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BAPTIST ILLITERACY

In a day when the American populace is better educated than in any previous era in the history of the nation, it may seem strange to be writing about illiteracy. But there is an illiteracy that plagues many Baptists today. As a people of the Book, Baptists have always deplored biblical illiteracy. Through excellent programs of religious education, printed materials, and preaching the Word, they have done much to help dispel biblical illiteracy among Baptists.

Tragically, however, Baptist illiteracy is still very much with us. As Editor R. G. Puckett of the Maryland Baptist recently stated, "How many of our people have any grasp of the history of Baptists? The Southern Baptist Convention? Their own state convention? Even their own local church? How many have read the SBC constitution? The state convention constitution and by-laws? How about even the local church constitution, statement of faith and covenant? And since it is so much in the news now, how many have really acquainted themselves with the Baptist Faith and Message Statement?" In reality the present generation doesn't know Baptist concepts and heritage.

Though some Southern Baptists are acquainted with the history of Baptists, the vast majority of our people have yet to discover the riches of their magnificent heritage. Such Baptist illiteracy need plague our people no longer. Resources are available which can help Baptists know and appreciate their heritage. We must help acquaint our people with these sources and encourage them to utilize these materials to dispel Baptist illiteracy from the land.

Robert A. Baker, Chairman of the Historical Commission, SBC, and long-time professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has written a new history of Southern Baptists entitled The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People, 1607-1972. Released by Broadman Press April 1, this 448-page volume is the most accurate, comprehensive, and best written history of the denomination ever produced. Baker tells the thrilling story of Southern Baptist people as well as the development of the organized life of the denomination. He discusses the revivals and doctrinal emphases which fed the early Baptist awareness, the divisive controversies which threatened the denomination's health and life, the distinctive polity which facilitated voluntary cooperation, the missionary and evangelistic concern which stretched Southern Baptist horizons, and the factors which contributed to the tremendous growth and development of the denomination. This volume is a must for the library of every Baptist pastor, church, professor, and institution. Everyone who wants to know and understand the heritage of Southern Baptists will study this volume from cover to cover.

The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, a three-volume work published by Broadman Press, is another basic source for study by those who would discover for themselves the rich heritage of Southern Baptists. Many excellent state Baptist histories have been published in the last 15 years. Histories of local churches, associations, institutions, agencies, and organizations are also available to help our constituency know their heritage.

Join with us in encouraging Baptists to utilize these resources and gain understanding of their history that can do much to help them more effectively solve today's problems and more wisely plan for the future. This is the way to stamp out Baptist illiteracy!

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Wife Number Two: Eliza G. Sexton Shuck
The First Baptist Foreign Missionary from Alabama

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MARRIAGE NUMBER ONE

The name of J. Lewis Shuck¹ is well known to Southern Baptists. While studying at Virginia Baptist Seminary, he attended a missionary meeting at the First Baptist Church of Richmond. When the appeal for funds was made, the young man had nothing for the collection, so he put in a card saying, "Myself."² How many times has this story been told?

Equally as famous became Wife Number One, Henrietta Hall Shuck. They were married September 8, 1835.³ The groom had just celebrated his twenty-first birthday. The bride was seventeen. Two days after the ceremony, they were appointed by the Triennial Convention as the first Baptist missionaries to China. A well-kept diary recorded Henrietta's efforts to educate Chinese girls and afforded insight into her personal life and reactions. On November 27, 1844, Henrietta died as she "approached the time of her fifth confinement."⁴ She was twenty-seven.

THE PROBLEM

Shuck married again in 1846. Who was Wife Number Two? Has his history followed the Chinese custom of delegating her to an inferior place?

In February, 1847, The Baptist Missionary Magazine reported: "On Friday evening, the 18th of December, a large assembly were collected at the First Baptist Church [of Richmond, Virginia], . . . to witness the designation of several brethren who are shortly to sail from this country as missionaries to China. The company consists of the following persons:--Rev. J. Lewis Shuck and lady. . . ."5

*Mrs. Jackson is president of the Alabama Woman's Missionary Union.

¹ The name is "pronounced Shook." Alabama Baptist, August 22, 1846, p. 2, col. 3.

² H. A. Tupper, The Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention. (Richmond: Foreign Mission Board, SBC, 1894), p. 82.

³ E. C. Routh, "Henrietta Hall Shuck," Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, hereafter referred to as Encyclopedia (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1958), II, 1201.

⁴ Thomas S. Dunaway, Pioneering for Jesus (Nashville: Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1930), pp. 149, 153.

⁵ Baptist Missionary Magazine, February, 1847, p. 61.

In April, 1847, the Southern Baptist Missionary Journal reported that the group sailing for China had finally left on March 11. Those aboard were "J. Lewis Shuck and Thomas W. Tobey, with their wives." It was also reported that "a little daughter of bro. Shuck, aged five years," was with them.⁶

B. F. Riley in History of the Baptists of Alabama stated: "During the vacation preceding the convention, one of the teachers of the Judson Female Institute had become the wife of Rev. J. L. Shuck, missionary to China."⁷

The book Gospel Messengers from Alabama does not mention Wife Number Two. The book hails "The First to Go-Martha Foster Crawford" who did not leave for China until 1851.⁸

Her name is not mentioned in the summary of his life in Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists. After a more lengthy sketch of Wife Number One than is accorded J. Lewis Shuck himself, the account gives Wife Number Two a third of a sentence: "Following the death of his second wife in 1851. . . ."⁹

Why no name? Why this seeming neglect of Wife Number Two?

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Could the reason be economic? The front page of both the Southern Baptist Missionary Journal and The Baptist Missionary Magazine was devoted to the promotion of The Memoir of Mrs. Henrietta L. Shuck at the very time that interior pages were reporting the return to China of "J. Lewis Shuck and lady." Wife Number One's diary had been prepared for publication by J. B. Jeter, pastor of First Church, Richmond, and first president of the Foreign Mission Board. He was dedicating all proceeds from the sales to foreign mission work. Excerpts filled the front pages for several months. The time was not appropriate to extol Wife Number Two.

Could the reason be social? The customs of the day did not encourage write-ups of "ladies" in the papers. Unless the reader knew of the death of Henrietta, it would be difficult to discern that there was a second wife of J. Lewis Shuck. Wife Number Two was listed in the Third Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board as simply "Mrs. Shuck."¹⁰ The Southern Baptist Missionary Journal¹¹ and The South Western Baptist¹² headlined her communications "Letter from Sister Shuck."

⁶ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, April, 1847, p. 249.

⁷ History of the Baptists of Alabama (Birmingham: Roberts and Son, 1895), p. 168.

⁸ Inabelle Graves Coleman, Ruth Carver Gardner and Florence Thomasson, Gospel Messengers from Alabama, Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, p. 5.

⁹ J. B. Hipps, "J. Lewis Shuck," Encyclopedia, II, 1201-1202.

¹⁰ Third Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board, III (June, 1848), 9.

¹¹ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, December, 1849, p. 176.

¹² South Western Baptist, March 5, 1851, p. 3, col. 4; March 24, 1852, p. 2, col. 5.

Could a reason be that, as in the case of Gospel Messengers, it is easier to keep repeating an historical error than to correct it? Or could the moral be that if you want to be remembered historically, you had best write it down yourself?

The purpose of this paper is to resurrect Eliza G. Sexton Shuck, Wife Number Two.

KNOWN FACTS OF EARLY LIFE

Eliza G. Sexton was first mentioned on the pages of The Alabama Baptist as a member of the faculty of The Judson Female Institute, August 10, 1844.¹³ She was an instructor for the "Regular Course." A Board of Visitors, appointed by the trustees to test the students at the annual examinations, reported "heartly commendation" for her classes in geology and botany. In addition, her "Geometry class . . . could not be excelled."¹⁴ She was called a "very able, indefatigable, and efficient instructor -- greatly endeared to her associates and to the pupils of her charge."¹⁵

She had come to Marion, Alabama, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁶ This may have been where she received her education rather than the place of her birth or her rearing. Her birthday was December 11, 1824,¹⁷ so she was twenty years old when she came to Judson. She was the second daughter of Rev. S. M. Sexton¹⁸ who, it was reported at the time of her death, "still resides in Mississippi."¹⁹

SHUCK RETURNS

It was at Marion that she met J. Lewis Shuck. He had returned from China February 17, 1846, in time to attend the "first anniversary meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention" in Richmond²⁰ and had formed "a connection between the Board and himself."²¹ Two Chinese were with him. One was Mecha,²² "a Chinese girl . . . a nurse with Mr. Shuck's children."²³ She was baptized in this country.²⁴

¹³ Alabama Baptist, August 10, 1844, p. 3, cols. 4-5.

¹⁴ Ibid., August 8, 1846, p. 3, col. 2.

¹⁵ Ibid., p. 2, col. 1.

¹⁶ Religious Herald, October 29, 1846, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁷ Home and Foreign Journal, May 1852, p. 42.

¹⁸ Religious Herald, October 29, 1846, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁹ South Western Baptist, March 24, 1852, p. 2, col. 1.

²⁰ Tupper, Foreign Missions. . . SBC, p. 80.

²¹ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, June 1846, p. 12.

²² Tupper, Foreign Missions. . . SBC, p. 81.

²³ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, January 1847, p. 181.

²⁴ Tupper, Foreign Missions. . . SBC, p. 81.

