

and William Carlton, also died several years ago, all leaving large families.

It is a task for me to number the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren, but to consider the age of dear mother being 83 years, three months and thirteen days---being a pioneer resident here in south Florida in the Indian War undergoing the hardships prevalent in a frontier country, among varmints and wild beasts, with no modern conveniences to live other than to dig with a hoe, a club, ax, plow, rake and so forth. A few crude pots to cook meat, potatoes, cow peas and Indian corn with vegetables and wild fruit---often on the ground by a camp fire. Also to enumerate the many things encountered during the Indian War, the War Between the States and several years after, much of the time not having access to market.

Sometimes to go to the coast, boil salt water to get salt to salt the vituals, to make a fire was to use a flint striking steel---preparing tinder of burned or scorched cotton rags. Also many other hardships to get the needs of the family and to educate the children in private schools.

Isaac Carlton, my father having contracted afflictions in the Indian War--asthma, rheumatism, etc, suffered about twenty years--died in February, 1897.

I remember hearing my father and mother telling each other of what I now understand to have been the 'dealings of the Lord' with them---telling their experiences I did not know then. There not being a Primitive Baptist Church near at first, they joined a Missionary Baptist. I remember going to church with them and hearing them talk to each other while at home or going to and from church of their understanding of the Bible.

Their experience, it seemed to me, that they were not in full harmony with the doctrines of that church. At last I heard my father tell them that they had as well take his name off their book for he could not go along with them, and it seemed to me they regretted very much to give him up.

About that time the Primitive Elders came through this country and began to organize a church. They joined about 55 or 56 years ago and the best I have been able to see or understand they lived and died in the faith of Jesus their Savior---very much devoted to their brothers and sisters in the choir. The original Primitive Baptist holding to the belief in the Doctrine of Election predestination salvation alone and in the grace of God their Savior....

I cannot remember to state all the wonderful things I have witnessed with and of my dear mother which since her husband, my father died and well it is for I could not find time and space to write it but let it suffice to say that many sweet conversations I have spent along with her talking with her about the dealings of the Lord.....

It is written in the prophets and shall all be taught of God. Everyone therefore that has heard and has learned of the Father cometh to me, and I shall raise him up in the Last Days. So our mortal bodies must go to the earth as our dear friends