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I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

II Timothy 4:7-8



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EXAMINATION OF THE DYERSBURG TO JERUSALEM LIST

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DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE TO JERUSALEM

"BAPTIST SUCCESSION BACK TO CHRIST"

This list has been around for about a hundred years. It claims to show a history of churches from a church in Dyersburg, Tennessee in the 1800s to Jerusalem in AD 30. This is frequently called the *Dyer to Jerusalem list* because Bro Roy Mason's copy gave the first link as *Dyer*, Tennessee. In this article (which is adapted and from *Landmarkism Under Fire, Revised Edition*, 2017) the purpose of this article is to examine this list for accuracy and authenticity.



I append below a copy of this list taken from Brother Mason's book.

Link One. The Baptist church at Dyer, Tennessee, was organized by J. W. Jetter, who came from the Philadelphia Association.

Link Two. Hillcliff church, Wales, England. H. Roller came to the Philadelphia Association from the Hillcliff church. See minutes of Philadelphia Association, book 3, item 1.

Link Three. Hillcliff church was organized by Aaron Arlington, A. D. 1987. See Alex Munston's *Israel of the Alps*,¹ p. 39.

Link Four. Lima Piedmont church ordained Aaron Arlington in 1940. See Jones' Church History, p 324.

¹Alex Munston, *Israel of the Alps*, is actually, Alexis Muston, *Israel of the Alps, A Complete History of the Waldenses and their Colonies*, 1834 in French, 1852 Eng. Tr.

Link Five. Lima Piedmont church was organized by Balcolao, A. D. 812. See Neander's Church History, vol. 2 p. 320.

Link Six. Balcolao came from the church at Timto, Asia Minor.

Link Seven. Timto church was organized by Archer Flavin, A. D. 738. See Mosheim's History, vol. 1, p. 394

Link Eight. Archer Flavin came from the Darethea church, organized by Adromicus, A. D. 671, in Asia Minor. See Lambert's Church History, p. 47.

Link Nine. Adromicus came from Pontifossi. At the foot of the Alps in France. See Lambert's Church History, p. 47.

Link Ten. Pontifossi church was organized by Tellestman from Turan, Italy, A. D. 398. See Nowlin's Church History, vol. 2, p. 318.

Link Eleven. Turan church was organized by Tertullian from Bing Joy, Africa, A. D. 237. See Armitage's Church History, p. 182.

Link Twelve. Tertullian was a member of the Partus church at the foot of the Tiber, that was organized by Polycarp, A. D. 150. See Cyrus' Commentary of Antiquity, p. 924.

Link Thirteen. Polycarp was baptized by John the Beloved or Revelator on the twenty-fifth of December, A. D. 95. See Neander's Church History, p. 285.

Link Fourteen. John was with Jesus on the Mount. Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13.²

ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THIS LIST

In October, 2004 while I was with Bro Royce Smith in a Bible Conference in Choctaw, Oklahoma, we went to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Headquarters in Oklahoma City. They have the bound volumes of *The Baptist Messenger* in their library and while these papers were in a very fragile condition, they allowed me to examine them and I found this original article in the April issue of *The Baptist Messenger* of 1922. The only biographical information given in the original article does not identify the author.³

There are some differences between Bro Mason's copy and that in *The*

²Roy Mason. *The Church That Jesus Built*, p. 110-111. Bro Mason's book is on line at: http://gracebaptistchurch1.homestead.com/files/X_Statements_of_Historians1.mht. Cf. also Buel Kazee, *The Church and The Ordinances*, pp. 101-107.

³The Editor's note says: "Dr. Putnam of Tuttle [OK—JC] gave this to Rev. J. E. Akins, who sends it to the Messenger. *The Baptist Messenger*. C. P. Stealey, Editor, Oklahoma City, April 26, 1922. Vol. X. No. 27. p. 3.

