayfield**; Assoc. delegates: **E. B. Mayfield**

Nov 1849 “Chose **Br. E. B. Mayfield**, Moderator protem.... Church went into the choice of a pastor and Clk for the next year....” **E. B. Mayfield** “unanimously chosen” clerk.

Feb 1850 “February Term 1850 Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in Feb 1850 Liberty Church met and after Preaching by **Br. Creel** came into conference.... General business caled [sic] for The Church appoints a commity [sic] to visit her Absent members to viz **Brethren Brown, Young, Hughes, Jolly, Carrol, Deason** and **Saml Shuttleworth** and Site [sic] them to her next conference to state the reason of there [sic] non attendance. the commity [sic] consists of **Br. King, Allan** and **Mayfield**. Conference Closed.”

- Apr 1850 “April Term 1850 Saturday before the 3rd Saboth [sic] in Apr 1850 Liberty Church met and after preaching by **br. Creel** came into conference.... the Church then takes up the case of **Br. Hughs** the comity [sic] reports and is discharged **Br. Hughs** is present the Church continues the case tel [sic] next conference In order to procure testimony. **Br. Mayfield** to attend to it....”
- May 1850 “May Term 1850 Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in May 1850 Liberty Church met and after Preaching by **Br. Creel** came into conference.... The church takes up the case of **Br. Hughs** and after talking on the case continued the same til next Conference. **Br. Mayfield** to procure testimony.”
- June 1850 “June Term 1850 Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in June Church met and after preaching by **Br. Creel** came into conference.... Caled [sic] for references then takes up the case of **Br. Hughes** and upon his Acknowledgements the Church forgave him.... **Br. Mayfield** came forward with a complaint against him self for quarreling and proposing to fight and upon his acknowledgement the Church forgave him.... on accounts [sic] of a difficulty [sic] existing between **Br. R. E. Howard** and **Mayfield Br. Howard** came to this church and the church refused to take the matter on account of not seeing how to settle the same and Sardis church sent a committee to this church and the Difficulty was Amicably settled between the Brethren.”
- July 1850 “July Term Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in July 1850 Liberty Church met and after preaching by **Br. F. Creel** came in Conference.... The Church agrees to Make up a small amount of money and appoint a committee of two Members to assist **Br. Creel** in getting some books and to visit Macedonia for her assistance the committee is **Br. Wm. W. Allen** and **E. B. Mayfield.**”
- Aug 1850 “.... Church agrees to send for **Br. J. J. Jolly** for not attending conference. **Br. Brown** and **Mayfield** to site him to next conference.”
- July 1851 District delegates: **E. B. Mayfield**; Assoc. delegates: **E. B. Mayfield**
- May 1852 Letters granted: **E. B. Mayfield** and wife. “**T. E. Allen** appointd [sic] clerk.”

12.3. Union Baptist Church, Hale County Alabama. Hosea B. and Sarah E. Breazeal remained in Tuscaloosa County for ten years following their dismissal from Liberty Baptist Church in January 1848. Their dismissal from Liberty coincided with their move from the old plantations of Joel Breazeal and Archibald Mayfield northwest about ten miles to a location in south central Tuscaloosa Co AL. Their new location was closer to Union Baptist Church, which Bright had helped form in 1845 as an “arm” of Liberty Church. Sarah’s brother Elisha Bennett Mayfield is known to have been a member at Union during the 1850s, and Mayfield’s wife Sarah Ann Creel Mayfield joined Liberty from Union in December 1846.

Since their church was clearly important to Bright and Sarah, it seems quite likely that they would have remained members of some church, and Union is the most likely candidate. However, the minutes of this church have not been located.

12.4. Caledonia Baptist Church, Union County Arkansas. Bright and Sarah Breazeal arrived in the vicinity of south Arkansas in late 1857 or early 1858. They apparently first lived in northern Union Parish Louisiana, but by early 1859 they had settled on farm adjoining those of Sarah’s brother Andrew J. Mayfield and Bright’s uncle and aunt, Azariah and Rosannah Breazeal Cobb. They lived in the community of Caledonia, just a few miles north of the Louisiana border in Union County Arkansas. The Mayfields and Cobbs, along with Elder Joab Pratt, were founders of the Caledonia Baptist Church in southern Union County. It seems quite likely that Bright and Sarah were members there for the 8 or 9 years they lived in that area, 1858–1867. However, so far the minutes of this church have not been located.

12.5. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Union Parish Louisiana. Hosea Bright Breazeal and his descendants have been associated with New Hope Primitive Baptist Church since he joined the church on 10 August 1872. His son Hosea W. Breazeal and daughters Sarah A. E. Ogden and Laura Agness Sumners were members of New Hope, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been members of, pastors of, or clerks of New Hope Church in this century.

This church is located just north of Spearsville, Louisiana. It was formed sometime before 1856, when the earliest recorded member, **Alexander Wilson Upshaw**, joined the church. The surviving church minutes date from 8 Oct 1870, and they are held by the clerk of the church.

Hosea B. Breazeal joined New Hope Church on 10 August 1872 and was a member there for fifteen years. There is no record of Sarah ever being a member. She possibly was a member of another church, perhaps a Missionary Baptist Church, but no record of this has been found. She was apparently not a member of the Spearsville Baptist Church as her name has not been found in the minutes of that church.

There are several loose pages in the earliest extant minutes book which contain the names of the members of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. There is duplication between these pages, for the two Breazeal members before 1890 are recorded twice:

“H. B. Brazeal (also **Brazzel**), by confession August 10, 1872; Excluded Nov. 12, 1887”

“H. W. Brazeal (also **Brazzel**), by Exe. Nov. 9, 1878; Excluded Nov. 12, 1887”

Unlike the churches Bright Breazeal belonged to in Tuscaloosa Co AL, New Hope was a Primitive Baptist Church, and thus did not believe in missions. The Tuscaloosa Co AL churches were not strongly for or against missions until after Hosea left the church, although they began to lean towards missions in the mid 1840s. However, Hosea joined New Hope Church “by confession of faith”, meaning he had previously belonged to a Primitive Baptist Church, but must have failed to obtain a letter of dismissal from the previous church since he did not join New Hope “by letter.”

12.5.1. Clerk of New Hope Church. Bright Breazeal was the clerk of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church from 10 April 1880 until 12 Nov 1887. Joseph R. Goyne was the clerk of New Hope Church when the earliest minute book was started in 1870, and he continued serving as clerk until his death in February 1880. Following Breazeal’s exclusion from New Hope, N. B. Bird, Jr. was chosen clerk, and he served for most of the next twenty years. However, for several of those years, Hosea W. Breazeal served as temporary clerk and recorded the minutes of the church.

Goyne was a businessman and store owner, and was educated and well-read enough that his spelling in the church minutes was always correct. However, it is apparent that Goyne made his entries in a hurry, as they are often written so sloppily that they are hard to read. From his recording of the minutes between 1888 and 1910, Bird was educated enough that his spelling was always precise by modern standards, and, moreover, his handwriting was beautiful.

In contrast, Bright Breazeal’s spelling was quaint and his handwriting appears labored and often hard to read until one adjusts to it. Breazeal had an education, for he was a justice of the peace in both Alabama and Louisiana and was the church clerk of at least two churches. However, he must not have been as well-read as Goyne (which is to be expected since Breazeal was a farmer and not a businessman), for often his spelling of words is amusing. He wrote “Devine”, “viseting”, “Breatheren”, “miselanous Buisnes”, “Newhop”, etc. However, Bright Breazeal seemed to take much greater pains in recording the minutes than Goyne did.

At the beginning of the earliest extant minute book is recorded the “Rules of Decorrum [sic] of Newhop [sic] Church”, written in the handwriting of Bright Breazeal and signed as **“H. B. Brazeal, Church Clk.”** Following this, the “Articles of faith” are recorded, again in Breazeal’s handwriting, and again signed as **“H. B. Brazeal, Clk.”** Neither of these records are dated. Following the rules of decorum and the articles of faith, the church minutes beginning in 1870 are recorded. Bright Breazeal must have written these records in the front of the minute book while he was clerk, between 1880 and 1887.

12.5.2. *Controversy.* During the year 1887 or earlier, a controversy arose within New Hope Church and perhaps other Primitive Baptist churches that caused serious problems for many years. Apparently four male members of the church joined an organization called the *Farmer's Union*. Part of the Primitive Baptist faith is that secret institutions and organizations are not scriptural, and those in fellowship with a Primitive Baptist Church are not allowed to belong to such "worldly institutions". This also includes temperance societies, Bible study groups, etc.

Apparently, sometime in mid-1887, Bright Breazeal, his son Hosea W. Breazeal, W. H. Risinger, and J. M. Morris joined the Farmer's Union. The first indication of trouble is that no conference was held in June 1887, the first time in at least seventeen years that New Hope Church failed to hold a conference in the month of June. At the July conference, the peace and fellowship of the church was called for and the moderator protem, N. Bird, Sr., made a motion that the question be postponed until the next conference. The August conference was not held since the church was "out of order". The September meeting was the usual time for the District Meeting to be held at New Hope Church, but due to the church being in "Disorder an [sic] No peace", it was dismissed. Similarly, there was no conference held at the October meeting for the same reason.

Things reached the boiling point at the November conference. Bright Breazeal, his son Hosea Woodford Breazeal, W. H. Risinger, E. Risinger, J. M. Morris, M. A. E. Morris, and E. C. Post were excluded from membership of New Hope Church on 12 November 1887 over the membership in the Farmer's Union of the Breazeals, Morris, and Risinger. Those who were excluded constituted one-half of the total membership of the church at that time.

The vote of the church regarding the exclusions is rather confusing. The names of the members voting and how they voted is recorded in the minutes. Following the vote, the minutes read "The church being thus divided (seven against six) it was declared by the majority that they were the church of Christ and therefore claimed the house and all things pertaining thereto." Seven members voted against holding fellowship with those who belonged to the Farmer's Union, i.e., they voted to exclude them from the church. However, the number of members voting *for* fellowship **was also seven**, so why did the minutes say the vote was seven against six? The answer probably has something to do with W. H. Risinger. He voted for fellowship, but his name was clearly added to the minutes at a later time; it was written above the others with an arrow. Could he have been absent from the conference?