Another was Yong Seen Sang, a Christian man who accompanied Shuck on his travels and who received as much press coverage as Shuck himself. The Alabama Baptist commented, "If any of our brethren have any doubts, as to the results of missionary labor, we entreat them to come and meet this man."²⁵ His wife and daughter, both of whom had "small compressed feet" were "christianized" but not converts.²⁶

With the examinations and concerts at Judson, "he was interested, never having witnessed anything of the kind before. He says he wishes the missionary ladies to teach his daughter the same branches taught at The Judson."²⁷ A wealthy deacon of the "Marion Baptist Church has offered. . . three thousand dollars in educating Ah Wup at the Judson Institute." He replied, "Her mother never would consent."²⁸

THE PATHS CROSS

The visits to Marion of Shuck and Yong were part of their canvass of the South to collect funds for a chapel at Canton. Shuck stated: "No religion is respectable in the eyes of the Chinese, unless connected with a public building. In Canton there are one hundred and eighty heathen temples, besides pagodas and ancestral halls."²⁹

Their appointments in Alabama were listed in The Alabama Baptist of June 27, 1846.³⁰ Accompanying the itinerary was an editorial comment: "It is earnestly hoped Bro. Shuck will meet with a hearty welcome and a liberal contribution." He was scheduled for Marion on Sunday, August 2.

The time was providentially changed, because both Howard and Judson would be adjourned in August. The reason was given: "Reflecting the great importance of interesting the Students of our Seminaries in the cause of Missions, brother Jewett has consented to arrange the Examination exercises so that brother Shuck and the China-man can address the people of Marion on Tuesday night, the 28th."³¹

If the "China-man" was "interested" in the examinations, think of the reaction of Shuck! The examinations lasted four days and were attended by visitors from several states in addition to beaus and parents. Teachers participated as well as students. Three teachers presented original essays, one of whom was Miss Sexton.

The Original Essays, by Misses Sexton. . . were productions of a high order. There was in them so much depth and vigor of thought, so much of beauty and brilliancy, that some among the auditors thought they must have been

²⁵ Alabama Baptist, June 27, 1846, p. 2, col. 1.

²⁶ Ibid., August 22, 1846, p. 2, col. 3.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, October, 1846, p. 106.

²⁹ Tupper, Foreign Missions . . . SBC, p. 80.

³⁰ Alabama Baptist, June 27, 1846, p. 2, col. 1.

³¹ Alabama Baptist, July 4, 1846, p. 2., col. 1.

the production of more practiced writers. . . . They were
the unaided efforts of the fair and accomplished readers.³²

Shuck collected "between seven and eight hundred dollars"³³ in Marion.
He proceeded to Missouri before returning to Marion in October.³⁴

THE MARRIAGE

The purpose of his return was reported in *The Alabama Baptist*:
"The rites of matrimony uniting Mr. Shuck and Miss Sexton in marriage were
solemnized at the Baptist Church on the usual night of the weekly prayer meet-
ing." The date was October 14, 1846, and the minister presiding over the
rites was Milo P. Jewett, president of Judson. An attempt had been made to
have a quiet ceremony, but

a large congregation attended . . . and filled the house.
About one hundred young ladies from the Judson Institute
were present, dressed in white, contemplating the scene
before them with deep emotion. . . . During all the ser-
vices, missionary topics being selected as appropriate
to the occasion, the respectful attention of the audience
indicated a deep interest, but during the marriage service
the silence was profound.

On Thursday night, the church met

to give to our dear friends the parting hand. . . . Tears
and sobs showed the strong hold brother Shuck had gained
on the affections of the brethren, and many wept sore for
the words which he spake, "Ye shall see my face no more."
The parting between Mrs. Shuck and the young ladies who
had been under her instruction was most deeply affecting.
She could scarcely tear herself from their embraces, their
kisses and their tears.

May the God of Missions be their Guardian and Preserver!³⁵

TO CHINA

Unfavorable weather prevented the departure for China until March
11, 1847.³⁶ Shuck reported that he was leaving behind "my three dear little
boys."³⁷ Mecha probably stayed, too, because those sailing to China were

³² *Ibid.*, August 8, 1846, p. 3, col. 2.

³³ *Ibid.*, p. 2, col. 1.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, October 9, 1846, p. 2, col. 1.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, October 23, 1846, p. 2, col. 1.

³⁶ *Southern Baptist Missionary Journal*, April 1847, p. 249.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, March 1847, v. 231.

listed as "Mr. and Mrs. Shuck, and his little daughter, five years old, with Yong. . . ."³⁸ They reached Hong Kong June 25.³⁹ This was the city where Shuck and Henrietta had labored and where she was buried. The decision had been made, however, to open work in Shanghai, so the Shucks and the T. W. Tobeyes, who sailed with them joined the Matthew Tyson Yates in opening the Central China Mission.⁴⁰ Shuck wrote the Foreign Mission Board, "I reached this great city with my family, all in health and safety, on the 27th October."⁴¹

Lizzie⁴² Sexton Shuck had arrived at her China home after a year of marriage. What were her reactions? The next spring, she wrote: "Most thankful am I that we knew not the trials by the way. One good thing I have been pleased to find has been the result in my case-it has left no desire to return." She reported that the "efforts of ladies to establish a day school an entire failure." She pleaded for a young lady who could devote her full time to the school as "the time of a married lady is so uncertain and so much burdened."⁴³ Had a son already been born? On September 27, 1850, she wrote Mrs. Tobey:⁴⁴

You must know that Master John has become large enough to attend church, so he was along with us. He kept pretty quiet, though I once caught him playing eat rice with a fan and a book.⁴⁵

If the child were old enough to play this game, he would probably be at least two, so this would place his birth in 1848 or earlier.

WORK WITH GIRLS AND WOMEN

The Judson girls did not forget Lizzie Shuck. As evidenced by a letter of May 28, 1849, her efforts to teach Chinese girls was meeting with more success than she had indicated the previous year. A room where they had assembled would no longer contain them. They needed a "suitable school-house." The ladies of the mission had raised \$50 from "among ourselves," but in addition she had "written to the young ladies of the Judson Female Institute, asking them to appropriate the money subscribed by them, as far as it will go, to the building of this house."⁴⁶

A fellow teacher at Judson wrote:

Under Mrs. Shuck's direction, several Chinese girls were given English names and the [Ann Hasseltine Missionary] Society

³⁸ Tupper, *Foreign Missions* . . . SBC, p. 81.

³⁹ *Ibid.*

⁴⁰ J. T. Williams, "Mission in China," *Encyclopedia*, 1, 253-56.

⁴¹ *Southern Baptist Missionary Journal*, Mar, 1848, p. 276.

⁴² Tupper refers to her as "Lizzie Sexton," *Foreign Missions* . . . SBC, p. 82.

⁴³ *Southern Baptist Missionary Journal*, October, 1848, p. 104. Letter dated Mar 24, 1848.

⁴⁴ The Tobeyes returned in 1849.

⁴⁵ *South Western Baptist*, March 5, 1851, p. 3, col. 4.

⁴⁶ *Southern Baptist Missionary Journal*, December, 1849, p. 176.

supported them in school. One was named Jane Jewett, another Julia Barron. To bear the name of such saintly women would, I think, shed something of a blessing on a heathen child.⁴⁷

In addition, church services for Chinese women and children were growing in attendance:

When I came home, I found quite a room full of women and children waiting for my usual little service with them. I had no idea that they would come without being called and had expected to have held the service in the afternoon. Some women had come and gone. I was much encouraged by their manifold interest in the service. (I had not time to make the usual preparation.) I have been using a little catechism which I partly translated from Netty's. I began to ask the questions as well as I could remember. . . . I have never since I came to Shanghai felt so much interest in any missionary work as in this little Bible class. . . . I do desire to be the instrument of accomplishing some good here.⁴⁸

A humorous story was recorded in another letter written that same September. There were fourteen women and a large number of children at the meeting.

I used a small catechism which I held in my hand, and succeeded in getting them to learn the answers to some of the questions. When they came to long names, such as Methuselah, Abraham, they declared they had no minds, and could not remember those; indeed, could not say them, until one of the smaller children had first pronounced them. We have found a set of scripture prints very useful. They are generally interested in any explanation of them.

When about to pray with them, I directed them as usual to kneel, leaning forward upon their seats. Thinking they all understood, I was kneeling myself, when I observed one woman had mistaken the directions and was kneeling upon the chair instead of by it. She presented an amusing spectacle, yet even that seemed, as far as I was aware, to create no mirth.⁴⁹

Occasionally, she accompanied her husband on his missions. He reported that she helped put ointment on the "timid" women's eyes. "A kind word from Mrs. Shuck seemed to act like a charm." The letter, October 11, 1850, stated:

⁴⁷ Louise Manly, History of Judson College (Atlanta: Foote and Davies Co., [n.d.] p. 141.

⁴⁸ South Western Baptist, March 5, 1851, p. 3, col. 4.

⁴⁹ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, February, 1851, pp. 203-204.