WHY GOD SOMETIMES DELAYS HIS ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS

JOHN NEWTON

From a letter from John Newton to Pastor John Ryland Jr. published in "Jewels from John Newton", Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, 2016

"Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Psalm 25:8, 9

It is unbelief that talks of delays: faith knows that, properly, there can be no such thing. The only reason why the Lord seems to delay what he afterwards grants is that the best hour is not yet come. I know you have been enabled to commit and resign your all to his disposal. You did well. May he help you to stand to the surrender. Sometimes he will put us to the trial, whether we mean what we say. He takes his course in a way we did not expect; and then, alas! how often does the trial put us to shame! Presently there is an outcry raised in the soul against his management; this is wrong, that unnecessary, the other has spoiled the whole plan; in short, all these things are against us. And then we go into the pulpit, and gravely tell the people how wise and how good he is; and preach submission to his will, not only as a duty, but a privilege! Alas, how deceitful is the heart! Yet since it is and will be so, it is necessary we should know it by experience. We have reason, however, to say, he is good and wise; for he bears with our perverseness, and in the event shows us that if he had listened to our murmurings, and taken the methods we would have prescribed to him, we should have been ruined indeed, and that he has been all the while doing us good in spite of ourselves.

If I judge right, you will find your way providentially opened more and more; and yet it is possible, that when you begin to think yourself sure, something may happen to put you in a panic again. But a believer, like a sailor, is not to be surprised if the wind changes, but to learn the art of suiting himself to all winds for the time; and though many a poor sailor is shipwrecked, the poor believer shall gain his port. O it is good sailing with an infallible Pilot at the helm, who has the wind and weather at his command. ♦

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Baptist Messenger. Two of the more significant differences pertains to the place and the person of the first link. Bro Mason's copy in link one reads "The Baptist church at *Dyer*, Tennessee, was organized by *J. W. Jetter*..." whereas the original reads: "The church at *Dyersburg*, Tennessee was organized by *J. B. Jetter*..." Also, in Link nine this clause was in the original but not in Bro Mason's copy: "which church was organized in A.D. 584." Bro Mason also corrected some spelling errors and wrote out the numbers instead of using the symbols. He divided Link 13 into two parts and thus the number was increased to 14.

This *Dyersburg to Jerusalem* list has been adopted, edited, amended, and adapted by several different churches and individuals⁴ since it first appeared in 1922 and was made famous by Bro Roy Mason's book. He

⁴A wide variety of churches and denominations use this list for their own purposes. I have found the following different churches use this list: Sovereign Grace Baptist Churches, ABA Baptist Churches, Middle Tennessee Baptist Churches, Primitive Baptist Churches, Bible Churches and surprisingly, even a Pentecostal Church also uses it! One of these Pentecostal churches says this: "The Turtletown church is organized in Tennessee, a direct descendant of the Philadelphia Association. The Holiness church of Camp Creek in North Carolina is organized by R. G. Spurling from the Turtletown church. The Lebanon Church of God of prophecy is organized by Virdell Stafford, a direct descendant of the holiness church, January 1, 1952."

says it also appeared in other papers about that time.

IS THIS LIST FACTUAL?

Some men, believe this list is a fraud. Bro. Davis Huckabee said:

Subsequent to obtaining this supposed succession there came into this Writer's possession most of the historical references supposedly proving this succession, and these were all checked for authenticity. Yet, in not a single instance excepting the first and last ones has this been possible. In all of the historical references, not one of them, nor any of the numerous other historical references possessed referred to a single one of the churches, places, or persons mentioned...

Thus, it appears that this supposed church succession is a fraudulent one without basis in fact.⁵

Is the *Dyersburg to Jerusalem* list truthful? Is it verifiable?

I also believe this list is counterfeit. There are several things about this

⁵Cf. Davis Huckabee. *Studies in Church Truth*, p. 660; Douglas Moore, *Old Landmarkism vs. The Pedigree Pushers*, p.10-12.

list which indicate it is fraudulent but what most impels me to this conclusion is the *internal evidence* of the document itself.

