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PREFACE

The information contained in this booklet concerning the Manuscript Depository Collection of the Missouri Baptist Historical Society, Liberty, Missouri is reprinted (with additions) from "Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States: Missouri."

The Missouri Historical Records Survey is also planning to compile and publish a complete inventory or list of the manuscript holdings of the Society as a part of the church archives program.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MANUSCRIPT DEPOSITORY COLLECTION
OF THE MISSOURI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LIBERTY, MISSOURI

The headquarters of the Missouri Baptist Historical Society are located in the Library Building, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. Custodian, H. I. Hester. Hours: 7:50 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, except Saturday p.m.

The society was organized October 24, 1885, to collect and preserve materials pertaining to the Baptist church in Missouri. Manuscripts are occasionally purchased; most materials are donated, conditional deposits are solicited. Materials are stored in the library building of the college, a two-story, fireproof, red brick structure, erected in 1908. Outside dimensions are 84' x 72'; space is adequate.

Holdings

Rev. F. W. EBERHART Collection, 1887-1936; this collection contains 405 pieces arranged alphabetically by author in two letter file boxes (12 x 11 3/4 x 3). Arrangement is complete. Letters from prominent Baptists, 1887-1936, A. R. ABERNATHY, J. C. ARMSTRONG, J. E. DAVIS, S. E. EWING, Dr. J. P. GREEN, John F. HERGET, as well as a number of others, give a comprehensive outline of the Baptists' religious status in northwest Missouri.

Baptist BIOGRAPHIES, 1885, 297 pieces, in six paper boxes (12 x 9 x 3); they relate to leaders among the Baptists and their religious activities from 1798-1885, and contain biographical sketches and data on the growth of the Southern Baptist denomination and its activities

in Missouri and the Louisiana Territory, of special value in tracing the development of religious activities in Missouri.

Miscellaneous LETTERS of Baptist leaders in Missouri, Dr. William JEWELL, Rev. John Mason PECK, Professor R. P. RIDER, and others connected with the church; the letters relate to early religious conditions in Missouri, requests for information of historical nature, and early Baptist publications.

There are many manuscript historical sketches of churches, sermons, minutes and associational reports in the collection. The most important of these, perhaps, is the fairly complete collection of the minutes of all the various district associations in Missouri and of the Missouri Baptist General Association. In addition there are a large number of minute books of churches, bound volumes of sermons in manuscript, diaries, journals, church finance books, etc.

There are 133 volumes, 1,164 pieces in the collection. Arrangement is alphabetically by subject. There are 113 card and other entries on (3 x 5) cards, showing number of volume, name, dates covered, and number of volumes in set. Volumes only are catalogued. The entry collection of manuscripts is to be catalogued and arranged in the near future. This is to be done by N. Y. A.

The material is available upon application to the custodian. No special restrictions are imposed upon users. There is no copy service.

LIST OF SOME OF THE IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL MANUSCRIPTS
IN THE COLLECTION
OF THE MISSOURI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1. John Mason Peck, April 16, 1857, personal letter to Samuel M. Green, contains a discussion of religious conditions in early Missouri.
2. Minutes of the Bethel Baptist Church, 1806-1820, contain information on pioneer religious customs and events, a list of the church membership, articles of faith, constitution, and the business proceedings of the church. (Cape Girardeau Co., Mo.) (one volume)
3. Minutes of the Cold Water Baptist Church, 1809-1819, contain the proceedings of the various meetings of the church, including the constitution, articles of faith, etc. (near St. Louis, Mo.) (one volume).
4. Minutes of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Association, 1818-1845, contain reports of the meetings of the Baptist association of churches in Howard County, Missouri. (one volume).
5. Two Historical Scrapbooks of Baptist activities in Missouri, 1806--.
6. Miscellaneous Letters, 1846-1906, by early pioneer Baptist leaders in Missouri, including Rev. John Mason Peck, Dr. William Jewell, Prof. R. P. Rider, A. P. Williams, Dr. J. P. Green and others, contain facts about the life and activities of early Baptist leaders in the state. (61 letters).
7. Baptist biographies, 1885-- brief life sketches of prominent Baptists of Missouri. (297 sketches).
8. Correspondence of Rev. F. W. Eberhart, 1887-1936, letters written to and received from prominent American Baptists, including: J. C. Armstrong, A. R. Abernathy, J. E. Davis, S. E. Ewing, Dr. J. P. Greene, John F. Herget, R. M. Inlow, J. W. Lowe, R. K. Maiden, R. P. Rider, John R. Sampey, T. P. Stafford, C. M. Truex, H. E. Truex, A. M. Tutt, W. J. Williams, and others. Gives a general picture of the religious status of Baptists in Northwest Missouri for the period covered. (405 letters).
9. Manuscripts of the Missouri Baptist Historical Society, 1905--, contain addresses on Baptist history before the Society, some correspondence, reports, etc. (402 pieces).
10. Minute Book of the Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church, 1819-1887, containing minutes of the church meetings, articles of faith, rules of decorum, etc. (Howard County, Missouri).

11. Minutes of the Hebron Baptist Church, 1829-1873, contain articles of faith, list of members, and minutes of the various business sessions of the church. (Cape Girardeau County, Missouri).
12. Minutes of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, 1832-1871, contain the church constitution, articles of faith, and minutes of the business meetings of the church congregation. (Jefferson County, Missouri).
13. Minute Book of the Bethel District Baptist Association, 1834-1855, contains names of churches composing association, delegates, officers, and a report of the various proceedings of the body. (Cape Girardeau County, Missouri).
14. Minutes of the Bee Creek Baptist Church, 1839-1860, contains an account of the business sessions of the church. (Platte County, Missouri).
15. Minute Book of the Big Blue Baptist Church, 1840-1890, contains the articles of faith, rules, list of the members, and an account of the business transacted at the regular meetings. (Jackson County, Missouri).

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