Mrs. S. and myself left home to-day in the mission boat on a missionary visit to the city of Chain swo. . . . We had a number of opportunities of depositing books in the boats passing to and fro in the canal. . . . While passing under a well turned arched bridge of the town, the water being high and the tide strong, the boat was swept to one side and . . . striking the arch of the bridge, the whole frame came down with a crash. . . . This incident, together with the fact of a foreign lady being in the boat, was quite an event in the eyes of the natives. Our damage, including new poles for the frame and the wages of workmen, amounted to thirty-five cents.⁵⁰

EARLY DEATH

By the next fall, Lizzie Shuck's health had deteriorated. On December 11, 1851, Shuck reported:

I write you now under feelings of such overwhelming sorrow and bitterness as never before fell to my lot. This day would have been the 27th birth-day of my noble and precious wife, who was torn from me by the hand of death on the 21st of last month, four and one half hours after giving birth to a little daughter. Her health had not been strong for twelve months, and for four months, she had suffered much with wasting diarrhea. . . . I feared that she would hardly be able to go through her confinement, but somehow I always expected she would get safely over it. The dear loved one herself seemed to suppose she would not survive the event, and held with us all conversations on the subject, made many requests about the children Sc., Sc., and was uniformly in a singularly delightful religious state of mind; and I wish to say, too, that she continued her missionary work up to the last, . . . but only a day or two before her demise. . . . On that day she had a conversation with our little daughter, now nearly eleven years, . . . and she felt assured Netty would never forget it. At eleven o'clock . . . the baby was safely born and with nothing unusual until half an hour afterwards when excessive hemorrhage came. This was soon checked and another physician sent for, who came, and continuing the treatment, pronounced her confidently out of danger. But soon, from the previous loss of blood, the pulse began to relax and she soon calmly passed away from us. I cannot describe to you my awful feelings. They are indeed unutterable. Just seven years ago I was called to a similar trial; but my present bitterness and tears seem far worse than then. . . . Soon I shall be reunited to those two noblest of women, which God in kindness gave for a little while on earth to his unworthy servant. Yes, I do thank God for allowing my late, extraordinary wife to me for even five years. . . .

⁵⁰ Ibid., April, 1851, p. 247.

She truly excelled as a wife, a mother, a friend, and as an active working Christian and missionary. A missionary, not connected with our mission, assured me only to-day, that he never before knew so nearly perfect a woman as my own late precious wife.⁵¹

Matthew T. Yates wrote:

Our mission has sustained a heavy loss. Sister Shuck was eminently qualified for the station she so ably filled. She was devoted to the interest of her husband and family as well as the best interest of the mission. . . . Five years ago today there were eight of us in Richmond ready for China. Now where are they? Only three left and one of them a wreck.⁵²

CHILDREN

Did the little girl live? Perhaps. Shuck wrote after his return:

My children have been committed to dirt on a desolate island by the hands of a lonely parent. My companions have gone to the grave in distant lands, leaving a husband twice bereft and smitten to the earth while surrounded by the heathen. . . . I have then looked into the grave which had entombed my domestic happiness and earthly hopes, and then upon the face of a helpless infant who could recognize a mother's smile but who knew not a father's anguish or its own bereavement.⁵³

Whose children were these that were "committed to dirt on a desolate island"? Dunaway gives the birth of Henrietta's children as Jehu Lewis, Jr., August 3, 1836; Ryland Keeling, October 29, 1837; Henrietta Layton, April 2, 1841; Oscar Devan, 1843.⁵⁴ Notice the four-year gap. Did she die at her "final confinement" or was it actually her sixth, seventh, or eighth? In 1844, was the child delivered and did it live? Shuck wrote in 1846:

Never shall I forget my feelings on depositing the body of the lovely child within the briny folds of the ocean's heaving bosom. The thought occurred to me that I now literally had an interest in heaven, in the earth, and in the sea.⁵⁵

The only clue that the "lovely child" was a boy is found in one line of an accompanying poem: "When Henrie finds his infant tomb." If this were the child born at her death, he would have been almost a year old: November 9, 1845. He cannot be counted, however, as one buried on an island.

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Home and Foreign Journal, May, 1852, p. 42.

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South Western Baptist, March 24, 1852, p. 2, col. 1. Letter dated December 18, 1851.

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Home and Foreign Journal, June, 1853, p. 116.

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Dunaway, *Pioneering for Jesus*, pp. 56, 65, 105, 131.

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Alabama Baptist, August 22, 1846, p. 2, col. 6.

It is known that four of Henrietta's children were living in 1853. The Home and Foreign Journal reported in May that since the last issue, J. L. Shuck had arrived with "his three children, all of whom are in excellent health."⁵⁶ He had left in the United States "my three dear little boys."⁵⁷ He and Eliza had taken to China his "little daughter, . . . aged five years,"⁵⁸ who had been an "ailing child from the beginning."⁵⁹ He expressed a "wish to remain at least a few years in this country within hailing distance of his six children."⁶⁰

The other two were Eliza's children. In their five-year marriage, had there been some "committed to dirt on a desolate island"?

Shuck never returned to China. He resigned from the Foreign Mission Board, July 4, 1853. Until 1861, he served under the Domestic Board, working with the Chinese in California, organizing the first Chinese Baptist church in America. He married Wife Number Three and died in his native Virginia, 1863.⁶¹

Matthew T. Yates had written these words when Eliza Sexton Shuck died: "How mysterious are the Providences of God and how well it is that we cannot know them. How fortunate it is that we are to live by faith."⁶²

⁵⁶ Home and Foreign Journal, May, 1853, p. 42.

⁵⁷ Southern Baptist Missionary Journal, March, 1847, p. 231.

⁵⁸ Ibid., April, 1847, p. 249.

⁵⁹ Dunaway, Pioneering for Jesus, p. 105.

⁶⁰ Home and Foreign Journal, May, 1853, p. 42.

⁶¹ Hipps, Encyclopedia, II, 1202.

⁶² South Western Baptist, March 24, 1852, p. 2, col. 1.

Bicentennial USA

Pathways to Celebration

by ROBERT G. HARTJE

with a foreword by LOUIS L. TUCKER

The Bicentennial of the American Revolution is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Americans, a time to take cognizance of who we are, what we have done, and where we have failed. Our heritage is a rich one, and activities of its Bicentennial should seek to communicate this richness to the nation and the world, while also seeking to solve the dilemmas of a troubled people whose future^o portends both fulfillment and continuing confusion.

This is a study of how to celebrate this Bicentennial, particularly for planners on the regional, state, and local level—but with perspectives on celebration that could have meaning to all Americans. The book examines centennials which have

been held in the United States and Canada during the past two decades. Case studies suggest contrast in patterns of celebration in terms of leadership, organization, activities, and focus and offer guidelines for planners looking for patterns of celebration. Following the case studies, a special chapter explains how to organize for a celebration, and a detailed chapter describes programs and projects used in other centennials, which planners looking toward 1976 might adapt.

Avoiding firm recommendations of programs, the author is, nevertheless, critical of celebrations that offer little but picnics, pageants, and parades, and which fail to include *all* citizens. Instead, he suggests that planners "must recognize man's search for identity, his needs for festivity, and his innate urge to create"—placing all in a context of deep awareness of the American heritage.

AASLH President Louis L. Tucker's lively introduction discusses why we celebrate and what basic perspective we should pursue to keep within the expectations of the best interests of the nation and the world.

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*Relief For The Baptist Information Crisis:
Encyclopedia Of Southern Baptists, Vol. III*

Charles W. Deweese*

Literally thousands of persons who purchased Volumes I and II of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, which were published in 1958, have failed to obtain Volume III, which was published in 1971. This last volume is a comprehensive supplement dealing with developments in Southern Baptist life since 1956. Volume III is more than a supplement, however, in that it is an integral part of the total Encyclopedia. The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists does not consist of two volumes plus an addendum; it consists of three volumes. The absence of any of the volumes makes the total set incomplete.

Three myths relating to the Encyclopedia must be obliterated. The first is that the work is so technical that it cannot be understood. Actually, the articles were designed for popular consumption. Although they are scholarly in nature, they are characterized by clarity and readability. Thus, a unique quality of the Encyclopedia is that while it can be useful to the serious researcher in Baptist studies it can also be profitable to older children.

The second myth is that the Encyclopedia is too expensive. Baptist Book Stores sell Volume III for \$9.95. This volume contains 513 pages of articles and 47 pages of photographs for a total of 560 pages. Further, each page is large, has two columns, and is filled with a large amount of material. In no single volume published in the last fifteen years and costing as little as \$9.95 can a person get more data on Southern Baptist life and work than he can in Volume III of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists. To illustrate that the cost is low, this writer recently bought two other books on Baptists costing \$11.50 and \$10.00 and containing, respectively, 249 and 255 single-column pages.

The third and most serious myth is that the Encyclopedia concentrates on antiquarian interests and is therefore limited in value. The thrust of this myth is that the articles deal only with matters that are appealing to Baptist historians. This implies that the articles do not deal with a large variety of subjects, that the factor of relevance is absent from the articles, and that most people would receive little benefit from reading the articles. The remainder of this writing will demonstrate that Volume III of the Encyclopedia is comprehensive in scope, relevant in nature, and beneficial in value.

One group of articles in Volume III centers on ethical issues. For example, there are articles on abortion, conscientious objectors, extremism, guaranteed income, mass media, peace, pollution, pornography, poverty, race relations, violence, and sex education. Who can deny that these are practical considerations in today's world? Informative as to the contributions which Southern Baptists have made toward handling these issues since 1956, these articles are valuable resources for preaching and study. These articles show that Southern Baptists are indeed involved in efforts to make Christian applications to ethical problems.

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Evangelism and missions are the subjects of another series of articles. These articles provide excellent background material for studies done by missions organizations in local Baptist churches and also by evangelism and missions committees. Volume III has information on the Baptist Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, missions in various countries, medical missions, evangelism and social ministry, and lay evangelism, to give a few examples. It seems to the present writer that teachers of older children in Vacation Bible Schools could easily enhance the quality of their missions studies both by reading some of these background articles and by assigning pupils to read them.

Volume III even contains important information for ministers of music, choir members, and general lovers of church music. Articles evaluate such subjects as Baptist music, Baptist music education, music in missions, Baptist hymn writers, Baptist hymnals, and the theological implications of hymns. Prepared by specialists in the area of church music and history, these articles help Baptists understand that their music has an interesting heritage and that it continues to make a significant contribution to the mission of God in the world.