For example, there is a reference in Link 12 to Tertullian. The source cited is Armitage's *History of the Baptists*, p. 182. This reference is on the right page (this is the only reference in this list that is on the right page, and the only reference which I have been able to locate) but strangely, the things attributed to Tertullian, are actually referring to Hippolytus!⁶ The unknown author transposes the information about Hippolytus to Tertullian!⁷ Armitage also says of the church of which Hippolytus was pastor was at *Portus* not *Partus*,⁸ and that it is at the *mouth* of the Tiber, not the *foot*, as this list has it. The *Tiber* is a river not a *mountain*, as the compiler

of this list has it. No river has a *foot* so far as I know. Furthermore, the *Tiber* is in Italy, not Africa, which was Tertullian's field of labor.⁹ There may be a question about Tertullian living in Rome, but I have never seen any information that would put him in Turan (Turin), which is in the north of Italy. The compiler garbled the information given by Armitage thereby sending a clear signal that he was not a safe guide.

Yet, in spite of these significant errors in this list, preachers and churches continue to publish it as an account of their own church history!¹⁰ I believe some men have recognized some of the problems in this list and have tried to *fix* them as there are several versions of it. Some have changed the names of the men and some have changed the names of the books referred to as sources. Some have edited and adapted it to try to

⁶Cf. Link 2. In some editions of this list this reference is in Link 11. This difference is the result of starting at opposite ends. Bro Mason's copy started from Dyer, Tennessee. Bro Huckabee's copy starts from Jerusalem. Cf. Milburn Cockrell. *SCO*, pp. 95-98.

⁷Armitage. *History of the Baptists*. p. 182. "The four men who figured most largely in this century were Tertullian, who labored for the purity of the Churches; Origen, who blended philosophy with revelation; Cyprian, who struggled for Episcopal authority; and Hippolytus, who as stoutly resisted clerical wickedness. We may speak more fully of the last. Hippolytus, A.D. 198-239, was Bishop, probably of the Church at Portus, at the mouth of the Tiber, and spent the most of his life in and about Rome."

⁸Huckabee's copy has *Partos*. Davis W. Huckabee. *Studies in Church Truth*, Links iv & v, p. 659.

⁹Coxe, however, quotes some who think Tertullian was not only educated in, but was also a member of a church in Rome. *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, III, p. 5,6.

¹⁰At a recent Bible Conference, this list came up in discussion with a brother. He told me he asked a man (whom he did not identify) if this list was reliable? He asked the man if he had checked the references. He said he had not done so but would. This un-named man then wrote him a letter and stated in that letter, that these quotes could not be found. A year or two later, this same man published this list as a history of his church!



will live in the second floor of this building. This building will also have rooms for the girls and other functions of the mission work. Bro. Villandry and his family are looking forward to moving to the property and carrying on their work from there. Once this building is completed, we hope to be able to begin construction of a house for Bro. Brown and Susan. The contractor there has said they will give us a discount on the house if we can start as soon as they finish the building now under construction. This is because they would not have to move their equipment and crews in order to begin. The estimated cost of this house, including the discount from the contractor, is \$45,000.

Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry have reported that the village churches all seem to be doing well and maturing spiritually. There is harmony and peace in both the villages and the churches, and for this we are thankful. We are looking forward to the time when we have the new interpreter for this will allow Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry to go

to more villages and not have to always travel together. Along with the need to continue to go to established churches and teach and preach among them, there is always the pressing need to go to unreached areas and carry the gospel to those who still have never heard. There is always much to be done, the work is unending, but we are thankful that much is being done. A couple of examples of what is being preached by Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry are the following: Bro. Brown recently preached on the subject of “Why I am a Baptist”. On another occasion, in a different village, Bro. Villandry preached on the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper.