Judging from the minutes, this controversy nearly destroyed the church. Between 1870 and 1887, monthly conferences and meetings occasionally were not held during periods of inclement weather or perhaps due to the lack of a pastor. Usually such instances were during the winter, when bad weather is more common. For example, no conferences were held in either December 1885 or the next month in January 1886, probably due to inclement weather.

However, following the Farmer's Union exclusions in November 1887, New Hope Church had no meetings in December 1887, nor was conference held in February, March, April, May, or June 1888. In fact, in the year following the exclusions, New Hope only held six conferences. A similar pattern developed for the next several years. Conferences were not again held at New Hope Church on a regular basis for five years, beginning in April 1893. Based upon how regular conferences were held prior to November 1887, it would appear that the Farmer's Union exclusions caused very serious problems for New Hope Church for more than five years.

The next conference following the exclusions was held on 7 January 1888, and the church authorized the new clerk N. B. Bird, Jr. to record the minutes of the previous November conference in the "Church book." The matter was serious enough that the church asked a committee of preachers, Elders J. E. Knighten, Henry Archer, and R. M. Gathright, to examine the actions of the church in the exclusions. On 9 March 1889, they made a resolution that was endorsed by New Hope Church that they "find that the course of the church in excluding.... was scriptural and right..."

The next development took place on 13 September 1890, when John M. Morris, one of the Farmer's Union members who was excluded along with the Breazeals, came forward during the conference and "made acknowledgements" and was restored to membership of New Hope Church. Morris' wife M. A.

E. Morris had also been excluded with him, but she did not apologize to the church and so remained excluded from fellowship.

As stated above, conferences once again were held on a regular basis beginning in April 1893. On Tuesday, 29 August 1893, following the District Meeting held at New Hope, the church held services followed by conference. The preaching was by Elders T. J. Foster, M. W. Hux, and W. K. Smith. Smith had been the pastor of New Hope from 1883 until 1888, and the District Meeting the previous weekend is the first record of his preaching at New Hope since 7 July 1888. As usual during the conference, the church opened the doors of the church for the reception of new members, and

Sisters E. C. Post, Emiline Risinger, M. A. E. Morris & W. H. Risinger who was [sic]
Illegally & unscripturally [sic] Excluded on the 12 day of Nov 1887 Restord [sic]
to the full fellowship of the church By Bro. N. B. Bird Sr. acknowledging his
wrong in the exclusion [emphasis added].

So after nearly six years, Bright Breazeal was redeemed. Too bad he did not live to see it, for he had died two years earlier, on 19 October 1891.

The remaining excluded member not yet restored was Hosea W. Breazeal. He did not ask to be restored until 27 November 1897, fully ten years after the exclusions first took place.

The Farmer's Union controversy was thus resolved at New Hope Church, but it was not completely resolved among other Primitive Baptist Churches. On 23 August 1896, Elder Smith requested that New Hope Church extend an "arm" to the Nash school house in Union County Arkansas, which the church did. Then on 26 September 1897, several members of New Hope asked to be dismissed to constitute a church at the Nash school house, including Bright Breazeal's daughter Sarah A. E. Breazeal Ogden and her husband, William R. Ogden. The church was constituted on 2 October 1897 and was called Smyrna Church. At the 1906 District Meeting held at New Hope Church, Smyrna sent two "factions" to represent the church: the Farmer's Union faction and the "other" faction. The district meeting rejected the Farmer's Union faction, and Woodie K. Smith was authorized to write the Farmer's Union faction of Smyrna about their rejection. Bright Breazeal's son-in-law William R. Ogden was one of the delegates to the district meeting from the non-Farmer's Union faction of Smyrna Church.

12.5.3. *Woodie K. Smith and the Exclusions.* It is interesting to observe the change in pastors of New Hope Church following the Farmer's Union exclusions. Woodie K. Smith is first mentioned as preaching at New Hope Church in August 1882. Smith was called as the pastor of New Hope Church for the next year, 1883, and he continued serving as pastor of New Hope through 1887. Smith preached in the services held before the November 1887 exclusions, but he was *not* present for services for the next month, nor was he at the January 1888 conference. The church did call Smith as the pastor for 1888, although there is no record that he accepted. Smith preached at New Hope on 9 June 1888, but no conference was held that day. He also preached there the next month on 7 July, followed by conference. However, he missed the August, September, October, and November conferences, and in December, Elder Gathright was called to serve the church for 1889.

Perhaps the most telling indication of Smith's opinion of the controversy was his absence from the committee of preachers called upon by New Hope Church in March 1889 to examine the action of the church in the Farmer's Union exclusions. The preachers on the committee were Knighten, Archer, and Gathright. As Smith had been pastor of New Hope Church for five years prior to the exclusions, and so had served as pastor during the time the controversy was brewing, it would certainly seem appropriate for him to be on the committee. Does his absence from it indicate he disagreed with the exclusions?

Following his sermon delivered on 7 July 1888, Smith was not again mentioned in the minutes as preaching at New Hope Church until the district meeting held there in August 1893. He again preached at New Hope the following October, and beginning in February 1895, Smith frequently preached at New Hope. Throughout this period, Elder R. M. Gathright was the pastor of New Hope Church. In February 1896, Gathright asked to be released from serving the church since his time was filled with other churches and Smith lived much closer to the church. Smith was chosen pastor, and he served for many years.

Woodie K. Smith's five year absence from the pulpit of New Hope Church ended on Friday, 25 August 1893, the beginning of the district meeting held at New Hope. The following Tuesday, Smith preached

before New Hope held the conference in which the Farmer's Union exclusions were described by the church as illegal and unscriptural.

I believe that all of these facts taken together strongly suggest that Smith disagreed with the Farmer's Union exclusions, and explain why he had little or nothing to do with New Hope Church until they were revoked.

12.5.4. *New Hope Church Minutes*. Below are abstracts of all entries involving Bright Breazeal and his family in the first minute book, which dates from 1870 until 1912. The entries are listed by date with the page numbers given. Besides Bright and his son Hosea W. Breazeal, Bright's daughter Sarah Ann Elizabeth Breazeal Ogden and her husband William R. Ogden joined the church in 1896, his daughter Laura Agness Breazeal Sumners and daughter-in-law Angelina Williams Breazeal joined in 1901, and his grandson William Groves joined in 1907. Numerous other grandchildren and other descendants joined New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in later years, and his descendants are still members of this church today.

Besides entries of Bright and his family, many entries following the Farmer's Union exclusions on 12 November 1887 are transcribed to illustrate the drastic effect this exclusion had on the church.

The minutes have been transcribed exactly as originally written, with no attempt to correct spelling or punctuation. Obvious spelling or grammatical errors are followed by the usual "[sic]". A serious problem with reading Bright Breazeal's handwriting is that often one cannot determine whether a word is capitalized or not. In many cases it is impossible to tell whether a "c" or an "s" is supposed to be capitalized or lower case. I have used my judgement in transcribing such cases, and due to the large number of them, I do not use "[sic]" following capitalization errors. The clerks sometimes used the abbreviations "M.D." or "Mod." for "Moderator" and "C. Clk" for "Church Clerk".

Transcripts of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Minutes

Aug 1872 Page 13. "New Hope Church Aug 8th 1872. After Divine Services by **Eld. H. Archer** Church went into Conference.... Called for reference information taken up in relation to reception of **Bro. H. B. Brazzle** on Confession of faith who was recd. unto the fellowship of the Church..."

13 June 1874 Page 23. "New Hope Church June 13th 1874. The Church Met in Conference and invited visiting Brethren to Seats. 2. Open the door of the church. 3rd Called for Reference 4th Called for acknowledgments [sic] 5 Called for Miscellaneous business the church went in choice of delegates to the District Meeting to be held with New Hope Church Commencing Friday before the Second Sunday in July next which resulted in the choice of **A. W. Upshaw**, **N. Burd** [sic], **J. R. Goyne**, & **H. B. Brazzel**, Alternate. A letter being Preford [sic] and Read was recd. as the district letter to convene with New Hope Church on Friday before 1st Sunday in July when on motion Conference adjourned [sic].
N. Bird, Md. Protém
H. B. Brazzell, Clk. Protém."

[**Note:** The above entry was not in Breazeal's handwriting, but in the writing of the church clerk **Joseph R. Goyne**. Goyne was apparently absent from church conference and Breazeal had been chosen "clerk protém", or temporary clerk.]

10 July 1874 Page 26. "New Hope Church July 10th 1874. The delegates composing the 4th District of Ouachita Primitive Baptist Association convened with New Hope Church on on [sic] Friday July 10th 1874. After divine services by **Elders Archer** & **Bro. Dean** Proceeded to Organize by **Bro. Archer** acting as MD & **J. R. Goyne** Clk. the delegates not all being Present it was Moved Seconded that the business of district Meeting be put off till tomorrow. Saturday July 11th. After Divine Services Proceeded to attend to the Business of the district Meeting. Letters being called for from diferent [sic] churches letters from the following churches were Presented with the following delegates...New Hope **Brethren A. W. Upshaw**, **N. Burd** [sic] **J. R. Goyne** & **H. B. Brazzel** Alternate....it was moved & second & carried that our next district meeting be Held with Good Hope Church Union County Arkans. Friday before 1st

Sunday in August 1875. It was moved & second that the Clk [sic] of this church transcribe the minutes of the district meeting in the church book of this church & notify the association where the next district meeting is to be Held at Moved and Second [sic] that the letter be recd. being no other business the meeting closed.

H. Archer, Md.

J. R. Goyne, Clk.”

11 July 1874 Page 27. “New Hope Church July 11th 1875 [sic – 1874]. After the business of the district Meeting be [sic] disposed of the Church went into conference...The Church went into choice of Delegates to the association Which resulted into choice of **Brethren A. W. Upshaw, N. Burd** [sic], **J. R. Goyne**, & **H. B. Brazzel** alternate...”