Students in colleges, universities, and seminaries can profit measurably by consulting Volume III in numerous subject areas. For example, the biblical student can find material on demythologizing, hermeneutics, Gnosticism, form criticism, higher criticism, lower criticism, redaction criticism, source criticism, and textual criticism. To further illustrate, the student studying the different kinds of Baptists in America will find articles on such religious groups as the American Baptist Convention, American Baptist Association, Baptist Missionary Association of America, Christian Unity Baptist Association, Conservative Baptists, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, National Baptists, Separate Baptists in Christ, Seventh Day Baptists, Southern Baptist Convention, and Two-Seed-In-The-Spirit-Predestinarian Baptists.

These are articles of a very practical nature in Volume III which can helpfully be studied and utilized in various settings of the work of a Baptist church. Theology and doctrine are the subjects of such articles as those on baptism, the Lord's Supper, Christology, hope, radical theology, Baptist theologians, and the Baptist Faith and Message. Religious education finds expression in material on Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and weekday Bible study. Church administration is dealt with in such articles as those on leadership and parliamentary authority and rules of order. Pastoral concerns receive attention in articles centering on pastoral care and family ministry, among other things.

Valuable primary source materials concerning the life of Baptists have been collected and printed in Volume III. These primary documents provide immediate insights into the doctrine, work, and attitudes of Baptists. Examples of these documents are the Baptist Faith and Message (adopted by the SBC in 1963), the North American Baptist Fellowship Bylaws (adopted by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in 1964), the Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation (adopted by the SBC in 1968), the Recommendations on Extremism (presented by the Christian Life Commission and received as information by the SBC in 1969), and the Resolution on the Environment (adopted by the SBC in 1970).

Another area of content in Volume III that should be of great interest to Baptist readers is the biographical sketches that appear on over two hundred persons. These sketches present essential biographical data on such renowned Baptist personalities as William Wright Barnes, Norman Wade Cox, Austin Crouch, Gilbert Kearnie Keegan, Jerry Elmer Lambdin, Kenneth Scott Latourette, Roland Quinche Leavell, Henry Wheeler Robinson, Harold Henry Rowley, Sydnor Lorenzo Stealey, Jesse Burton Weatherspoon, and Davis Collier Woolley.

The last type of content in Volume III to be mentioned is that which relates to the Southern Baptist Convention and state conventions. Detailed information is present on the Southern Baptist Convention and the Executive Committee. There is much material on the boards, agencies, seminaries, and other work of the Convention. Considerable attention is given to developments in various state conventions since 1956, to state Baptist newspapers, and to Baptist colleges and universities. New trends in Southern Baptist periodical literature and curriculum materials are discussed. And the list goes on.

Thus, the evidence is clear. Volume III of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists is popularly written and costs little. Its articles deal with a large variety of subjects. These subjects are quite relevant in that they concentrate on Southern Baptist developments from 1956 to 1970. The subjects included have practical ramifications for the ministries of teaching, preaching, pastoring, administrating, organizing, and leading worship. Revealing the multi-faceted heritage of Baptists, Volume III should be in all Baptist seminary and college libraries, in all church libraries, and in the hands of ever Southern Baptist who is genuinely seeking relief for his Baptist information crisis. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

NEW HISTORY PUBLISHED

The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People 1607-1972



Robert A. Baker

"I have noted that many Southern Baptists, including younger pastors, know nothing of how our Convention works. This book is not simply a history, it also describes the structure, the function, and the objectives of the Convention," said Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at

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"This is the only book, in or out of print, that goes into the history and statistical strength of Southern Baptists by states, as well as the Convention as a whole, and then integrates the two."

Using a comprehensive approach, Baker describes the economic, the political, and the social background of the people themselves. He tells how the Baptists in each state developed along with their leadership. In each division of the book there is a chapter on the people as well as another chapter on the Convention proper, its structure, and its work.

Everything is here—the revivals and doctrinal emphases which fed early Baptist Awareness, the divisive controversies which threatened its health and life, the distinctive polity which facilitated voluntary cooperation, and the missionary concern which stretched Southern Baptist horizons.

The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People, 1607-1972, will be available in Baptist and general book stores April 1 for \$11.95.

*Administrative Committee
Annual Report
April 22, 1974*

The minutes of the Administrative Committee's quarterly meetings have been mailed to each Commission member. A summary of the actions of the Committee since April, 1973, meeting is herein presented.

Several items needing action by the Committee at its April 22 meeting are included for consideration.

1. Organizational Matters. --In June, 1973, the Southern Baptist Convention elected the following to a four-year term as new members of the Commission: E. Earl Joiner, Florida; Arthur L. Walker, Alabama; O. L. Bayless, Colorado; Charles O. Walker, Georgia; John B. Shelton, Oklahoma; Albert W. Wardin, Local; and James L. Talbert, Local. Walter B. Shurden, Local, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Robert B. Troutman. The following were re-elected to a four-year term on the Historical Commission: George R. Wilson, Arizona; Miss M. Bradley Thompson, D. C.; and John G. Justice, Local. Bill Bruster resigned as Arkansas member of the Commission when he moved to Tennessee in 1974. Jack Robinson resigned as a member of the Administrative Committee but continues to serve as a local member of the Commission. James L. Talbert was appointed to succeed Robinson as a member of the Administrative Committee.

Administrative Committee: Robert A. Baker, chairman of the Historical Commission, became chairman of the Administrative Committee, succeeding Martin B. Bradley who rotated off the Commission in June, 1973.

Committee Assignments: The assignment of Commissioners to the various committees of the Commission was approved. (See list of Committees on page 68.)

2. Professional Staff Enlarged. --In keeping with action taken by the Administrative Committee and Historical Commission in April, 1973, the Committee voted to create a new professional staff position to be known as Assistant Director of Editorial and Research services, approved a job description for the new position, authorized the Executive Secretary to fill the position, and subsequently secured by mail ballot approval of the Commission as a whole for these actions. On recommendation of the Executive Secretary, approval was given to the employment of Charles W. Deweese to fill the new position. Deweese joined the staff of November 26, 1973.

As directed by the Commission at its April, 1973, meeting, the title of A. Ronald Tonks was changed from Research Director to Assistant Executive Secretary.

3. Financial Operation of the Commission. --The Administrative Committee and its Finance Committee have reviewed the financial operation of the Commission quarterly. The cost of operating the Commission's work during 1972-73 totaled \$145,083 compared with an operating budget of \$138,500.

The above total, however, included the cost of conducting a National Oral History Workshop (\$5,095) and developmental costs for BIRS (Baptist Information Retrieval System) through September, 1973 (\$4,378), which projects were scheduled to be financed from program reserves in accord with previous approval by the Commission. Only \$2,000 was drawn from reserves to finance these projects, however, since the Commission's receipts for the year slightly exceeded total disbursements. An excellent year of microfilm sales, increased income through Society memberships, and other factors resulted in receipts exceeding budget expectations by \$6,500.

On the basis of the year's financial experience, projected needs, and additional financial resources, the Administrative Committee in its October meeting voted to increase the 1973-74 budget from \$152,300 to \$159,700. The receipt of \$2,831 in October from 1972-73 Cooperative Program surplus and projected increases in income from Historical Society memberships, microfilm sales, etc. helped to make this action possible. Adjustments were made in four receipt accounts and fifteen disbursement accounts. The entire Commission subsequently approved the revised budget by mail ballot.

Cost of living increases effective July 1 and October 1 were approved for all members of the staff.

The Finance Committee reviewed the annual audit with Carl G. Rusek, CPA, and the Administrative Committee approved the audit. It is recommended that Rusek be retained to keep the books and make the audit for the coming year.

4. Cooperative Program Allocation. -- The budget and financial data on the operation of the Commission and its request for a Cooperative Program allocation of \$153,750 for 1974-75 were approved by the Administrative Committee and submitted to the Executive Committee, SBC. In its February, 1974, meeting the latter approved an allocation of \$140,000 which it will recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention in June. In the light of this, the projected budget of \$174,950 was reduced to \$167,000 and various budget accounts in receipts and disbursements were adjusted so that the programs of the Commission can be implemented to the extent of total funds anticipated. A Revised Proposed Budget for 1974-75 is being recommended by the Finance Committee for approval at the April, 1974, meeting.

5. Projected Budget for 1975-76. -- The Finance Committee will recommend a projected budget, including Cooperative Program allocation request totaling \$204,650 for 1975-76, for consideration first by the Administrative Committee and then by the entire Commission in the April 22, 1974, meeting.

6. National Convocation on the Association. -- The Committee approved participation of the Commission in the Convocation on the Baptist Association to be held at Ridgecrest, May 6-10, 1974, and authorized payment of \$722 from the Historical Commission meetings budget item to assist in financing this denominational meeting.

7. Travel Policy Revised. -- A revised travel policy statement was approved by the Committee increasing auto mileage payment for 10 cents to 12 cents;

also, limiting reimbursement for personal automobile used at owner's convenience to 12 cents a mile or coach airplane fare, whichever is less.

8 Vacation and Holiday Policy. --In keeping with action taken by the Commission at its April, 1973, meeting, the Commission's policy was revised to provide three weeks vacation for professional staff members after twelve months employment; also, the number of scheduled holidays was increased from seven to eight.

9. Revised Program Statement. --A sub-committee comprised of Robert A. Baker, R. A. McLemore, and W. Morgan Patterson worked with the staff in revising the Historical Commission Program Statement in accord with action taken by the Commission in April, 1973. The Commission's two programs were rewritten into a single program and the entire statement was simplified. This proposed revision has been circulated to all Commission members and is to be considered at the April, 1974, meeting.