We are always thankful for the faithful support of this work, both financially and by the many prayers which are being offered. Our desire is to be obedient to the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ and to carry out this work in gospel order. Again, it’s the Lord’s work and our desire is that He will be glorified and honored in all that we do. ♦

OPPOSITE PAGE:

The construction work in Thailand is scheduled to be completed in April. Bro. Villandry and his family will live on the second floor and the building will also have rooms for the girls and other functions of the mission work.

make it fit history.¹¹ Some have changed the dates—but no matter what they do, history refuses to give any support to this list! Why were these changes made? What sources were used to justify these changes?

JETTER OR JETER

J. B. Jetter is said to have organized the church in Dyersburg, Tennessee.¹² Who was Jetter? Or was it Jeter? Some have changed *Jetter* to *Jeter*.¹³ J. B. Jeter was a well-known Baptist. His field of labor was Virginia and briefly in St. Louis, not Tennessee. Yet, it is claimed by some, who have altered this list, that Jeter came from the Philadelphia Association and organized the church in Dyersburg,

Tennessee in 1812.¹⁴ J. B. Jeter was born in 1810 so it seems unlikely that he could have founded a church in Tennessee in 1812!¹⁵ Where does *Jetter* appear? He is not mentioned in the published minutes of the Philadelphia Association,¹⁶ from which he is said to have come, Link 1. Where is this man mentioned other than in this list? Was there ever such a man in Tennessee?

HILLCLIFF IN WALES OR ENGLAND

Another error in this list is reporting that the Hillcliff church was in Wales. Actually, the Hillcliff church was in England, as Kenworthy informs us.¹⁷ The Hill Cliff church was near Warrington, which is just a few miles east of Liverpool.¹⁸ One edition of this list claims the Welsh Tract church was organized from the Welsh Baptist churches and the Hill-cliff church, and gives Davis’ *History of Welsh Baptists*, p. 7 and Benedict’s

¹¹For example: *Bing Joy* becomes *Bing Timto* becomes *Tima Partus* has been amended to read *Pontus*; *Balcolao* is *Balcolao*; *Roller* in some lists has become *Holler*. J. W. Jetter has become J. B. Jeter. Cf. The list as given in Huckabee, *Studies on Church Truth*, vol. II, p. 659, links xii and xiii, with the list in Mason, *Church That Jesus Built*, p.110-111, as well as the two lists given in Brother Cockrell’s book *Scriptural Church Organization*, pp. 95-98. One of these lists (SCO p. 98; SCO 2nd edition, p. 85) gives the reference concerning Tertullian and locates the Partus church as being in *Bing, South Africa*! These anomalies indicate the limits to which men go to rescue this list!

¹²Roy Mason. *Church That Jesus Built*, p. 110. Link # 1. The original list (*Oklahoma Messenger*, 1922) had J.B. Jetter and Dyersburg.

¹³Whatever the author’s motive was in compiling this list, I am convinced he used the consonance of the initials and similarity of the name of J. B. Jeter because of his fame.

¹⁴*Baptist Annual* in 1812. This Church still exists. *The Abstract of the First Baptist Church Dyersburg, Tennessee*. Mid-West Baptist Press 7801 E. Lincoln, Wichita, Kansas 67207. I do not believe J. B. Jeter ever was in the Philadelphia Baptist Association. The date of Jeter’s birth (July 18, 1802) indicates this reference is in error. Cf. Hatcher. *Life of J.B. Jeter*, p. 18.

¹⁵Cathcart. *The Baptist Encyclopedia*, Art. Jeter, p. 600-601.

¹⁶The published *Minutes of Philadelphia Baptist Association* are from 1707 to 1807.

¹⁷James Kenworthy. *History of the Baptist Church at Hill Cliff*, p. 5, 13, 41, 46. Ch. Hist. Research & Archives reprint, 1987. Gallatin, TN.

¹⁸Milburn Cockrell. *SCO*, p. 95, Link 5; Roy Mason. *Church That Jesus Built*, Link two, p.110.

History of the Baptists, p. 343, 1848 edition as references.¹⁹ I have examined these references and find nothing in either source to support this contention. But at any rate, it is an easy thing to locate Hillcliff on a map and it is not in Wales.