7 Nov 1874 Page 28. “Nov 7th 1874. After divine services the church went into conference.... Miscellaneous Business. On Move and second the church went into choice of Preacher for insuing [sic] year which Resulted in choice of **Elder H. B. Howard** and **Brother H. B. Brazzel** & **E. J. Pouncy** volunteer as A Committee to notify Him of His call by move and second...”

9 June 1877 Page 46. “New Hope Church June 9th 1877. After divine Services the Church went into Conference **Bro. Howard** being Absent **Bro. E. J. Dean** was Called to M.D. Seat.... Called for Reference & Miscellaneous Business it was moved & second [sic] that the church go into choice of delegates to district meeting to be convened with Union Church on 3rd Sabbath [sic] in July & Friday and Saturday before which Resulted in Choice of **Brethren E. Hays, A. W. Upshaw, H. B. Brazzel**, & **J. R. Goyne** Alternate...”

11 Aug 1877 Page 47. “New Hope Church Aug 11th 1877. After devine [sic] Services by **Elder E. J. Dean** the Church went [into] Conference.... Calld [sic] for Reference and Miscellaneous [sic] Business it was moved & second [sic] that the church go into the choice of delegates to association to Convene with Union Church Union Parish La on 1 Sabbath [sic] ? October A.D. 1877 which Resulted in choice of **Brethren E. Hays, A. W. Upshaw, J. R. Goyne**, & **H. B. Brazzel** Alternate. Minutes Read & Recd & Conference Closed.”

Dec 1877 Page 48. “New Hope Church Dec 1877. After divine Services by **Elder H. B. Howard** the church went into conference. 1st invited visiting b [brethren] to seats. 2 open door of the church 3rd called for Reference & Miscellaneous Business. Minutes Read & Recd. conference closed in order.

H. B. Brazzel C. Ck. Protem,

H. B. Howard M.D.”

[**Note:** The above entry was recorded in the writing of the church clerk, **Joseph R. Goyne**.]

11 May 1878 Page 51. “New Hope Church May 11th 1878. After Divine Services by **Elder T. J. Foster** The Church went into conference.... Called for Reference and Miscellaneous Business. **Br. A. W. Upshaw** preferred [sic] A Charged [sic] against **Sister Harriet Mack** A Col. Sister for Adultery [sic] The Church appointed **Broth. Upshaw, Brazzel**, & **Pouncy** A Committee to see said Sister and make their report at next conference...”

8 June 1878 “New Hope Church June 8th 1878. After Divine Services by **Elder T. J. Foster** the Church went into conference.... Called for Reference & Miscellaneous Business. The Reference of **Col. Sister Harriet Mack** Charged with adultery [sic] was taken up & the Committee reported her Guilty of the charge it was moved and seconded that She be excluded from the Fellowship of the Church which was carried unanimous [sic]...”

9 Nov 1878 Page 55.

“New Hope Church Nov 9th 1878. After Divine Services by **Elder T. J. Foster** The Church went into conference.... Opened the Door of the Church for reception of members. **Mr. J. A. Upshaw** & **H. W. Brazzel** came forward and related their Experience and was recd. into the Fellowship of the Church...”

- 9 Aug 1879 Page 59. "New Hope Church Aug 9th 1879. After Divine Services by **Elder T. J. Foster** the church went into conference....
T. J. Foster MD
J. R. Goyne C. Ck."

[**Note:** The 9 Aug 1879 conference minutes is the last entry recorded in the minute book in the handwriting of **Joseph R. Goyne**, although he continued to serve as clerk until his death in February 1880. The conference minutes from 13 Sept 1879 through 8 Oct 1887 are recorded in the handwriting of Bright Breazeal, who followed Goyne as clerk. Although Goyne failed to record the minutes between September 1879 and January 1880 before his death in February, he served as clerk for each of these conferences except the one in December. For many of these conference minutes, Breazeal signed Goyne's name as the clerk, but initialed the entries, apparently to indicate he was the one recording them in the church minutes book.]

- 13 Sept 1879 Page 60. "Newhope Church September 13th 1879. Ater [sic] devine [sic] services by **Elder H. Archer** & **T. J. Foster** the church mete [sic] in conference. 1 invited viseting [sic] Brethren to Seats with us. 2 Enquiring [sic] for the peace and fellowship of the church... **T. J. Foster** M
J. R. Goyne C.C.
H B B."

- 11 Oct 1879 "Newhope Church Oct 11 AD 1879. After Devine [sic] services by **Elder T. J. Foster** Came in to conference.... Call for Reference and miselanious [sic] Buiness [sic] move & second [sic] that the church go into the choise [sic] of Pastor for the insuing [sic] year Which Resulted in the choice of **Bro. Elder T. J. Foster** and he Being Present accepted the call and on motion Conference ajorned [sic] in order.
Eld. T. Foster Mod.
J. R. Goyne C.C."

- Nov 1879 "November meting [sic]. No meting [sic] on account [sic] the pastor not Being abel [sic] to attend.
J. R. Goyne
 By **H B B.**"

- 12 Dec 1879 Page 61. "Newhope Church met December 12 1879. After Devine [sic] servises by **Eld. T. J. Foster** the church met in conference....
T. J. Foster, Mod
H. B. Breazeal C.C. "

[**Note:** Breazeal apparently served as temporary church clerk at this conference, although he didn't refer to himself as "protem".]

- 10 Jan 1880 Page 61. "Newhope Church January 10 AD 1880 met after Devine [sic] Servises by **Elder T. J. Foster** in conference.... Open the Door of the Church for the reception of members... **Sister CorAnna Goyne** came forward with and presented a letter and was received...
Elder T. J. Foster, Mod.
J. R. Goyne, C.C."

[**Note:** Anna Goyne was the third wife of Joseph R. Goyne and they had just married in late 1879 or perhaps even in that month. J. R. Goyne died 11 Feb 1880, apparently rather suddenly.]

- Feb 1880 Page 61–62. "Saturday before the Second Sunday in february [sic] AD 1880 Newhope Church met in conference after preyer [sic] by **Bro. Castlebury** [sic] and calling **Breth. E. Hayes** as moderator and **H. B. Breazeale** Ck...
H. B. Breazeal C. Ck."

- 11 Mar 1880 Page 62. "no conference held on account [sic] of rain.

H B B"

- 10 Apr 1880 Page 62. "April 10 AD 1880. After Devine [sic] Services by **Elder T. J. Foster** Newhope Church come [sic] in to [sic] conference. 1 invited viseting [sic] Brethren [sic] to Seats with us... 4 Call for references and mislanous [sic] Buisness [sic] on motion the Church went in to [sic] the choise [sic] of clerk to fill the vacancy of **Broth. J. R. Goyne** Decd. which resulted in the choice of **H. B. Breazeal** Clerk when on motion conference adjoined in order.
H. B. Breazeal C. Ck."
- 8 May 1880 "May the 8 AD 1880 New hope church met in conference after Devine [sic] servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster** Come [sic] into conference....
H. B. Breazeal, C. Ck."
- 12 June 1880 Page 63. "Saturday June the 12 AD 1880. Newhope Church met in conference After Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster** Come [sic] in Conference.... Call for reference and miscalanes [sic] Bu. [business]. On motion the church went into the choise [sic] of Deligates [sic] to the District meeting which resulted in the choise [sic] of **A. W. Upshaw**, **N. Bird**, **H. B. Breazeal**, and **E. hayes** in case of failure. **Sister Canna Goyne** ask [sic] for a Letter of Dismission which was granted When on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order.
H. B. Breazeal, Church Ck."
- 10 July 1880 "July 10 AD 1880 Newhope Church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. H. Archer**....
H. B. Breazeal Church Ck."
- 7 Aug 1880 Page 64. "August 7 AD 1880 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster**.... Call for references and mislaneous [sic] Buisness [sic]. on motion the Church went into the choise [sic] of Deligates [sic] to the association which resulted in the choise [sic] of **A. W. Upshaw**, **N. Bird**, **H. B. Breazeal**, and **E. Hayes** is [sic] alternate...
H. B. Breazeal Church Ck."
- 11 Sept 1880 "September 11 1880 Newhope Church met in conference by choosing **Br. E. hayes** as moderator protem.... and on motion pospone [sic] the commuion [sic] tel [sic] November meeting on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order.
H. B. Breazeal, church ck."
- 9 Oct 1880 Page 65. "Newhope Church October 9 AD 1880. No Conference"
- 14 Nov 1880 "November 14 AD 1880. None [sic] conference on Saturday But preaching by **Eld. H. Archer** on Sunday.
H. B. Breazeal, Church Ck."
- 11 Dec 1880 "December 11 AD 1880. Newhope church Met in Conference after prayer by **Broth. J. K. Smith**... Call for reference & missilanous [sic] Buisness [sic] and on motion the church went into the choise [sic] of pastor for the year 1881 wherein **Elder H. Archer** was chosen and the Clerk to inform him by letter By our next conference.
J. K. Smith Mo. D.
H. B. Breazeal, Church Cl."
- 8 Jan 1881 "January 8th AD 1881 Newhop [sic] Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster**.... **Brother Eld. H. Archer** Being call [sic] as pastor last conference as pastor [sic] now present Agrees to serve the church for the year AD 1881 when on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
Eld. T. J. Foster, moder.
H. B. Breazeal Church Cl."