10. Annual Meeting - 1976. --The Commission voted last year to "look with favor upon the invitation extended by the Virginia Baptist Historical Society for the Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society to meet in Richmond for the Annual Meeting in 1976." For budgeting reasons, the Commission needs to determine this April whether or not to accept this invitation to meet away from Nashville in 1976.

11. Annual Report to SBC. --The Annual Report of the Historical Commission to the Convention was approved by the Committee and was submitted to the Convention secretary. (See copy on page 87.)

12. Committee of Fifteen Report. --A copy of the formal report of the Committee of Fifteen relevant to the Historical Commission has been distributed to Commission members. A response to the report is to be formulated by the Commission at its April meeting.

13. BIRS. --In July, 1973, the Committee approved the employment of Smith, Murray, and Associates of Birmingham to provide computer services for the development of the Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS) Pilot Project being developed by the Historical Commission in cooperation with selected state and SBC agencies and institutions. The Committee authorized the use of excess budget funds in 1973 for implementing Phase I of BIRS and the use of an amount up to \$15,000 from any excess budget funds and from program reserves to implement Phase II of BIRS.

14. History Writing Award. --In response to a recommendation from the Editorial Committee, the Administrative Committee approved the presentation of an award of \$75 plus a certificate or plaque for the best article published by the Historical Commission each calendar year. Specific criteria for selecting the best article are to be developed by the Commission Chairman, Executive Secretary, and Editorial Committee Chairman.

15. Society Membership Campaign and Membership Fees. --At the April, 1973, Annual Meeting, the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society approved recommendations that the Society join with the Commission in promoting a Membership Campaign to enlist 1,650 new members in the Society between April, 1973, and April, 1974. The two organizations also approved an increase in membership fees effective January 1, 1974, as follows: Annual membership from \$4.00 to \$5.00; student membership from \$2.00 to \$2.50; and life membership from \$65.00 to \$75.00. Commission members and Society directors have joined with the staff in this promotion effort. By March 15, a total of 527 new members had been enlisted.

16. Certificates of Appreciation. --W. Morgan Patterson and Paul Weber, Jr., have completed two full terms and will rotate off the Commission in June. Bill Bruster, who has served as Arkansas member of the Commission since 1971 resigned when he moved to Tennessee in 1974. In recognition of their years of service to the Commission, it is recommended that Certificates of Appreciation be given to these three men.

17. Future Meetings. --The following dates and emphases have been approved for future Annual Meetings:

1975 - April 21, 22, 23 - Our Denominational Heritage and the Present:
The Role of Baptist Oral History

1976 - April 19, 20, 21 - Baptists and the Struggle for Religious Liberty
in Early America

1977 - April 18, 19, 20 - Baptist History in Art and Pageantry

Respectfully submitted.


Robert A. Baker, Chairman


(Mrs.) Marguerite Babb,
Recording Secretary

Financial Report

Oct. 1, 1972-Sept. 30, 1973

Oct. 1, 1973-Mar. 30, '74

RECEIPTS	Year 1972-73	Budget 1972-73	Total to date	Budget 1973-74
Cooperative Program	\$121,000.00	\$121,000.00	\$72,442.84	\$131,744
Historical society memberships	3,492.40	2,600.00	1,841.75	5,000
Interest and dividends	2,543.91	1,000.00	880.06	2,056
Microfilm sales	13,103.70	9,600.00	3,237.74	12,900
History and heritage sub.	1,416.78	1,250.00	785.08	1,800
Indices	2,460.37	2,300.00	339.15	2,500
Book sales	273.14	300.00	34.58	300
Pamphlet sales	10.92	150.00	68.39	200
Designated gifts	380.06	-	315.67	-
Miscellaneous	409.24	300.00	109.81	200
Program reserves (from previous years) to be applied to specific programs	-	-	-	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$145,090.52</u>	<u>\$138,500.00</u>	<u>\$80,079.07</u>	<u>159,700</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Salaries	\$ 50,507.98	\$ 51,000.00	\$31,438.24	\$ 59,895
Housing Allowance:				
Executive Secretary	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,200
Assistant Executive Secretary	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,200.00	4,975
Asst. Dir. Editorial & Res. Ser.	-	-	743.75	2,400
Microfilm expense	9,794.41	8,400.00	2,822.36	9,800
Office sup/postage/printing	5,103.71	4,600.00	2,267.98	5,270
Convention and assembly	2,070.22	1,730.00	90.00	1,750
History and Heritage	4,245.91	3,700.00	1,171.97	4,300
Indices	1,650.33	1,850.00	50.00	1,650
Pamphlets	214.18	875.00	92.00	440
Historical Commission meetings	6,629.60	7,000.00	1,479.02	6,750
Historical materials	2,417.86	3,200.00	898.26	3,000
Annuity expense	4,700.88	5,000.00	3,009.62	6,250
Audit	675.00	800.00	550.00	700
Social Security	1,223.26	1,200.00	402.34	1,410
Telephone and telegraph	1,475.80	1,500.00	623.70	1,500
Insurance: Aetna	2,980.81	2,400.00	1,872.90	3,850
Accident	24.96	25.00	16.64	50
Other	106.00	175.00	106.00	200
Inter-agency council	136.38	200.00	5.80	140
Historical Society	3,156.80	2,000.00	1,287.41	3,800
Travel	2,493.24	2,500.00	2,043.65	3,500
Library services	26,190.88	29,400.00	10,461.46	26,400
Office space	2,552.78	2,450.00	1,064.40	2,555
Study leave - grant	500.00	1,000.00	-	500
Miscellaneous and general	244.83	295.00	669.41	610
Repair and maintenance	361.64	500.00	10.95	510
Furniture and equipment	1,052.14	600.00	100.00	795
Oral history	5,095.85	500.00	438.98	1,000
Data processing (Indexing)	4,378.37	500.00	-	1,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$145,083.82</u>	<u>\$138,500.00</u>	<u>\$66,416.84</u>	<u>\$159,700</u>
Petty Cash	\$ 15.00		Petty Cash	\$ 15.00
Checking Account	3,640.82		Checking account	4,056.78
Savings Accounts	14,539.25		Savings accounts	12,147.25
Reserve Accounts	<u>27,310.10</u>		Reserve accounts	<u>49,440.10*</u>
Total	<u>\$45,505.17</u>		Total	<u>\$65,659.13</u>

*Includes BIRS, \$15,143.28 and 1973-74 operating, \$10,000

Annual Report to 1974 Convention

For Year October 1, 1972 - September 30, 1973

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee
Robert A. Baker, Chairman
Lynn E. May, Jr., Executive Secretary

The history agency of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1972-73 experienced a year of exciting opportunity and significant achievement. The Commission received an assignment for Convention-wide Emphasis planning, conducted the first Convention-wide Oral History Workshop, developed plans for a Baptist Information Retrieval System, involved an unprecedented number of Southern Baptists in the work of the Commission's auxiliary, the Southern Baptist Historical Society, increased the circulation of its publications, expanded the resources available for the study of the denomination's history, and enlarged the use of its historical library.

The growing demand for its services and the desire of the Commission to serve the history needs of Southern Baptists with increasing effectiveness led the agency to expand its professional staff for the first time since 1956. In keeping with a recommendation growing out of the 1972 Consultation on the Work of the Historical Commission, the position of assistant director of editorial and research services was established in the fall of 1973. On November 26, Charles William Dewese, a native of Asheville, North Carolina, and recent Th. D. graduate in Baptist studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was employed to fill this new post. He will assist in the production of periodicals, promotional materials, and other publications; conduct research projects, provide information and consultative services; and assist in the general promotion of the agency's program. The addition of this new staff member will enable the Commission to enlarge and strengthen its services to the denomination. The position of research director, created in 1956 and held by A. Ronald Tonks since January 1, 1972, was changed to assistant executive secretary in April, 1973. The staff is now composed of three professional and five clerical workers, two of whom are part-time.

Convention-wide Oral History Workshop. --On September 27-29, 1973, the Historical Commission conducted the first Convention-wide Baptist Oral History Workshop to stimulate interest in and understanding of oral history (tape recording oral memoirs) as a valid tool for collecting, preserving, and making available for research basic historical and biographical data on the life and work of Southern Baptists; to train individuals in oral history techniques; and to offer guidelines in establishing state and institutional oral history programs. Through this workshop the Commission provided training for 54 selected leaders representing 26 state conventions, 5 seminaries, 10 colleges and universities, and 14 SBC agencies. Some immediate results have been: (1) an enthusiastic endorsement of oral history by conferees, (2) plans being made by many state Baptist historical organizations, Baptist institutions, and

SBC agencies to begin oral history work, and (3) steps being taken toward Convention-wide coordination of oral history work through the Historical Commission.

Baptist Indexing/Information Retrieval System. --In consultation with state and SBC agencies most involved in indexing Baptist materials, the Commission has prepared and published a 97-page Thesaurus to provide an authority list of subject headings for indexing current Baptist publications and documents as well as historical files of Baptist materials, and to provide a basic tool for the development of a comprehensive Baptist Information Retrieval System. Plans have been developed for such a system and a Baptist Information Retrieval System pilot project was launched January 1, 1974. The 18-month project is being conducted in cooperation with several SBC agencies, Woman's Missionary Union, and several state Baptist newspapers and historical agencies.

Convention Emphasis Planning for 1975-76. --In response to the first such assignment received from the Convention, the Historical Commission and two other SBC agencies jointly developed a Coordinated Promotion Plan for the 1975-76 Convention-wide Emphasis "We Hold These Truths." The latter is to be a church emphasis on Christian citizenship, religious freedom, personal liberty, and Baptist heritage.

