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C. N. Holley—Obituary

Booneville, Miss., September 11, 1934

This obituary was found listed on page 6 in the minutes of the 88th Annual Session of the New Hope Association of Primitive Baptist which was held with Little Flock Church in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, September 7-9, 1934.

By request of New Hope Association, I will try to write the obituary of Brother C. N. Holley, a member and deacon of New Hope Church. Brother Holley was born August 1, 1860; was married to Miss Katie Bonds, December 1, 1881. He died June 16, 1934. There were nine children born to Brother Holley and wife; four children and wife preceded him in death. Sister Holley died in 1918.

Brother Holley and wife joined New Hope Church in September 1905; was baptized by our late pastor, Elder John T. Blanchard, the fourth Sunday in September 1905. He was elected to the office of deacon on the fourth Sunday in August, being the 28th day, 1910, and lived faithful to the trust that was rested in him until death. He was a good, meek man; none among men excelled him in meekness and humbleness. The community has lost a good neighbor, the county a good citizen, and the church one of its most devoted members. As he lived, he died in the faith of God's elect.

Brother Holley made his own arrangements for his funeral on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, about three months before his death. He told the Moderator of the church that he didn't feel like he would live long, and requested that elder J. M. Bullard and the writer preach his funeral. And he was buried the third Sunday in June 1934, and leaves to mourn his loss his three sons, Lou, Emit, and Plumer; two daughters, Mrs. Luther Taylor, Mrs. Auston Smith; one brother, Sill Holley; two sisters, Mrs. Jacie Bonds and Mrs. Pernecie Smith of Arkansas; besides a host of relatives and friends. This article submitted in loving memory of dear Brother Holley.

Elder E. W. Shackelford