- 12 Feb 1881 Page 66. "february [sic] 12th AD 1881 No conference."
- 12 Mar 1881 "March 12th AD 1881 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] By **Elder H. Archer...**
H. B. Breazeal Church Ck. "
- 9 Apr 1881 "April 9th AD 1881 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] By **Elder H. Archer...**
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk. "
- 7 May 1881 "May 7th AD 1881 None [sic] Conference held on Saturday. meeting on Sunday.
H. B. Breazeal Church Cl."
- 11 June 1881 Page 67. "June 11th AD 1881 Newhope Church met in conference after prare [sic] by **Bro. Caselberry** [sic]... Call for reference and misalonus [sic] Buisness [sic] on motion the church went into the chois [sic] of Deligates [sic] to the District meeting to conven [sic] with Union Church on friday Before the third Sunday in July AD 1881 Deligates [sic] to wit. **N. Bird, H. B. Breazeal, H. Barron,** and **A. W. Upshaw** is alternate. on motion ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Church Cl."
- 9 July 1881 "July 9 AD 1881 Newhope Church Met in conference By Choosin [sic] **N. Bird** modrator protem...
H. B. Brazeal Church Cl."
- 13 Aug 1881 Page 68. "August 13th AD 1881; Newhope Church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster....** Call for reference on motion the Church went into the choise [sic] of Deligtes [sic] to the association as follows. **H. B. Breazeal, A. W. Upshaw, N. Bird,** and **Broth. E. hayes** [sic] Alternate...
H. B. Breazeal, church clk."
- 10 Sept 1881 "September 10 AD 1881 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster....** **Brother Mason Charles** comes forward and ask [sic] the Church to grant him liberty to Exersize his gift to Minestre [sic] among his Colored breth. on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal, Church Cl."
- 8 Oct 1881 Page 69. "No Conference. **H B B C.C."**
- Nov 1881 "November the ? AD 1881 Newhope church met in conference by choosing **Broth. N. Bird** as modrator prom. [protem]....
H. B. Breazeal, Church Cl."
- 10 Dec 1881 "December 10th AD 1881 Newhope [Church] met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. H. Archer....** Call for references and miselanous [sic] Buisness [sic] on motion the church went into the choise [sic] of Pastor for the next Associatonally [sic] year which resulted in choise [sic] of **Eldr. H. Archer** and he agrees to Serve the Church as often as he can when on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal church cl."
- 7 Jan 1882 "January the 7 AD 1882 No conference, **H. B. Breazeal,** Ch. Ck."
- 11 Feb 1882 "february [sic] 11 AD 1882 Newhope church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Elder T. J. Foster....**
H. B. Breazeal"
- 11 Mar 1882 Page 70. "Newhope Church March the 11 AD 1882 No conference, **H. B. Breazeal,** Clk."

- 8 Apr 1882 "April the 8 AD 1882 Newhope church met in conference By choosing **broth. N. Bird** as modrator [sic] pro [protem].... Call for references and misalooous [sic] Buisness [sic] and on motion the church went in to the chois [sic] of a pstor [pastor] for the Balance of the year which resulting [sic] the choise [sic] of **Elder T. J. foster** [sic] as pastor for the balance of the year 1882 on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order....
H. B. Breazeal, church clerk"
- 13 May 1882 "May 13th AD 1882. Newhope Church met [in] Conference after Devine [sic] Servis [sic] by **Eld. T. J. Foster**.... Call for reference And misalonous [sic] Buisness [sic] **brother foster** Being call [sic] as pastor last conference & he Begin preasent [sic] agree [sic] to Serve the Church the balance of the year.... on motion Communion and washing of feete [sic] was put off untel [sic] Next regular time in September. Conference Ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal, Church Clerk"
- 10 June 1882 Page 71. "June 10th AD 1882 Newhope Church met Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] By **Eld. T. J. foster**.... Call for references and miscelanous [sic] Buisness [sic] on motion the church went to the Chois [sic] of Deligates to the District meeting Where in **N. Bird, H. Barron, H. B. Brazeal**, and **A. W. Upshaw** is alternate on motion conference agorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Brazeal, church clk"
- 8 July 1882 "July 8 AD 1882 Newhope church met in conference By Choosing **broth. E. J. Pouncy** modrator Protem...
H. B. Breazeal, church Clk."
- 11 Aug 1882 Page 72 "August 11th AD 1882 the 4 [sic] District Meeting with Newhop [sic] Church after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Broth. W. K. Smith** and **Eld. H. Archer** 1. on motion apoint [sic] **Eld. T. J. Foster** moderator & **H. B. Breazeal** Clerk of the meeting the meeting then Being Organized Call for letters from Diferent [sic] Churches and received... letter from Newhope Deligates [sic] **N. Bird, H. Barron, H. B. Breazeal**.... on motion the District granted good hope her request for the next Sesion [sic] of ? Body.... on motion the Clerk being autherize [sic] to transcribe these minutes in the church book on motion the meeting ajorned [sic].
H. B. Breazeal Clk."
- 12 Aug 1882 "August 12 AD 1882 Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Broth. W. K. Smith** and **Foster**.... Call for references an [sic] miselaneous [sic] Buisness [sic] on motion the church went in to the chois [sic] of Deligates to the association an [sic] chose **Broth. N. Bird, H. B. Breazeal, A. W. Upshaw**, and **H. Barron** is alternate on motion ajorned [sic]....
Eld. T. J. Foster, mod
H. B. Breazeal Church clerk".
- 9 Sept 1882 Page 73. "September 9th AD 1882. Newhope Church met in conference by choosing **br. A. W. Upshaw** as modrator Protem.... on motion put off the Commuion [sic] tel [sic] the regular time or otherwise ordered on motion read in [sic] adopted the minutes of this meeting and Dismissed in order...
H. B. Breazeal, church cl."
- 7 Oct 1882 "October the 7th AD 1882. Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] By **Eld. T. J. Foster**....
H. B. Brazeal, church ck."
- 11 Nov 1882 Page 74. "November 11 AD 1882. Newhope Church Met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises by **El. Jones**: Col.... Call for Refererences an [sic] miselaneous [sic] busness [sic] on motion the church went in to the Choise [sic] of a pastor for the insuen [sic] year 1883 Which resulted in the choise [sic] of **W. K. Smith** and he being Present agree [sic] to serve the Church for 1883.... **Sister Sarah Amanda arington** [sic] ask [sic] for a letter of Dismission from this church Which was granted.... and the Bratheren [sic] and Sisters of the Colered [sic] Bretheren ask for letters of Dismission for the purpoes [sic] of Constution [sic] a church of there [sic] one [sic] which was granted them on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal church clk.”

9 Dec 1882 “December 9th AD 1882 newhope Church met in conference by choosen [sic] **Brother R. M. Gathrite** modrator [sic] protem....

H. B. Breazeal church Clk.”

13 Jan 1883 “January 13th AD 1883 Now [sic] conference, **HBB Ch. Cl.**”

10 Feb 1883 Page 75. “february [sic] 10th AD 1883 Know [sic] conference **H. B. Breazeal Ch. Cl.**”

10 Mar 1883 “March 10th AD 1883 Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....**

H. B. Breazeal church cl”

7 Apr 1883 “April 7th AD 1883 Newhope church met in Conference By Choosing **Brot. [sic] N. Bird** mod. protem.... the church not being Preasent [sic] to attend to Choosing a Deacon Put it off tel [sic] May meeting on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Church Cl.”

11 May 1883 “May 11 AD 1883 No conference”

9 June 1883 “June 9: AD 1883 Newhop [sic] church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Elder H. Archer** and coosing [choosing] **Eld. T. J. foster** [sic] mod... the comittee [sic] appointed to see **Broth. H. Archer** and **El. T. J. foster** [sic] to com [sic] as Council was Discharg [sic].... went into the ordinnation [sic] [of] **Brother William risinger** [sic] to the office of Decon [sic]...

H. B. Breazeal church clk.”

Page 76. “A Council met with the Newhope Church Union Parish La. on the second Saturday in June AD 1883 for the purpoes [sic] of Setting apart **Brother William Risigner** [sic] to the office of Deacon the Council composed of **Elder T. J. Foster** and **H. Archer**. 1. the council was organized by choose [sic] **Elder T. J. Foster** modrator [sic] and **H. B. Brazeal** Clerk. 1. the Candidate were [sic] examin [sic] by the presbytery and were adguded [sic] to ? the requisite qualification [sic] and were set apart by prayer by **Elde [sic] H. Archer** laying of hands of the presbytery and right hand of fellowship by the Elde [sic] and Bretheren and Sisters present. 3. Charge by **Elder T. J. Foster** on motion agorned [sic] in order.

Elder T. J. Foster, Mod.

H. B. Brazeal, clerk”

7 July 1883 “July 7 AD 1883 Newhop [sic] Church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....** on motion went into the choice of Deligates [sic] to the District meeting which resulted in the choice of **H. B. Brazeal, H. C. Barron, J. C. Smith** and **N. Bird** is alternate the Clerk to rite [sic] the letter on motion ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Brazeal church clk”

11 Aug 1883 Page 77. “August 11th AD 1883 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....** on motion went into the choise [sic] of Deligates [sic] to the Association to wit: **J. C. Smith, H. C. Barron, E. J. Pouney** and **W. K. Risinger** is alternate when on motion the church ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Brazeal, church clk”

8 Sept 1883 “September 8 AD 1883 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....**

H. B. Brazeal, church clk”

Oct 1883 [No mention of a meeting in October.]