Historical Society Growth. --Through special promotional efforts during the first six months of the year, membership in the Commission's auxiliary, the Southern Baptist Historical Society, was increased to 850. In April, 1973, a one-year campaign to enlist 1,650 additional members was launched as a means of securing enlarged involvement in this supportive organization.

Publications. --Increased the quarterly circulation of the Commission's journal Baptist History and Heritage to 1,358; continued publishing "Historical Perspectives" in three issues of The Quarterly Review; published in cooperation with sixteen other Convention agencies the Southern Baptist Periodical Index-1972, a 334-page author and subject guide to 48 Southern Baptist periodicals.

Resources of Historical Library Expanded and Utilized. --The Commission experienced one of its best years in expanding the historical resources of Dargan-Carver Library, Baptist research center in Nashville: added 822 items of Baptistiana on microfilm totaling 346,522 pages valued at \$5,198 and 2,699 books, pamphlets, annuals, periodicals, archival items, etc., valued at \$4,454.

The library staff assisted approximately 375 researchers in using the historical materials of Dargan-Carver Library. The Historical Commission staff used the library's resources in responding to more than two hundred mail and telephone requests for historical information, and assisted professors, students, writers, and other serious researchers in making maximum use of the library's materials. This library is jointly operated by the Commission and Sunday School Board. More than 20,000 people use the library each year. Circulation of books alone averages about 1,500 per month.

PROGRAM REPORT

The Program of Recording, Procuring, and Preserving Historical Materials

To assist Southern Baptists in recording, procuring, and preserving their history the Historical Commission: (1) Conducted the first Convention-wide

Baptist Oral History Workshop to provide training for selected leaders from 26 states, 5 seminaries, 10 colleges and universities, and 14 SBC agencies and in conducting oral history interviews and establishing a program of oral history. (2) Visited 14 states to consult with state convention executive secretaries, Baptist newspaper editors, history committee chairmen, and other leaders concerning the development of comprehensive, well-organized state Baptist historical collections and programs; attended 7 and addressed 3 state convention meetings. (3) Participated in meetings of 12 state Baptist historical societies and committees. (4) Participated in a joint meeting of the librarians of Southern Baptist seminaries and discussed with them cooperation and coordination of current efforts to procure and preserve Baptist historical materials; visited the libraries of three Baptist seminaries, five Baptist colleges and universities, and several SBC agencies and provided consultation regarding Baptist historical materials. (5) Provided consultation on recording, procuring, and preserving historical records through conferences for associational clerks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta and in three states; and at one national meeting for state recording secretaries. (6) Conducted a convention-wide meeting to provide training and consultation for leaders of state Baptist historical agencies. (7) Attended the dedication of the Joseph H. Jackson Library in Chicago and contributed Black Baptist materials to this new library of the National Baptists. (8) Microfilmed the valuable Basil Manly Collection at the University of Alabama and made prints available to eight other libraries for study and research. (9) Assured the preservation of Baptist records by microfilming the records of 59 churches, including 15 of the oldest Southern Baptist churches in the Pacific Northwest, the annuals of two state conventions and many associations, 30 state Baptist newspapers, and many other materials. (10) Enlarged the resources of the Historical Commission's Dargan-Carver Library by adding 822 items of Baptistiana totaling 346,522 pages on microfilm valued at \$5,198, and 2,699 books, pamphlets, annuals, periodicals archival items, recordings, etc., valued at \$4,454.

The Program of Utilization of Historical Materials

To help Southern Baptists know and use their history, the Historical Commission: (1) Prepared a 97-page Thesaurus to provide an authority list of subject headings for indexing current Baptist publications and documents as well as historical files of Baptist materials, and to provide a basic tool for the development of a Baptist Information Retrieval System. (2) Developed plans for a comprehensive Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS) and enlisted the participation of several SBC agencies, Woman's Missionary Union, and three state historical agencies and Baptist newspapers in a BIRS pilot project to be launched January 1, 1974. (3) Conducted a series of oral history interviews with two former SBC presidents (also assisted in interviewing a third and with seven other Southern Baptist leaders.) (4) Initiated the development of plans for promoting and coordinating oral history work conducted by state and SBC agencies and institutions and for enlarged utilization of oral history for Baptist studies. (5) By Convention assignment joined with Baptist Joint Committee and Christian Life Commission in developing a Coordinated Promotion Plan for 1975-76 Convention-wide Emphasis "We Hold These Truths." (6) Helped to develop initial plans for a significant Baptist observance of the nation's Bicentennial. (7) Provided research assistance and materials needed

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Report of Executive Secretary

April, 1973 - March, 1974

The past twelve months have been an eventful period in the life and work of the Historical Commission. The activities and accomplishments of the Commission are reflected in its Annual Report to the Southern Baptist Convention and in the Administrative Committee report (see pages 82 f.) The following resume of personal activities and involvements will provide in some measure an account of the Executive Secretary's stewardship for the past year.

1. Enlarging the Professional Staff. --One of the most significant developments of the year was the expansion of the Commission's professional staff to help meet the growing demand of Southern Baptists for historical materials and services. Further study of staff needs following the 1973 Annual Meeting led to the preparation of a job description for a new position, Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services. On the basis of a comprehensive study of the financial operation of the Commission at the close of the last budget year, the current budget was revised to provide funding for the new position. In October, 1973, the Administrative Committee voted to create the new staff position, to approve the revised budget, and to employ Charles W. Deweese on recommendation of the Executive Secretary. A Th.D. graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1973) with a major in Baptist studies, Deweese was exceptionally well qualified for the position. Since beginning his work November 26, he has proven himself to be a valuable addition to the staff.

The enlarged staff makes possible more comprehensive planning, more effective implementation of current programs and projects, and an expansion of services to the churches and the denomination. I am most fortunate to have two associates like Ronald Tonks and Charles Deweese to assist in conducting the important work assigned to our agency by Southern Baptists.

2. Committee of Fifteen. --Contact was maintained with the Committee of Fifteen during the past year. Receipt of the Committee's written report was acknowledged and referred by the Executive Secretary first to the Commission's Administrative Committee, then to all Commissioners. Some errors of fact and matters needing clarification have been reported to the Committee of Fifteen. A formal response to the report is to be formulated by the Commission at the 1974 Annual Meeting.

3. Coordinated Promotion Planning. --Last June the Convention assigned to the Historical Commission, Christian Life Commission, and Baptist Joint Committee responsibility for developing plans for the Convention-wide emphasis "We Hold These Truths" for 1975-76. Your Executive Secretary was appointed chairman of the Work Group for this project. The Coordinated Promotion Plan for "We Hold These Truths" developed by this Work Group will be promoted jointly by the three agencies through channels provided by other SBC agencies and the state conventions for implementation in the associations and churches. Supportive materials are being developed by the Commission staff. This Convention-wide emphasis offers us an unprecedented opportunity to help Baptists understand and appreciate their heritage.

4. Publication, Promotion and Consultation. --With the assistance of our enlarged professional staff, it has been possible to do more advanced planning for Baptist History and Heritage and for "Historical Perspectives" in The Quarterly Review. Several new writers were enlisted during the year. In addition to articles and editorials for these journals, the Executive Secretary also prepared articles for the Baptist Program, the Journal of Missouri Baptist History, Baptist Press, and other publications. Through personal correspondence, the distribution of promotional literature, and mass mailings to more than 1,500 libraries and professors, special promotion was given to the publications of the Commission and to the Southern Baptist Historical Society membership campaign. Speaking engagements in churches, state conventions, and historical society meetings provided excellent opportunities to promote the programs, products, and services of the Historical Commission.

It was a privilege to address the New Mexico, North Carolina, and Virginia conventions and to attend a part of the meetings of the Arkansas and District of Columbia conventions. During these visits to the states, meetings were held with the state history committee or society which established stronger ties between the Commission and these important state organizations. Visits were also made with the leaders of state Baptist historical work in Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Consultative assistance was given to the Centennial Committee of Tennessee, to Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi in the preparation of a history of state WMU work, and to several authors preparing major works in Baptist history.

5. BIRS. --The Executive Secretary and other professional members of the staff have devoted more of their time to the development of a Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS) pilot project than to any other facet of our work during the past year. Preparation of the Thesaurus, designing the system, planning an 18-month pilot project, enlisting participants, securing adequate funding, and implementing the projects have required countless hours of work. This is one of the most significant and far-reaching ventures ever undertaken by the Historical Commission. BIRS involves the formulation of indexing standards and procedures among cooperating agencies and institutions and the development of a truly comprehensive system that will be capable of meeting a wide variety of needs for both contemporary and historical information about Baptists. The system will thus be extremely valuable to Baptist agencies, institutions, and program leaders, as well as to scholars studying the life and work of Baptists. A massive amount of staff time will be devoted to the project during the next fifteen months.

6. Oral History Workshop. --Thomas A. Charlton, Director of the Baylor University Program for Oral History, and Charles W. Crawford, Director of the Oral History Research Office at Memphis State University were enlisted to assist the Historical Commission staff in conducting the first Convention-wide Baptist Oral History Workshop, September 27-29, 1973. Fifty people registered representing twenty-six state conventions, fourteen SBC agencies, and fifteen Baptist educational institutions. Response to the workshop has been gratifying. As a direct result of the workshop, at least fifteen states, institutions, and agencies are initiating plans for Oral History work.

7. Working with the Academic Community. --Continuing efforts to maintain close ties with the faculty and administration of Baptist educational institutions led to visits on the campuses of three seminaries and three universities during the year. Faculty members and students from several other

institutions visited the Historical Commission offices and/or utilized its library. It was a privilege to speak to classes at Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern seminaries, to speak in chapel at Southeastern, and to assist in conducting a graduate oral examination at Southern. Consultation with professors and librarians was most rewarding in encouraging their support of our work.