JONES HISTORY AND AARON ARLINGTON

The quotes made in the *Dyersburg to Jerusalem* list also indicate this list is a hoax. Take the quote from *Jones History*. I am aware of the argument that there are different editions of Jones' *History* and this is the reason the quotes appear to be incorrect.²⁰ Why is no volume number given for this *History*, which is usually a two-volume set?²¹ Why can't this reference be found? Does Jones ever mention *Aaron Arlington*? The reference in Jones remains as elusive as Atlantis. Bro Moore says: "That statement does not appear on page 324, or anywhere else in *Jones' History*."²² He also says:

Of the histories, I have been able to check, not one of them has the entry that is cited.

¹⁹Cockrell. *SCO*, p. 95, Link 5.

²⁰Roy Mason. *Church That Jesus Built*, Link 4. "Lima Piedmont church ordained Aaron Arlington in 940. See *Jones' History*, p. 324."

²¹There were at least five editions of this work. Cf. *Hist. Ch. Church*, vol. 1, p. xxvi.

²²Moore. *Old Landmarkism vs. The Pedigree Pushers*, p. 12: Link 4.

That fact leads me to this conclusion: that someone has fabricated this pedigree and it is as phony as a three-dollar bill.²³

It is Bro Moore's testimony that not one of these quotes for links 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 are valid!²⁴

PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND H. ROLLER

Consider also the reference to the *Minutes of the Philadelphia Association*? What is *book three*?²⁵ It is interesting that one of the lists given in *SCO*²⁶ has the year H. Roller came to the Philadelphia Association as 1809, which is just two years after the close of the published minutes. There is no reference to H. Roller, J.B. Jetter, J.W. Jetter or J.B. Jeter in the published minutes of this Association. Nor does my edition refer to either *book* or *item* numbers.²⁷

²³Moore. *Old Landmarkism vs. The Pedigree Pushers*, p. 12: Link 4.

²⁴*Ibid.*

²⁵A. D. Gillette. *Minutes of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, 1707 to 1807*. The reference is to: "Book 3, item 1". Cf. Link xi, Huckabee, *Church Truth*, p. 659; Mason. *Church That Jesus Built*, p. 110, Link 2; Cockrell, *SCO*, p. 96, Link 6. How is it that so many men quote this without ever checking the references?

²⁶Cockrell. *SCO*, p.95- 96, Link 6.

²⁷Gillette. *Minutes of the Philadelphia Association from 1707 to 1807*, American Baptist Pub. Society, 1851. Baptist Book Trust Reprint, 1976. There are in the records of each year numbers referring to the order of business. Cf. pp. 173, 217, 254, et. al.

A fruit of the work of systematically teaching God called men was very evident recently. A very remote village church has been faithfully meeting without a pastor for several years. But just this past week Bro. Brown told me that one of the men he and Bro. Villandry have been teaching each month has been called to pastor this church. He and his family are moving to this remote village to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ and to minister to the saints there. We have been praying for years that the Lord would send someone to pastor this church, and now those prayers have been answered. We are thankful for the instructions this man has received through the teaching of Bro. Paul Brown and Bro. Matt Villandry. He will certainly be better equipped and prepared now to minister in this village.

Beside the monthly teaching with the pastors, Bro. Villandry has started another class. This was started to help train another interpreter for Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry. For many years we have had only one interpreter for us to use in preaching in the villages and in the instructions to the preachers. But now that Bro. Villandry is also there, we have a need for a second interpreter which will allow Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry to go to different villages, especially on Sundays.