- 10 Nov 1883 “November 10 AD 1883 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. R. M. Gathright**.... on motion the church went in to the choise [sic] of pastor for the year 1884 which resulted in the choise [sic] of **Elder W. K. Smith** and the clerk to inform of the call by letter on motion conference ajorned [sic]....
H. B. Brazeal, Church Ck”
- 8 Dec 1883 Page 78. “December 8 AD 1883 Newhope Church met in Conference after prayer by the moderator.... **Brother W. K. Smith** agrees to serve the church for the year AD 1884...
W. K. Smith, Mod.
H. B. Brazeal, church Clk”
- 12 Jan 1884 “January 12 AD 1884 No conference was hel [sic] on acount [sic] of bad wether [sic].
H. B. Brazeal, Ch. Cl.”
- 9 Feb 1884 “February the 9 AD 1884 No conference was hel [sic] on acount [sic] of Bad wether [sic].
H. B. Brazeal, Ch. Clk.”
- 8 Mar 1884 “March 8 AD 1884 No conference was hel [sic] on Saturday. **H. B. Brazeal**, C. Clk.”
- 12 Apr 1884 “April the 12th AD 1884 Newhope church met in conference by Choosen [sic] **Brother N. Bird** mod-rator protem....
H. B. Breazeal Church clk.”
- 10 May 1884 Page 79. “May 10th AD 1884 Newhope church met in conference After Devine [sic] servises [sic] by **Elder W. K. Smith**....
H. B. Brazeal Clk.”
- 7 June 1884 “June the 7 AD 1884 Newhope church met in conference after prayer by the moderator.... invited viset-ing [sic] Breatheren [sic] to Seats with us... **Brother William head** [sic] made a [sic] acknowledement [sic] to the church for useing [sic] Bad [sic] Cursing [sic] and and [sic] the church forgive [sic] him...
W. K. Smith Mod.
H. B. Brazeal, church clk.”
- 12 July 1884 “July the 12 AD 1884 Newhope Church met in conference By Choosing **broth. N. Bird** modrator [sic] protem.... the church went into the choise [sic] of Deligates [sic] the [sic] District meeting which resuted [sic] in the choise [sic] of **H. B. Breazeal**, **N. Bird**, **W. ? Risinger** and **H. Barron** is Alternate there being no other buisness [sic] ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Brazeal church cl.”
- 9 Aug 1884 Page 80. “August 9th AD 1884 Newhope Church met in conference by chosen [sic] **brother N. Bird** modrator [sic] Protem.... it being the time to choose the Deligats [sic] to the association it was put off untel [sic] next conference on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal, church clk.”
- 13 Sept 1884 “September 13th AD 1884 Newhope church Met [sic] in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] By **Eld. W. K. Smith** and **broth. J. E. Knight**.... Open the Door of the Church and received **broth. N. B. Bird** by Experience [sic]... on motion the Church went into the choise [sic] of Deligats [sic] [to] the Association which resulted in the Chois [sic] of **H. B. Breazeal**, **N. Bird**, **W. ? . Risinger** and **H. C. Barron** is alternate...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 11 Oct 1884 “October 11th AD 1884 No conference hel [sic]. **H. B. Breazeal** Clk.”
- 8 Nov 1884 Page 81. “November: 8th AD 1884 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Elder W. K. Smith** went into conference.... and on motion and second that **Brother Josep** [sic]

Upshaw be sited [sic] by letter to attend out next Conference for non attendance and other Misdemener [sic] and the Clerk of the Church to Site [sic] him by letter... the Church went in to the Choise [sic] of a pastor for the Next Associationally [sic] year and **Brother W. K. Smith** was call [sic] to the Care of the Church and he being preasent [sic] answer [sic] to to [sic] the [call] and agree to serve the church for 1885 and on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal church cl.”

14 Nov 1884 “November 14th 1884 the church was call in conference and **Sister Margaret peppers** [sic] ask for a letter of Dismission from this Church Which was granted to her then conference ajorned [sic] in order.
H. B. Breazeal Church Cl.”

13 Dec 1884 “December 13 AD 1884 No conference Was [sic] hel [sic] on a count [sic] of bad wether [sic] and no pastor.

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

10 Jan 1885 Page 82. “January 10th AD 1885 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. H. Archer**... on motion the case of **Brother J. A. Upshaw** was taken up an [sic] on motion was laid over untel [sic] next conference and the clerk to rite [sic] to him to come to our next conference...
W. K. Smith, mod.

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

7 Feb 1885 “february [sic]: 7th AD 1885 Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Brother R. M. Gathrite** on motion **Broth. Gathrite** was chosen moderator protem... on motion the case of **brother** [sic] **J. A. Upshaw** be lade [sic] over tell [sic] Next [sic] conference on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

7 Mar 1885 “march 7th AD ? Newhope Church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Elder W. K. Smith**... the case of **Broth. J. A. Upshaw** was contin [sic] tel [sic] the church could here [sic] where he is on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

11 Apr 1885 Page 83. “April 11th AD 1885 Newhop [sic] Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith**...

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

9 May 1885 “May the 9 AD 1885 Newhope [Church] met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. T. J. foster** [sic] and **W. K. Smith**... on motion the Clerk is to rite [sic] to **broth. [sic] J. A. Upshaw** to attend our Next [sic] conference and give a reson [sic] for none [sic] attendance [sic] on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”

13 June 1885 “June 13 AD 1885 Newhope Church met in conference by Choosin [sic] **brother** [sic] **N. Bird** moderator protem... on motion took up the Case of **brother** [sic] **J. A. Upshaw** and it was lade [sic] over untel [sic] our Next [sic] conference on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Ch. Clk.”

11 July 1885 Page 84. “July 11 AD 1885 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith**... on motion took up the case of **brother** [sic] **J. A. Upshaw** and it was laid over untel [sic] next conference and the clerk to rite [sic] to him and inform him of the charge aganst [sic] him... on motion the church went in to the Choise [sic] of Deligats [sic] to the District meeting which resulted in the choise [sic] of **Brother H. B. Breazeal, N. Bird, Wm. K. risinger** [sic] & **H. C. Barron** is alternate. there being No other buisness [sic] conference ajorned [sic] in order...

H. B. Breazeal Church Ck.”

- 8 Aug 1885 “August 8th AD 1885 Newhope Church met in conference By Chosen [sic] **Broth. N. Bird** modrator [sic] protem... on motion the church took up the case of **Brother J. A. Upshaw** and on his acknowledgment [sic] the Church forgive [sic] him and he also ask [sic] the church for a letter of Dismission which was granted...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 12 Sept 1885 Page 85. “September 12 AD 1885 Newhope Church Met [sic] in conference by choosing **broth. [sic] N. Bird** to cher [sic]... on motion went in to the Choise [sic] of Deligats [sic] to the Association and choose [sic] **Brethren H. W. Breazeal, N. Bird Jr., N. B. Bird Sr. and H. B. Breazeal** is alternate on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- Oct 1885 “October 1885 Now [sic] conference. **H. B. Breazeal** Clerk”
- 7 Nov 1885 “November 7 AD 1885 Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith...** on motion the church went into the choise [sic] of a pastor the ensuen [sic] year: When **W. K. Smith** was chosen and he being present Agrees to Serve the church for the year AD 1886 when on motion ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 11 Dec 1885 “December 11 AD 1885 No conference was hel [sic]. **H. B. Breazeal** Church Clk.”
- 9 Jan 1886 Page 86. “January 9 AD 1886 No conference was hel [sic]. **H. B. Breazeal, C. Clk.**”
- 13 Feb 1886 “february [sic] 13th AD 1886 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. H. Archer & brother Smith...**
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 13 Mar 1886 “March 13th 1886 Newhope Church met in Conference by choosen [sic] **broth. N. Bird** mod. protem...”
[**Note:** This entry was not signed by H. B. Breazeal, but this was apparently an oversight since no one was elected clerk protem at this conference.]
- 10 Apr 1886 “April 10 1886 Newhope church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....**
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 8 May 1886 Page 87. “May the 8 AD 1886 Newhope church met in conference after divine servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith...** open the Door [sic] of the church and received **Brother John M. Morris** and his wife **M. A. E. Morris** by letters...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 12 June 1886 “June 12th AD 1886: Newhope church met in conference by Chosen [sic] **Brother N. B. Bird** Modrator [sic] protem....
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 10 July 1886 “July 10th AD 1886 Newhope church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith....** on motion went in to the choise [sic] of Deligats [sic] to the district meeting where upon Choose [sic] the following Brethren **John M. Morris, H. B. Breazeal, N. B. bird [sic] Sr. and H. W. Breazeal** is Alternate....
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 7 Aug 1886 Page 88. “August 7 AD 1886 Newhope church met in conference after devine [sic] servises [sic] by **Eld. H. Archer...** on motion Church went into the choise [sic] of deligates [sic] to the Association Which resulted in the chois [sic] of **H. B. Breazeal, J. M. Morris, N. B. Bird Jr. and N. B. Bird**

Sr. is alternate there Being No other Buisness [sic] conference ajorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Clk.”

- 11 Sept 1886 “September 11 AD 1886 Newhope church met in conference after devine [sic] servises [sic] by **W. K. Smith**...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 9 Oct 1886 “October the 9 AD 1886 Newhop [sic] church met in conference by choosen [sic] **brother N. B. Bird** Modrator [sic] protem...
H. B. Breazeal Clk.”
- 13 Nov 1886 Page 89. “November 13th AD 1886 Newhop [sic] Church. No Conference was held:
H. B. Breazeal”
- 11 Dec 1886 “December 11 AD 1886 Newhope church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Elder H. Archer** and **W. K. Smith**.... open the Door of the church and **Sister Sarah amanda** [sic] **Arington** [sic] gave in her letter which was granted her some time back... Went into the choice of pastor [for] the year AD 1887 which resulted in the choise [sic] of **Eld. W. K. Smith** and he being present agrees to Serve the church on motion conference ajorned [sic] in order...
Eld. H. Archer, mod. pro.
H. B. Breazeal Church Clk.”
- 8 Jan 1887 “January 8: 1887 No conference held. **H. B. Breazeal** Ch. Cl.”
- 12 Feb 1887 “february 12th 1887 Newhope church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith**....
H. B. Brazeal, Clerk”
- 12 Mar 1887 Page 90. “March 12 AD 1887 Newhope Church met in conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith**... open the door of the church and rec. **Sister E. C. Post** on confession of faith...
H. B. Brazeal ch. clk.”
- 9 Apr 1887 “April 9 AD 1887 Newhope Church met in Conference by chosen [sic] **Broth. N. B. Bird** modrator [sic] protem... conference agorned [sic] in order.”
- [**Note:** This entry was not signed by H. B. Breazeal. Apparently this was an omission on Breazeal’s part, as no one was elected clerk protem at this conference.]
- 7 May 1887 “May 7th 1887 Newhope church met in Conference after Devine [sic] Servises [sic] by **Eld. W. K. Smith**.... on motion read the Article [sic] of faith and rules of Decorum When [sic] on motion conference ajor? [adjourned] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Church Cl.”
- 11 June 1887 “June 11 1887 No Conference Was hel [sic] **H. B. Breazeal** Ch. Clk.”
- 9 July 1887 Page 91. “July 9 1887 Newhope Church met in Conference by choosen [sic] **brother** [sic] **N. B. Bird** **Sr.** modrator [sic] protem.... call for the peace and fellowship of the church and on motion by **Broth. N. B. Bird** it was posespone [sic] untel [sic] next conference... on motion conference agorned [sic] in order...
H. B. Breazeal Church Clerk”
- 13 Aug 1887 “August 13 AD 1887 Newhope Church there was No conference hel [sic] on acount [sic] of the Church being out of order.
W. K. Smith, mod.