8. Inter-Agency Matters. --Through participation in the Inter-Agency Council and its committees, your Executive Secretary maintains a close relationship with the executives and senior staff members of other Convention agencies. In January he completed a second term as Secretary-Treasurer of the IAC. This year he served as program chairman of the SBC agencies and state papers group of the Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference. The Baptist Computer Users Association elected him as its Secretary-Treasurer.

It was a privilege to provide consultative assistance to the Foreign Mission Board regarding the initiation of an archives program; to participate in the Home Mission Board's Trilogue of Baptists, Catholics, and Jews; to assist the Sunday School Board in a conference for state recording secretaries and another conference for associational clerks; and to assist Kentucky Baptists in a conference for associational clerks. In cooperation with the Stewardship Commission, special promotion has been given to the Cooperative Program.

Serving as a member of the ad hoc committee on Baptists and the nation's Bicentennial, we have participated in three meetings in Washington, D. C., to plan for a national convocation of Baptists to be held in D. C., January 12-15, 1976. To be called "Baptists and the American Experience: A Bicentennial Convocation," this conference is being developed as a cooperative project of the Baptist bodies in America.

9. Cooperation with Other Historical Agencies. --Membership is maintained in many organizations related to the work of the Historical Commission including the Society of American Archivists, American Theological Library Association, Oral History Association, American Association of State and Local History, Society of American Church History, et al. It was a privilege to consult with the librarians of SBC seminaries concerning our Baptist historical work and to discuss the development of BIRS with representatives of other periodical indexes during the ATLA meeting in June, 1973. On May 11, 1973, I attended the dedication of the Joseph H. Jackson Library in Chicago and presented to this new library and archives of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., several reels of microfilm containing Negro Baptist materials.

10. Appreciation. --Grateful appreciation is expressed to the officers, committees, and members of the Historical Commission and Historical Society for their assistance and prayerful support in all of our work; our staff for their splendid cooperation and hard work; and to the churches for their Cooperative Program gifts which make it possible for us to serve the history needs of Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn E. May, Jr.

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Report of Assistant Executive Secretary

April, 1973 - March, 1974

The past year has been a most gratifying one as the Commission sought to encourage Baptists to procure, conserve, and utilize the materials of their history. Helping Baptists to understand, appreciate and interpret their history is a continuing challenge. This report is a brief summary of the activities of the Assistant Executive Secretary since we met last.

1. Planning. --The addition of Charles W. Deweese to our staff as Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services has been a great asset. During the year Dr. May, Dr. Deweese, and the Assistant Executive Secretary have engaged in long-range planning of our activities. The addition of the new staff member has permitted the Commission to devote more time to specific Program Development.

2. Promotion. --It is with pleasure that we can report a substantial growth in the Southern Baptist Historical Society. The large increase again points up the interest which exists in Baptist studies.

It was my privilege during the year to visit five state convention meetings (Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Kansas-Nebraska, and Mississippi), speaking on the program at four of the five meetings. The response received to our work at these meetings was most gratifying and encouraging.

The Assistant Executive Secretary represented the Commission at the state historical societies in six states: Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Oklahoma. He addressed a banquet at the Arizona Baptist Historical Society and Commission meeting. The warm spirit of cooperation which exists between the state bodies and the Commission helps them to avoid duplication of effort.

Visits were also made to a number of Baptist campuses which provided several opportunities to meet with students. Among the schools visited were Mid-western Baptist Theological Seminary, Oklahoma Baptist University, Samford University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and William Jewell College. No professional historical societies were attended during the year.

3. Research Assistance. --During the year over 160 research requests were processed for churches, conventions, agencies, associations, and individuals. Many times the research inquiry prompted additional related queries. Special research assistance was given to the Stewardship Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in the preparation of a filmstrip and film regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program in 1975.

There was a good interest in the use of resources in the Dargan-Carver Library and a number of professional historians and students used the library for research.

4. Editing. --It was my privilege to prepare two articles for The Quarterly Review and one article each for Baptist History and Heritage and Young Adults in Training. I also provided assistance to the Executive Secretary

in editing Baptist History and Heritage and the historical section of The Quarterly Review. As a result of the increased circulation of Baptist History and Heritage articles which appear in it are listed in the bibliographies of several national historical journals. The increased circulation has prompted the submission of a number of free-lance articles for consideration.

5. Publication. --The 1972 edition of the Southern Baptist Periodical Index was prepared. To date 210 copies have been distributed. Extensive mailings have been made to church libraries and others to solicit orders for this valuable resource and reference tool.

6. Oral History. --A large amount of time was spent during the past year on oral history interviews with several Southern Baptist Convention presidents. Interviews were conducted with R. G. Lee, K. Owen White, H. H. Hobbs, and L. D. Newton. Approximately sixty hours of tape have been collected, but only a small portion transcribed. The insights gained from these participants will be extremely useful in the days to come. Unfortunately since our last report Casper C. Warren died before an oral history project could be begun with him. In September, a nation-wide Oral History Workshop was conducted at Henry Horton Park. This Workshop was developed by the Commission and received enthusiastic and widespread support across our Convention. A very good favorable public response was achieved, and several states have begun an extensive Oral History Program. The cost of securing and transcribing Oral History interviews is high but will prove extremely valuable.

7. Conferences. --It was my privilege to lead two conferences in Baptist history during Church Training Weeks at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. A large number participated and the response was most encouraging.

8. Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS). --During the year a great deal of time was devoted to the development of the Baptist Information Retrieval System. Extensive conferences and consultations were conducted with the Executive Secretary and the computer development firm Smith-Murray and Associates, Birmingham. During the year an authority list of subject headings or a Thesaurus was developed, and this list along with preliminary instructions was submitted to each of the input locations. I was appointed to serve as chairman of the Thesaurus Revision Committee which will begin meeting in April to determine Thesaurus changes. The value of BIRS cannot be fully appreciated since all that can be seen at present is much like the tip of an iceberg.

I have continued to work with the Baptist Sunday School Board in developing indexing procedures and through a subcommittee assisted in the development of the new procedure for indexing of Baptist Sunday School Board materials.

9. Consultation. --Consultative help was offered to several agencies within Southern Baptist life such as the Church Music, Church Training, and Sunday School Departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and state convention agencies. In cooperation with the Baptist Joint Committee of Public Affairs and the Christian Life Commission, the Assistant Executive Secretary contributed to the development of "We Hold These Truths," the Southern Baptist Convention emphasis for 1975-76.

10. Acquisitions. --A number of important acquisitions were made by our Dargan-Carver Library during the year. The microfilming and accession of the Manly collection was an important development. Every attempt was made to secure both old and new Baptist periodical literature. The maintenance of

complete files of all Baptist periodicals in at least one location continues to be our goal.

A special effort was made this year to secure each major thesis and dissertation done in North America in the area of Baptist studies. In spite of this effort, however, theses and dissertations not listed in the regular indexes are sometimes missed. Scholars could be of considerable assistance if they would alert the Commission to new works prepared in Baptist studies. We are grateful to all who have helped to make our library one of the most complete collections of Baptist material found anywhere in the world.

11. Personal Development. --It was my privilege during the year to complete as an outside project Sunrise on the Wabash, a book which relates the history of Indiana Southern Baptists from their earliest days until 1973. The book was published by the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana and released in November.

Let me express my appreciation to our Lord and to my fellow workers for the opportunity of sharing in the work of the Commission. The enlargement of our staff has indeed been an answer to prayer and a cause for rejoicing that the work of Christ is advancing in the area of Baptist studies. Much more still needs to be done.

Respectfully submitted,


A. Ronald Tonks

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by the Stewardship Commission in preparing for the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program; conducted 102 research projects to assist others requesting historical information. (8) Published four issues of the Commission's journal Baptist History and Heritage, and three historical sections in The Quarterly Review to help Baptists understand their heritage. (9) Wrote and channeled articles on Baptist heritage and the utilization of Baptist historical materials through SBC agency periodicals, press releases, state newspapers, and other publications. (10) Published in cooperation with other SBC agencies an annual volume of the Southern Baptist Periodical Index, a subject-author guide to 48 Southern Baptist periodicals. (11) Reprinted several methods pamphlets and distributed 12,500 copies of leaflets, pamphlets, and other materials designed to serve the history needs of Southern Baptists. (12) Consulted with administrators, faculty members and students of three seminaries and four universities concerning the need of Southern Baptists for a better understanding of their heritage; assisted in conducting a graduate oral exam for a Th.D. candidate majoring in Baptist studies. (13) Represented the history interests of the denomination at six national meetings of other historical organizations. (14) Conducted two weeks of Baptist heritage conferences at Ridgecrest Conference Center. (15) Doubled the membership of the Southern Baptist Historical Society during the year, then launched a special campaign to enlist an additional 1,650 members in the Society by April, 1974.

Report of

Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services

November, 1973-March, 1974

Genuine appreciation goes to the Historical Commission for naming me the recipient of the Davis C. Woolley Memorial Award for the Study of Church Covenants in July, 1972, for publishing three of my articles in Baptist History and Heritage since January, 1972, and for allowing me the unique privilege of becoming a professional staff member in November, 1973. Working alongside a sensitive and supportive staff, my orientation to the work of the Commission is proceeding smoothly. I will use this report to share the substance of my accomplishments to this point.

1. Research Assistance. --Fifty-six research requests have been answered. These requests have come from laymen, pastors, college and seminary personnel, and various agency leaders.

2. Editing. --Assistance has been provided in editing one issue of Baptist History and Heritage and the articles in the "Historical Perspectives" section of The Quarterly Review for two issues. In addition, a considerable amount of time has been invested in compiling the Southern Baptist Periodical Index, 1973.