The need to train an interpreter comes from the fact that not everyone who is capable of speaking the English language and the language of the various villages is familiar with biblical words and/or terms. Also, we must deal with the fact that there are no words in the Lahu and Lisu languages for many Bible words. Therefore, the interpreter must be someone who can be trusted to give the correct meaning of what is being said, even if they cannot give a word for word interpretation. The role of an interpreter is far more important than many might realize. Sometimes in our teaching and preaching we may say only a few words and the interpreter must say many words to properly convey the true meaning of what we are saying. Please be in prayer for this most important training of a new interpreter. Bro. Villandry also has told me, others have shown an interest in meeting with them in this class just so they can hear the Word of God taught. So now the class, which was started to train an interpreter, is also a Bible class. We do not know where this will lead, but we are thankful for every opportunity to teach and preach the Word of God.

The construction work in Thailand is progressing on schedule. The building now under construction is scheduled to be completed in April. Bro. Villandry and his family

THAILAND REPORT

PASTOR BILL LEE

“I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most high. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.” Psalm 9:1-2; 146:2

As I write these updates and reports on the mission work in Thailand, my purpose is to tell and to show forth the works of the Lord. While this work is done in and through Central Baptist Church, we are very much aware this work in Thailand is the Lord's work. Any and all who have a part in this work are only instruments used by our God to accomplish His purpose. We are just thankful to have a part in this work and we are thankful for the individuals and churches who have faithfully joined with us. If this mission work in Thailand proves nothing else, it does prove that churches and interested individuals can work together without the need of, nor the assistance of, any convention or association. Doing the Lord's work, the Lord's way is simple, if we do not complicate it with the many inventions of men.

The Lord has blessed this

work with two faithful missionaries, Bro. Paul Brown and Bro. Matthew Villandry. These are two men who are sound in the faith and very capable of carrying on the Lord's work in gospel order. They, along with their wives and families, have dedicated their lives to this work in Thailand and we are thankful for their true zeal for the work of the Lord. The work is many times difficult and often involves very long days, with hours of travel on mountainous roads in order to reach the remote villages. But they are faithfully carrying on the work the Lord has assigned to them.

The work in Thailand not only involves traveling to the villages. A very important aspect of this work involves the hours spent in teaching the village preachers who come to meet with them each month. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy with these words: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2. This is one of our main goals in Thailand. We seek to help ground faithful men from the villages in biblical truths, in order that they can return to their villages and faithfully proclaim the truth of God's Word.

NOWLIN'S CHURCH HISTORY

Another link which does not fit the evidence is Link 10. “The Pontifossi²⁸ Church was organized by Tellesman from Turan, Italy, A.D. 398. See Nowlin's *Church History*, Vol. 2, p. 318.” I can only assume the author refers to the Baptist William Dudley Nowlin, 1864-1950. Nowlin wrote several books but his only history was the *Kentucky Baptist History*.²⁹ It was written in 1922 and was only a brief treatment of 196 pages.³⁰ The compiler refers to *volume two*, another indicator that he was not reliable.

NEANDER'S CHURCH HISTORY AND LIMA, PIEDMONT

In Link 5 we have this statement: “Lima Piedmont Church was organized by Balcolao, A.D. 812. See *Neander's Church History*, Vol. 2, p. 320.³¹” I do not believe Neander refers to this name, *Balcolao*, nor to *Lima Piedmont Church* anywhere! Let him who can give the reference.

²⁸The original list spells this name two different ways: *Pontafossi* and *Pontiffossi*, links 9 & 10.
²⁹Cf. Edward C. Starr. *A Baptist Bibliography*, vol. 17.

³⁰Nowlin's *Ky. Baptist Hist.* was published in June 1922 it is almost impossible the author of this list was referring to this book as the list appeared in the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger* in April 1922. This means that this title is also another unidentified book.

³¹Mason. *The Church That Jesus Built*, p. 110.