H. B. Brazeal Church Clk.”

10 Sept 1887 “September 10 AD 1887 it being the tim [sic] for our District meeting and it was Dismised [sic] on a count [sic] of the church being in Disorder an [sic] No [sic] peace.

H. B. Brazeal Clerk.”

8 Oct 1887 “October 8 AD 1887 Newhope Church has held No [sic] conference on the same cause.

H. B. Brazeal Church Cl.”

[**Note:** This entry was the last one made in the church minutes by Bright Breazeal. The following entries were made in the handwriting of the clerk who succeeded Breazeal, N. B. Bird, Jr.]

12 Nov 1887 Pages 91–92.

“Nov. 12, 1887 The Church met and after divine services by **Eld. W. K. Smith** the church went into conference by choosing **Eld. W. K. Smith** moderator. Our clerk being in disorder consequently we had no clerk. 1st Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. 2nd Called for the peace and fellowship of the church but as **brethren J. M. Morris, W. H. Risinger, H. W. Breazeal** and **H. B. Breazeal** had joined a secret organization called the Farmer’s Union of course the church was not in peace. Therefore a motion was made by **bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** to hear the voice of the church whether such should be fellowshipped [sic] or no. The question thus framed was put to the church and **brethren E. J. Pouncy, N. B. Bird Sr., N. B. Bird Jr.** and **Sisters A. Arrington, M. J. Bird, Mary Pouncy, and Lyda L. Pouncy** declared non fellowship for the brethren holding such worldly institutions while **brethren H. B. Breazeal, H. W. Breazeal, W. H. Risinger** [this name was added to the minutes at a later time], **J. M. Morris** and **Sisters E. Risinger, E. C. Post, and M. A. E. Morris** voted to retain such in the church. The church being thus divided (seven against six) it was declared by the majority that they were the church of Christ and therefore claimed the house and all things pertaining thereto. **Eld. W. K. Smith**, mod.

“The church in conference Jan. 7, 1888 authorized the clerk to record the conference of Nov. 12, 1887.

Eld. H. Archer, Mod., protem

N. B. Bird, Sr., Clk. protem.”

10 Dec 1887 “There was neither preaching nor conference Dec 10, 1887.”

7 Jan 1888 Page 93. “New Hope Church Jan 7th 1888 The church met, and, after divine services by **Eld. H. Archer**, the church went into conference by choosing **Eld. H. Archer** mod. protem, and **bro. N. B. Bird, Sr.** Clk protem... The church went into choice to call a pastor for another year, and also a clerk for the church, which resulted in the choice of **Eld. W. K. Smith** for pastor and **bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** for clerk. The church authorized the clerk to make a minutes [sic] of the conference of Nov. 12, 1887, and record the same on the Church book.

Eld. H. Archer, Mod. Prottem

N. B. Bird, Sr., Clk. protem.”

11 Feb 1888 “The church held no conference.

N. B. Bird Jr., Ch’s Clk.”

10 Mar 1888 “The church held no conference.

N. B. Bird Jr., Ch’s Clk.”

7 Apr 1888 “The church held no conference.

N. B. Bird Jr., Church’s [sic] Clerk.”

12 May 1888 Page 94. “New Hope Church met May 12, 1888 but held no conference.

N. B. Bird, Jr. Che’s Clk.”

9 June 1888 “New Hope Church held no conference June 9, 1888 but had preaching the next day by **Eld. W. K. Smith**.

N. B. Bird, Jr.”

- 7 July 1888 “New Hope church met July 7, 1888 and after divine services by **Eld. W. K. Smith** went into conference.... The church went into choice of delegates to the District meeting which resulted in the choice of brethren **E. J. Pouncy, N. B. Bird Sr., N. B. Bird Jr.** and **H. C. Barron** in case of failure. There being no other business conference adjourned in order.
W. K. Smith, MD
N. B. Bird, Jr. Clk.”
- 11 Aug 1888 Page 95. “New Hope Church Aug. 11, 1888 The church met in conference by choosing **bro. N. B. Bird, Sr.** moderator protem....”
- 8 Sept 1888 “Sept. 8, 1888 New Hope Church met in conference by chosing [sic] **bro. N. B. Bird Sr.** mod. protem....”
- 13 Oct 1888 “New Hope Church held no conference October 13, 1888 **N. B. Bird, Jr. Clk.”**
- 10 Nov 1888 Page 96. “New Hope Church Met Nov. 10, 1888 and after divine services by **Eld. I. J. Taylor** went into conference by choosing **Eld. I. J. Taylor** moderator.... It being our regular time to call a pastor to serve us, it was moved and seconded that the church should make her choise [sic] by acclamation. **Elder R. M. Gathright** was therefore chosen as our pastor for the ensuing year....”
- 8 Dec 1888 “Dec. 8, 1888 New Hope Church met, and after divine services by **Elders H. Archer** and **R. M. Gathright** went into conference.... **Elder R. M. Gathright** being present at this time agrees to serve the church when not Providentially hindered...”
- 12 Jan 1889 Page 97. “The church held no conference. **N. B. Bird, Jr. Clk.”**
- 9 Feb 1889 “The church met... and had preaching by **Eld. R. M. Gathright**, but held no conference.
N. B. Bird, Jr. Clk.”
- 9 Mar 1889 “New Hope church met March 9, 1888 and after divine services by **Eld. J. E. Knighten** went into conference.... On motion and seconed [sic] the church requested **Elders J. E. Knighten, Henry Archer**, and **R. M. Gathright** to examine into the action of the church in excluding those members who had joined the Farmer’s Union. The following resolution was adopted by the committee and endorsed by the church:
- We your committee on examination find that the course of the church in excluding **H. B. Breazeal, H. W. Breazeal, J. M. Morris, W. H. Risinger, E. Risinger, M. A. E. Morris**, and **E. C. Post** was scriptural and right. **J. E. Knighten, H. Archer, R. M. Gathright.”**
- 13 Apr 1889 Page 98. “New Hope Church held no conference. **N. B. Bird, Jr. Churches Clk.”**
- 11 May 1889 “New Hope Church held no conference. **N. B. Bird, Jr. Churches Clk.”**
- 8 June 1889 Conference held and delegates to the district meeting chosen.
- 13 July 1889 “July 13, 1889 New Hope Church met and after divine servises by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference....”
- 10 Aug 1889 Page 99. “New Hope Church held no conference Aug. 10, 1889. **N. B. Bird, Jr.”**
- 7 Sept 1889 “New Hope Church met Sept. 7, 1889 and after divine services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference....”

Oct 1889 "New Hope church held no conference in Oct. **N. B. Bird, Jr.** Clk."

9 Nov 1889 Page 100. "New Hope Church met Nov. 9, 1889, and after divine services by **bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** and **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference.... On motion & second **bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** was liberated to exercise his feelings among the churches and bretheren generally according to his feelings..." **R. M. Gathright** again called as pastor for 1890.

7 Dec 1889 "New Hope Church met Dec 7th 1889 and after services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** and **Bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** went into conference...."

Jan 1890 Page 101. no conference

Feb 1890 no conference

Mar 1890 no conference

12 Apr 1890 "New Hope Church met April 12, 1890, and after divine services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference.... "

10 May 1890 Page 102. "New Hope Church met May 10, 1890, and went into conference by choosing **Bro. N. B. Bird Sr.** moderator protem.... It being time for communion and there being no preacher present, it was therefore moved & seconded that it be postponed till next meeting...."

7 June 1890 Page 103. "New Hope Church met June 7, 1890, and after divine services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference.... It was agreed in conference that the church commune at this meeting but the weather being so bad on Sunday it was again postpond [sic] till the regular time...."

12 July 1890 "July 12, 1890 New Hope Church held no conference."

9 Aug 1890 "New Hope Church met August 9, 1890, and after divine services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** and **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.**, went into conference...."

13 Sept 1890 Page 104. "New Hope Church met Sept. 13, 1890, and after divine services by **Elders Henry Archer** and **R. M. Gathright** went into conference [sic].... Opened the door of the church for the rec. of [members] and **brother Jno. M. Morris**, having been excluded for joining the Farmer's Union, came forward and made acknowledgements and on motion was restored into the fellowship of the church again..."

Oct. 1890 "New Hope Church held no conference in Oct 1890."

8 Nov 1890 Page 105. "New Hope Church met November 8, 1890, and after divine services by **Elder R. M. Gathright** and **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** went into conference.... It being time to call a pastor to serve us another year by motion & second the church went into choice of pastor which resulted in the choice of **Elder R. M. Gathright** again, and he being present agreed to serve with the ability that ? giveth...."

13 Dec 1890 Page 106. "New Hope Church met Dec. 13, 1890 and after divine services by **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** went into conference...."

10 Jan 1891 "New Hope Church held no conference January 10, 1891."

7 Feb 1891 "New Hope Church held no conference February 7, 1891."

Mar 1891 "New Hope Church held no conference in March 1891."

