

A HISTORY  
— OF —  
KENTUCKY BAPTISTS.

FROM 1769 TO 1885,

INCLUDING

MORE THAN 800 BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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good man's labors was brief. He contracted disease of the lungs which speedily terminated his earthly career. Only four days before his death, not anticipating that his end was so near, he said: "I know I have but a short time to live, but what time I do live, I intend to spend in preaching Jesus to sinners." On the first Saturday in September, 1855, with feeble voice, he preached the introductory sermon before Cumberland River Association. On Monday following, he took an active part in the business of that body. As he returned home, on Tuesday, he said to his wife: "This is the last Association we shall ever return from together." On Wednesday, he taught school. That night his sufferings were very great, and, on Thursday morning, September 6th, he was released from earthly cares and pains, and doubtless received a good man's reward.

\* MALACHI COOPER was one of the pioneer preachers of Pulaski county. He gathered old Fishing Creek church, about 1803, as is supposed, and ministered to it many years. He was Moderator of Cumberland River Association, as early as 1811, and represented his church in that body, as late as 1822. It is regretted that little else is known of him. A numerous posterity survives him, and among them several useful ministers.

JAMES WARRINER was a native of Virginia, and was born October 18, 1773. He first united with the church in Buckingham county, about 1802, and began to declare the glad tidings of salvation almost immediately. In 1804, he was ordained to the ministry, and became pastor of Zions Hill church, in Pittsylvania county. Besides discharging the duties of the pastoral office, he traveled and preached extensively, in the State of his nativity, about twelve years. In 1816, he moved to Kentucky, and settled at Creelsboro, in what is now Russell county. Here he aided in laying the foundation of the early churches in that region. He was pastor of several churches around him, and continued to labor in the ministry, to a good old age. He was called to his reward, February, 14, 1862, having been a laborious servant of Christ, nearly 60 years.

W. F. RICHARDSON held a conspicuous position in Cumberland River Association, during a period of nearly thirty years. He was born in Pulaski county, Ky., in 1818. He united with Rock Lick church, in 1837, and was there ordained to the ministry, in 1845. He was pastor of several churches, at different