Link 13 gives a reference to *Neander's Church History*, p. 285 and says that “John the Beloved or Revelator baptized Polycarp on December 25th, A.D. 95.” Neander gives no such information as far as I can find. He does not say that John baptized Polycarp at all, much less specifying the day!³²

Thus, no confidence can be placed in such a list and every reference in the list must be rejected until verified because where one is so ignorant or careless, as in the case with Tertullian, everything is suspect. In spite of this pretended historical array of quotes, the whole thing crumbles when examined. The quotes cannot be found anywhere! Bro Huckabee does not put it too strongly when he says:

And it is a stretching of possibility beyond reason to think that every one of these references involved a miscopied page number, or a differing page number because a different edition was used, etc. In some of the sources, not even

³²Neander does mention Polycarp several times in volume one. He says on p. 109 that Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle John. Again on p. 299 he says: “Polycarp alleged that he himself had observed a Passover with the Apostle John, whose disciple he was.” He mentions him in other places. But I cannot find the quote from this list anywhere.

the remotest reference was made to the supposed church or person, though the whole section which covered that time and place in history was read.³³

THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE LIST

This raises the question, was the author trying to spoof Baptists for believing in Baptist Church succession? Let that be as it may, we know from these facts, herein submitted, which any reader may verify for himself, that the compiler has given many false quotes. The list is a fraud, and those who use it perpetrate error.

UNKNOWN BOOKS, PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THIS LIST

BOOKS

Philadelphia Baptist Association, book 3, item 1. While this book is easily identified, the references are not. There is no *book 3* nor *item number* in my copy of this book.

Munston, History of the Alps. The title refers to a known book but the author's name is incorrect. It is not *Munston* but *Muston*. There is nothing

in either volume (there are two volumes) about the Hillcliff church in England, nor of Aaron Arlington. This volume, which pertains to the early accounts of the Waldenses in France, contains very little of the early history of these people before the first persecution which took place AD 1300. See Introduction and chapters 1 & 2. The page number given in this list does not pertain to the subject in the book.

Lambert's Church History. If this book exists, I have never found any reference to it. It is possible that the book referred to is: Burns and Lambert, *A Popular Manual of Church History*, 1861,³⁴ a book which I have never seen. On Nowlin's *Church History*, vol. 2, p. 318. See the notes above. *Cyrus' Commentary of Antiquity*. I can find no reference to this book except in this list.

UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

Following are the names of men in this list which I cannot find in any historical record. J. W. Jetter, H. Roller, Aaron Arlington, Balcolao, Archer Flavin, Adromicus and Tell-estman. Now is it reasonable to suppose that in this list the names of all these men, excepting those in the last three links (i. e., 11,12,13) exist only

in this list? Is it possible that these men lived and yet they are not mentioned in any source? How then did the author of this list learn of them? I have never seen these names anywhere except in this list. This is rather strong evidence that they are bogus.

UNIDENTIFIED PLACES

Also, these places, Timto, Darethea, Pontifossi, Turan and Bing Joy, I believe are phony names. Concerning *Turan*, it is possible that the author meant *Turin*. Turin is the capital of Piedmont, a region in the north of Italy. If so, then the spelling is wrong and this leads me to suspect that someone was imposing on our ignorance! I have been unable to find any of these places mentioned anywhere except in this list.

CONCLUSION

It appears from the evidence presented that this list is fake. I am convinced it was compiled by someone who wanted to mislead and deceive. I can conceive of no other purpose for its existence. If that was the goal

it has exceeded all expectations. Every reference is false! To pretend all the references cited are wrong because of different editions of the books referred to, is as Brother Huckabee says, *beyond reason!*

The silence of history proclaims this list is as phony as the *Donation of Constantine*! Let anyone who wishes validate this list, find the correct references, discover the men mentioned and locate the places found therein. If this cannot be done, explain how the original author was able to discover what no one else can find?

SHOULD WE USE THIS LIST

Should we use any means to publish what we know is untrue? Is it wrong to bear false witness? Can we deceive our neighbor with impunity? Can dishonesty advance Christ's cause? Scripture give us these admonitions:

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 2 Co 8:21.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Th 5:21 ♦

³³Huckabee. *Studies on Church Truth*, vol. II, p. 660. Cf. Schaff. *History of the Christian Church*, vol. II, pp. 664-670.

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