- 11 Apr 1891 Page 107. "New Hope Church met April 11, 1891, and after services by **Eld. R. M. Gathright** and **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** went into conference...."
- 9 May 1891 Page 107. "New Hope Church met May 9, 1891 and after services by **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** and **Eld. R. M. Gathright** went into conference...."
- June 1891 "New Hope Church held no conference in June 1891."
- 11 July 1891 Page 108. "New Hope Church met July 11, 1891, and after divine services by **Elders R. M. Gathright** and **J. P. Lambert** went into conference...."
- Aug 1891 "New Hope Church held no conference in Aug 1891."
- 12 Sept 1891 Page 108. "New Hope Church met Sept. 12, 1891 after divine services By **R. M. Gathright** went into conference...."
- Oct 1891 Page 109. "New Hope Church met Oct ? and after Prayer By **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** and preaching By **Elder R. M. Gathright** went into conference...."
- 8 Nov 1891 "New Hope Church Nov. 8 1891 Preaching By **Elds. R. M. Gathright & T. J. Foster** the Church Held no Conference."
- 12 Dec 1891 Page 110. "New Hope Church met Dec 12 1891 after Prayer By **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** and preaching by **Elder R. M. Gathright** went into Conference.... It Being time to Call a pastor for the ensuing [sic] year.... choice of **Elder R. M. Gathright** he Being present agreed to serve with the ability that God giveth...."
- 9 Jan 1892 "New Hope Church held no conference Jan 9, 1892."
- [**Note:** J. M. Morris served as clerk protom and recorded the church minutes from this meeting on 9 Jan 1892 until 21 Jan 1893, when he was elected church clerk.]
- 13 Feb 1892 "New Hope Church Feb 13 1892 Divine Service By **Elders R. M. Gathright** and **M. Hux** held no Conference...."
- 12 Mar 1892 "New Hope Church Mar 12 1892 sevice [sic] By **Bro. Hux** on Sat no Conference. Sunday 13 [sic] preaching By **Elder R. M. Gathright**..."
- 10 Apr 1892 Page 111. "New Hope Church had no meeting Apr 10, 1892."
- 8 May 1892 No conference. "New Hope Church had no meeting May 8, 1892."
- June 1892 "New Hope Church had no preaching June ? 1892 no conference."
- 23 July 1892 "New Hope Church July 23 1892 after Preaching By **Elder R. M. Gathright** and **Bro. M. W. Hux** went into conference....'
- 27 Aug 1892 Page 112. "New Hope Church Aug 27, 1892 held no conference no preaching. preaching Sunday By **Eld. R. M. Gathright** and **M. W. Hux**..."
- 24 Sept 1892 "Sept 24 1892 no conference, no preaching."
- 22 Oct 1892 "New Hope Church held no conference Oct 22 1892. No preaching....'

- 27 Nov 1892 “Nov 27 1892 New Hope Church met preaching By **Bro. R. M. Gathright** no quorum present no male members present...”
- 24 Dec 1892 “New Hope Church held no conference Dec 24 1892 No preaching.”
- 21 Jan 1893 “1893 Jan 21 New Hope Church held no Conference preaching By **Eld. R. M. Gathright** and **M. W. Hux** on Saturday and Sunday...”
- 25 Feb 1893 Page 113. “New Hope Church met Feb 25 1893 after Divine Service By **Elds. R. M. Gathright** and **M. W. Hux** and **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** the church went into Conference.... **Bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** asked the church to Bear [sic] with him for not attending conference regularly. Also a request from **Bro. N. B. Bird Sr.** to have the church forgive him for the same. on motion & second they were both forgiven.... It Being necessary to call a Supply for another year the Church on motion went into the choice which resulted in the Choice of **Eld. M. W. Hux** and he being present agreed to serve the Church the Best He can. as our Clerk lives at a distance and Desiring Some one else to take his place **Bro. J. M. Morris** was on motion appointed by the Mod. to fill the clerk’s office ther [sic] Being no other Business conference adjourned [sic] in order.
Eld. R. M. Gathright MD
N. B. Bird Jr. Clerk”
- 25 Mar 1893 “New Hope Church had no preaching on 25 of March 1893 no conference.
J. M. Morris Clerk”
- 22 Apr 1893 Page 114. “New Hope Church Apr 22 1893 after Divine Service by **Eld. M. W. Hux** went into conference.... When **Bro. M. W. Hux** suggested that the Church change preaching hour on Saturday from 11 in the morn to 3 oclock in the even. which was passed....”
- [Note: Beginning with this date, conferences were again held on a regular basis by New Hope Primitive Baptist Church.]
- 27 May 1893 “New Hope Church May 27 1893 After Divine Service by **Elder M. W. Hux** and **Elder R. M. Gathright** went into conference....”
- 24 June 1893 Page 115. “New Hope Church June 24 1893 After Divine Service By **Elder M. W. Hux** went into Conference....”
- 22 July 1893 “New Hope Church July 22 1893 After divine service [by] **Eld M. W. Hux** went into Conference....”
- 25 Aug 1893 Page 116. “Friday Aug 25 1893 The third 3rd district meeting of the Primitive Babtist [sic] faith an [sic] order was this day held at New Hope Church Union Parish La. After preaching by **Elds. M. W. Hux** and **W. K. Smith** had an intermission of 30 minutes after which the Elders and messengers assembled at the house and went into the Business of the district meeting....”
- 29 Aug 1893 Page 117. “New Hope Church Aug 29 [1893] after divine Service By **Elds T. J. Foster, M. W. Hux, & W. K. Smith** went into conference.... **Bro. N. B. Bird Sr.** stated the cause for nonattendance which was received.... Opend [sic] the door of the church for members when **Sisters E. C. Post, Emiline Risinger, M. E. A. Morris & W. H. Risinger** who was Illegally & unscripturaly [sic], Excluded on the 12 day of Nov 1887 Restord [sic] to the full fellowship of the church By **Bro. N. B. Bird Sr.** acknowledging his wrong in the exclusion....
M. W. Hux, Mod.
J. M. Morris, Clerk.”
- 28 Oct 1893 Page 118. “New Hope Church Oct 28 1893 after divine Service By **Elds J. J. White** and **W. K. Smith** went into conference....”

- 29 Oct 1893 “New Hope Church Oct 29 1893 after preaching By **Elds E. R. Robinson** and **J. J. White** & **M. W. Hux** opened the door of the Church....”
- 11 Nov 1893 Page 119. “New Hope Church Nov 11 1893 after divine service By **Elds R. M. Gathright** and **M. W. Hux** went into conference.... when on motion the Church went into choice By Ballot for supply for another year which resulted in the Choice of **M. W. Hux** and **Bro. Hux** begin present agreed to serve with the ability that the Lord would give....”
- 7 Apr 1894 Page 121. “New Hope Church Apr 7 1894 Held no Conference. Preaching By **Eld. Richmond Thrower** Col. on Sat & Sunday. Verry [sic] able Discourses & Sat night. **J. M. Morris** Clerk”
- 22 July 1894 Page 122.
 “Sirvus” by **Elder M. W. “Hucks”** [Hux] “ther Being a (?) Sam [sic] was taken up and Disposd [sic] of in gospelt [sic] order wich [sic] resuled [sic] in the exclusion of **J. M. Morris** for falts [sic] Hood [sic] an [sic] Distirbing [sic] the peas [sic].
N. B. Bird Sr., Clirk [sic] Pro.”
- [This entry is nearly impossible to read due to the extremely poor handwriting of the person who made the entry, temporary clerk J. J. Brittian.]
- 23 Feb 1895 Page 126. “New Hope Church met Feb 23, 1895, and after divine services by **Elders W. K. Smith** and **R. M. Gathright**, went into conference....”
Eld. M. W. Hux, Moderator
N. B. Bird, Jr., Ch. Clerk”
- 27 Apr 1895 Page 127. “New Hope Church met April 27, 1895 and after divine services by **Elds W. K. Smith** and **M. W. Hux** went into conference....”
- May 1895 “New Hope Church met May 2nd 1895, and after preaching by **Elds W. K. Smith**, **M. W. Hux**, and **Bro. Walter Pool**, went into conference....”
- 26 July 1895 Page 129. “New Hope Church July 26/95. After Divine services by **Elder R. M. Gathright** and **M. W. Hux** the Church went in to conference.... on motion ? we go in Choice for supplise [sic] another year wich [sic] Resulted in Choice of **Elder R. M. gathright** [sic]....”
- 21 Sept 1895 Page 131. “New Hope Church met Sept 21st 1895. After Divine services by **Bro. Walter S. Pool** and **Eld. W. K. Smith** the church went into conference....”
- 25 Jan 1896 Page 131. “The Church met January 25, 1896 and after preaching by **Elds W. K. Smith** and **R. M. Gathright**, went into conference.... when **Bro. N. B. Bird, Sr.** rose and spoke to the church in reference to his non-attendance (owing to distance and feebleness) and asked for forgivness....”
- 22 Feb 1896 Page 133. “New Hope Church met February 22, 1896, and after services by **Eld. W. K. Smith**, went into conference.... and as **Eld R. M. Gathright** desired being released from serving the church on account of having his time filled up with other churches and also as **Eld. W. K. Smith** was living nearer the church, it was moved and seconded that the church go into choice of a pastor for the balance of the year which resulted in the choice of **Eld. W. K. Smith**. He being present agreed to serve to the best of his ability. Conference then adjourned in order.
Eld. W. K. Smith Mod. protem
N. B. Bird, Jr. Clerk”
- 25 Apr 1896 Page 134. “New Hope Church met April 25, 1896, and after services by **Eld. W. K. Smith**, went into conference by choosing **Bro. W. S. Poole** moderator.... Opened the door of the church for the reception of members. **Eld. W. K. Smith** came forward with his letter, and **Bro. J. D. Barron** came

and told the church [of] the dealings of the Lord with him: on motion and second both of them were received the latter as a candidate for baptism...”

