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**“The Old Account Settled Long Ago”**

*(Frank M Graham 1859 - 1931)*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life ...”*

*John 3:16 (NKJV)*

**Frank Monford Graham**, was born March 1, 1859 in Birmingham, Illinois; he died August 25, 1931 in Greensboro, Georgia and is buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Greensboro, Georgia. Graham, who wrote this hymn, was also an ordained minister in the Wesleyan (Methodist) Church and served as District Superintendent in northern Georgia from around 1895 to about 1915. He was one of the founders of what is now Southern Wesleyan University at Central, South Carolina.

There was a time I know; When in the book of heav'n  
An old account was standing; For sins yet unforgiv'n;  
My name was at the top; And many things below;  
I went unto the Keeper; And settled long ago.

The old account was large; And growing every day;  
For I was always sinning; And never tried to pay;  
But when I looked ahead; And saw such pain and woe;  
I said that I would settle; And settled long ago.

When at the judgment bar I stand before my King;  
And He the book will open; He cannot find a thing;  
Then will my heart be glad; While tears of joy flow;  
Because I had it settled; And settled long ago.

O sinner, seek the Lord; Repent of all your sin;  
For thus He has commanded; If you would enter in;  
And then if you should live, a hundred years below;  
E'en here you'll not regret it; You settled long ago.

Long ago, **(Down on my knees)** Long ago; **(I settled it all),**  
Yes the old account was settled long ago;

**(Hallelujah!)**

And MY record's clear today; For he washed MY sins way;  
When the old account was settled long ago. AMEN.

— Frank Monford. Graham

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