- 23 Aug 1896 Page 141. “Sunday, August 23, 1896. After divine services by **Eld. W. K. Smith**, the church went into conference.... By the request of **Eld. W. K. Smith** on motion and second the church extended an arm to the Nash school house, Union Co., Ark.
Eld. W. K. Smith, Moderator
N. B. Bird, Jr., Church’s Clerk”
- 24 Oct 1896 Page 142. Preaching by **Elder W. K. Smith**. “Open the door of the church for the reception of members **Sister Eliza Ogden** and her husband **brother William Ogden** came forward and related their desire to unite with the Primitive Baptist church and on motion and second, were received as candidates for baptism. (They were baptised the next day)...”
- 21 Nov 1896 Page 143. “New Hope Church met November 21, 1896 and after preaching by **Eld. W. K. Smith** went into conference.... It being time to call a pastor for the ensuing year, on motion and second the church went into choice of a pastor by ballot, which resulted in the choice of **Eld. W. K. Smith**. he being present agreed to serve ? & ably with the ability that God may give him.
Eld. W. K. Smith, Mod.
N. B. Bird, Jr., Ch. Clk.”
- 27 Mar 1897 Page 146. “New Hope Church met March 27, 1897. After prayer by **Bro. N. B. Bird Jr.** and preaching by **Elds. Simon Low** (Col) and **W. K. Smith**, went into conference....”
- 24 Apr 1897 Page 146. “There being a letter addressed to the church from one **J. M. Morris**, of Province, Indian Territory, who was once a member in full fellowship of this church, but was excluded for misconduct, the said letter asking that the said **J. M. Morris** be forgiven for the wrongs committed by him in the past and he be restored to the fellowship of the church, the said **J. M. Morris** acknowledging his wrongs. On motion and second the letter was read after which the church decided to defer acting on the matter until next conference...”
- 22 May 1897 Page 147. “The matter of considering, or taking action, on the letter from one **J. M. Morris** presented on last conference on motion and second was postponed until next conference.”
- 26 June 1897 Page 148. “The reference of **J. M. Morris** was not brought up.”
- 24 July 1897 Page 149. The reference concerning one **J. M. Morris** was taken up and a letter from him was read in conference, but owing to some of the offended members being absent the reference was not disposed of.”
- 7 Aug 1897 Page 151. “The reference of **J. M. Morris** was again postponed, oweing [sic] to some of the members of this church being absent.”
- 26 Sept 1897 Page 152. “**Bro. W. R. Ogden** called for his and his wife’s church letters from this church, together with **William Post** and **Isaac Helms** all desiring to go into the constitution of a church at the Arm of this church at Nash school house, Union County Arkansas. On motion and second this sister and brethren were granted letters of dismission.”
- “For the lack of members present, the reference concerning one **J. M. Morris** was again deferred for the present.”
- 2 Oct 1897 “The Arm of this church met at Nash school house on Oct. 2, 1897, and by the assistance of **Elders H. Archer** and **W. K. Smith** the said arm was constituted into a church.
N. B. Bird Jr., C.C.”

- 27 Nov 1897 Page 154. Services by **Bro. N. B. Bird, Jr.** and **Elder W. K. Smith**. "Opened the door of this church for the reception of members **Bro. H. W. Breazeal**, who was once a member of this church in full fellowship, came forward and asked to be restored. On motion and second he was heartily received, the right hand of fellowship being extended to him.... The reference concerning **Bro. J. M. Morris** was taken up, and after some deliberation, it was moved and seconded that he be forgiven for the charges against him and he be restored into the fellowship of the church also that he and his wife be granted letters of dismissal from this church."
- 23 July 1898 Page 158. Delegates to the district meeting at Liberty Hill on the Friday before the fourth Sunday in August: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 27 Aug 1898 Page 158. Delegates to the association: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 2 July 1899 Page 163. Delegates to the district meeting: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- June 1900 Delegates to the district meeting at Rehobath [sic]: **H.W.B.**
- 5 Aug 1900 Page 168. Delegates to the association: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 6 July 1901 Page 174. "**Sisters Angie Breazeal** and **Aggie Summers** came forward and related their desires to unite with the church and on motion and second they were received as candidates for baptism.... On Sunday, July 7, 1901, the sisters mentioned above were baptised..."
- 3 Aug 1901 Page 175. **H. W. Breazeal** chosen as clerk protom. Delegates to the District Meeting: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 9 Aug 1901 Page 176. Business of the District Meeting. The churches with letters were Smyrnia [sic], New Hope, and Rehoboth. **H. W. Breazeal** was on the committee on preaching....
- 10 Aug 1901 Page 177. Delegates to the association: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 29 June 1902 Page 183. "Lillie, La. June 29, 1902. The Primate. [sic] Baptist church of Christ at New Hope met at Lillie, La for the purpose of ordaining **brother N. B. Bird, Jr.** to the work of the ministry... **H. W. Breazeal** was appointed as mouth for the church..."
- 2 Aug 1902 Page 184. Delegates to the district meeting at Smyrna: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 6 Sept 1902 Page 185. Delegates to the association at New Rama Church: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 6 June 1903 Page 189. Delegates to the district meeting at Rehoboth: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 1 Aug 1903 Delegates to the association: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 4 June 1904 Page 190. Delegates to the district meeting: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- Sept 1904 Page 191. Delegates to the association at Smyrna: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 6 Aug 1904 District Meeting minutes. Churches present: Smyrna, New Hope, Rehoboth.
- 1 July 1905 Page 193. Delegates to the district meeting: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- Sept 1905 Delegates to the association held at Liberty Hill Church: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- 29 June 1906 Page 195. Minutes of the District Meeting. Churches of the 3rd District: Rehoboth, Smyrna, New Hope. "Smyrna sent two letters, one from each faction: the one from the Farmers Union faction by **Eld. J. T. Nash, W. H. Nash, J. R. Williams**, and **G. M. Pendleton** from the other faction by **T. G. Welch, M. F. Smith, W. R. Ogden** and **I. Mattox**.... On motion and second, after reading letters, the Union Faction of Smyrna church was rejected, and the other Faction received... The meeting authorized **Eld. W. K. Smith** to write the Union Faction of Smyrna church about their letter being rejected."
- 30 June 1906 Page 196. Messengers to the association at Rehoboth: **H. W. Breazeal**.
- Oct-Nov 1906 "New Hope Church held no meetings at its regular meeting time in October and November. **H. W. Breazeal** Clerk protom."
- Dec 1906 "New Hope Church held no conference at its meeting time in December. **H. W. Breazeal** Clerk protom."

Jan–Apr 1907 **H. W. Breazeal** served as the “clerk protem” for the conferences held in January, February, March, and April 1907, but the entries were recorded in the church minute book by the clerk, **N. B. Bird, Jr.**

1907–1910 **H. W. Breazeal** served as the “clerk protem” of New Hope Church during this period, and all entries in the church minute book are recorded in his handwriting. It is remarkably similar to the handwriting of his father, **Hosea B. Breazeal**. The exact meetings days during this period are given below.

May, June, July, Aug, Sept, 1907: Conference held.

Oct 1907: No conference held.

Nov 1907: No conference, but preaching on “Sunday” by **W. K. Smith**.

Dec 1907: Conference held.

Jan, Feb, Mar 1908: No conference held.

Apr, May, June, July, Aug 1908: Conference held.

Sept 1908: Conference held. Delegates to the Association: **W. A. Groves** and **H. W. Breazeal**, Alternate.

Oct 1908: No preaching.

Nov, Dec 1908 and Jan 1909: Conference held.

Feb 1909: Preaching on Sunday.

Mar 1909: Conference held.

Apr 1909: No meeting.

May, June 1909: Conference held.

July 1909: No meeting.

Aug 1909: Conference held.

Sept 1909: Conference held. Delegates to the association: **H. W. Breazeal**, Alternate.

Oct 1909: No preaching.

Nov, Dec 1909 and Jan 1910: Conference held.

Feb 1910: No preaching.

Mar 1910: Conference held.

Apr 1910: Preaching on Sunday.

May 1910: Conference held.

June 1910: No meeting.

July, Aug, Sept 1910: Conference held.

Oct 1910: No meeting.

Nov 1910: Conference held.

[**Note:** The November 1910 conference minutes is the last entry in this minutes book recorded in the handwriting of H. W. Breazeal. He had been serving as temporary clerk for over three years. The following minutes were recorded in the handwriting of the clerk, N. B. Bird, Jr., who now apparently began attending church regularly again.]

Dec 1910 “Preaching, but no conference.”

17 June 1911 Page 215. Messingers [sic] to the District Meeting at Smyrna: **W. A. Groves**, **H. W. Breazeal**.

16 Sept 1911 Page 216.
“Called for the peace of the church.... As **brother H. W. Breazeal** had missed two meetings in succession and it was stated that he was hurt with **Eld. W. K. Smith** for telling **Mr. Jno. Barron** and wife a slanderous [sic] report on the latter’s wife, etc., which one **Henry Williams** had circulated and that he (**Bro. Breazeal**) required an acknowledgment from **Eld. Smith**; hence the church was not in peace...The church appointed **Eld. N. B. Bird, Jr.** and **Bro. Wood** a committee to see **Bro. H. W. Breazeal** and ascertain the ? of the trouble existing on his person and **Bro. Smith**...” Delegates to the association: **W. A. Groves**, alternate.

Nov 1911 “the committee appointed to see **Bro. H. W. Breazeal** reported that he was not reconciled to **Eld. W. K. Smith** on account of a slanderous report on the wife of **Mr. J. A. Barron** being carried to them

(**Barron** and wife) by **Bro. Smith**. He ? no reconciliation. **Bro. J. P. Wood** and myself agreed to see **Bro. Breazeal** again and bring about reconciliation if possible, and cite him to the church. **Bro. Smith** also demanded personal explanation.
N. B. Bird, Jr. Ch. Clerk.

Jan 1912 "...the report of myself about **Bro. Breazeal** and **Bro. (Eld.) Smith**. The report was as follows: **Bro. Smith** and wife and **Bro. Breazeal** and wife had been induced to sign a peace proposition to the effect that each one forgive, look over, etc., the wrongs done by the others and all be as one in peace again in the church and neighborhood. Each family kept copy of the said peace proposition. The church rendered no objections to this; hence it is dropped with satisfaction.
N. B. Bird, Jr. Ch. Clerk."