3. Publication. --Your Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services has actively involved himself in writing. He had an article on church covenants published in the January, 1974, issue of Baptist History and Heritage. He has prepared another article on church covenants which will appear in the Winter, 1975, issue of Search. He is compiling a bibliography of recent publications about Baptists which will appear in the April, 1975, issue of Media. He is also compiling a bibliography of Baptist bibliographies which will likely appear in some future issue of Baptist History and Heritage.

4. Additional Activities. --This writer has participated in Baptist Information Retrieval System developments. He has shared in meetings with the staffs of the Christian Life Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs concerning matters related to Baptist involvement in the bicentennial celebration of the United States. He has served in an advisory capacity to the Baptist Hymnal revision committee on the subject of what approach to take toward church covenants in the new edition. Finally, he has lectured in meetings of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society and the Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference.

I interpret my work with the Historical Commission to be a ministry. I view this ministry as a call from God. I pledge to be a faithful servant in this ministry. Thank you for the honor and challenge.

Respectfully submitted.

Charles W. Deweese
Charles W. Deweese

Accession Record

October 1, 1972 - September 30, 1973

	<u>No.</u> <u>Purch.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Gifts</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Amount</u>
Books	463	\$1,673.15	360	\$695.74	823	\$2,368.89
Histories & Anniv.	-	-	112	51.70	112	51.70
Convention Annuals	22	4.40	41	20.50	63	24.90
Assoc. Annuals	159	31.80	960	240.00	1,119	271.80
Filmstrips/Slides	1	4.00	1	5.00	2	9.00
Pamphlets/Tracts	6	7.10	268	35.00	274	42.10
Archival	1	2.00	26	165.00	27	167.00
Artifacts	-	-	1	1.00	1	1.00
Periodicals	57	353.32	86	320.80	143	674.12
Recordings	1	10.00	39	724.00	40	734.00
Pictures	<u>3</u>	<u>7.50</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>102.75</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>110.25</u>
TOTAL	713	\$2,093.27	1,986	\$2,361.49	2,699	\$4,454.76

October 1, 1973 - March 15, 1974

	<u>No.</u> <u>Purch.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Gifts</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Amount</u>
Books	209	\$ 591.41	129	\$244.89	338	\$ 836.30
Histories & Anniv.	-	-	18	10.15	18	10.15
Convention Annuals	-	-	6	3.00	6	3.00
Assoc. Annuals	-	-	491	112.75	491	112.75
Filmstrips/Slides	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pamphlets/Tracts	15	17.70	106	17.65	121	35.35
Archival	1	12.00	8	42.00	9	54.00
Artifacts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Periodicals	54	268.95	58	167.44	112	436.39
Recordings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pictures	<u>3</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>27.20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>35.20</u>
TOTAL	282	\$ 898.06	845	\$625.08	1,127	\$1,523.14

(Mrs.) Shirley Rose
Miss Cecile Smith

Donors During 1973-74

Books

Alabama Baptist State Convention
Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union
American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.
American Baptist Convention
American Baptist Women
Baptist Missionary Society
Bauermeister Booksellers
Broadman Press
Casa Publicadora Batista
Christian Life Commission, SBC
Columbia Baptist Conference, Seattle,
Washington
Convention Press
Executive Committee, SBC
First Baptist Church, Caddo, Oklahoma
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
Home Mission Board, SBC
Judson Press
Lutheran Historical Conference
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
Northwest Baptist Theological College
Old Faithful Contender
Publicacao da Uniao Femina
Samford University Library
Stewardship Commission, SBC
Strict Baptist Mission
Sunday School Board, SBC
Vanderbilt Press
Wil-Care Corporation
Woman's Missionary Union of Maryland
Woman's Missionary Union, SBC
Yale University Press

Periodicals

Executive Committee, SBC
Foreign Mission Board, SBC
Georgia Baptist Historical Society
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Hollis, Harry
Woolley, Mrs. Davis C.

Ackland, Donald
Archer, Glenn L.
Boles, John
Broome, John Davis
Crawford, Al
Dobbs, Edgar
Euting, George
Fair, Horace
Fetler, Melanie
Gaustad, Ed
Helmbold, F. Wilbur
Hester, H. I.
Holloway, Lee
Kendal, Robert
Lankford, L. T.
Mabry, Don
Mason, J. W.
McClellan, Albert
McLemore, R. A.
Reynolds, Bill
Smaw, O. Meredith
Sprunger, Lauren
Taylor, Erma
Thompson, Eugene
Tonks, A. Ronald
Trent, Miss Robbie
Wardin, Albert W., Jr.
Woodard, John
Woolley, Mrs. Davis C.
Zeman, J. K.

Archival - Artifacts

Baptist World Alliance
Freeman, Mrs. L. R.
Hollis, Harry
Latimore, Mrs. Loulie
Leek, Mrs. Charles F.
Lovegren, Mrs.
Samford University
Sprunger, Lauren
Steeves, Paul D.
Walker, Charles O.
Wardin, Albert W.

Histories - Anniversaries

- Allen Park Baptist Church, Galesburg, Ill.
 Antioch Baptist Church, Antioch, Tenn.
 Atlanta Baptist Association, Atlanta, Ga.
 Auburn Baptist Church, Auburntown, Tenn.
 Baltimore Baptist Assoc., Baltimore, Md.
 Baptist State Convention of Michigan
 Beech River Baptist Association of Tenn.
 Bent Creek Bapt. Ch., Whitesburg, Tenn.
 Bethel Baptist Church, Clark Co., Va.
 Brevard Baptist Association of Florida
 Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton, Tenn.
 Calvary Baptist Ch., Edwardsville, Ill.
 Calvary Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.
 Capital City Baptist Assoc. of Illinois
 Carmel Baptist Church, Ruther Glen, Va.
 Centerville Baptist Ch., Chesapeake, Va.
 Central Baptist Ch., Fountain City, Tenn.
 Central Bapt. Ch., Knoxville, Tenn.
 Chestnut Grove Bapt. Ch., Earlsville, Va.
 Christian Co. Bapt. Assoc. of Kentucky
 Christian Enterprises, Inc., Ashland, Va.
 Cold Spring Bapt. Ch., Battletown, Ky.
 College Ave. Baptist Ch., Bluefield, Va.
 Del Ray Baptist Church, Alexander, Va.
 Falling Creek Bapt. Ch., Elberton, Ga.
 First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ark.
 First Baptist Church, Mar Vista, Cal.
 First Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga.
 First Baptist Church, Gallatia, Ill.
 First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kan.
 First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky.
 First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
 First Baptist Church, Sulphur, La.
 First Baptist Church, Pocomake, Md.
 First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Miss.
 First Baptist Church, Red Springs, N.C.
 First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N.C.
 First Baptist Church, Durant, Okla.
 First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
 First Baptist Church, Easley, S.C.
 First Baptist Church, Etowah, Tenn.
 First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
 First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn.
 First Baptist Church, Stanton, Tex.
 Fisherville Bapt. Ch., Fisherville, La.
 Florida Baptist State Convention
 Forks of Dix River Baptist Church,
 Lancaster, Ky.
- Gorham St. Bapt. Ch., Jackson, Mich.
 Gulf Stream Bapt. Assoc. of Florida
 Hickory Rd. Bapt. Ch., Quitman, Ga.
 Highland Bapt. Ch., Hohenwald, Tenn.
 Inglewood Bapt. Ch., Nashville, Tenn.
 Leigh St. Bapt. Ch., Richmond, Va.
 Long Creek Mem. Bapt. Ch.,
 Dallas, N.C.
 Lower King & Queen Bapt. Ch. of
 Virginia
 Messenger McCalla Ave. Bapt. Ch.
 Moffett Rd. Bapt. Ch., Mobile, Ala.
 Moulton Bapt. Ch., Moulton, Tex.
 No. Amern. Assoc. of Oregon
 Park View Bapt. Ch., Durham, N.C.
 Pittsboro Bapt. Ch., Pittsboro, N.C.
 Ridge Spring Bapt. Ch., Ridge
 Spring, S.C.
 Rocky Valley Bapt. Ch., Lebanon,
 Tenn.
 Santa Rosa Bapt. Ch., Santa Rosa, N.M.
 Sedalia Bapt. Church, Sedalia, Ky.
 Shalom Bapt. Ch., Mechanicsville, Va.
 Sharon Bapt. Church, Danville, Va.
 Siam Bapt. Ch., Elizabethtown, Tenn.
 South Gate Bapt. Ch., Nashville, Tenn.
 Sunday School Board, SBC
 Sylvarina Bapt. Ch., Wesson, Miss.
 Una Baptist Church, Tennessee
 South Car. Baptist Convention
 Walnut Grove Bapt. Ch., Mechanics-
 ville, Va.
 Wayland Bapt. Ch., Plainview, Tex.
 West End Bapt. Ch., Atlanta, Ga.
 Wichita Bapt. Ch., Wichita, Kan
- Chatham, James
 Fulbright, Joe
 Griffin, James A.
 Harris, Waldo P.
 Hastings, Robert
 James, J. M.
 Lindsay, Jon
 McClellan, Albert
 Porter, Lee
 Stephens, J.W.E.
 Wall, Kelly
 Wardin, Albert W.

Pamphlets - Tracts

American Baptist Mission Society
 American Bapt. Publication Society
 Americans United
 Arkansas Bapt. Historical Society
 Atlantic United Baptist Convention
 Bapt. Convention of Ontario and Quebec
 Baptist Federation of Canada
 Bapt. Joint Committee on Public Affairs
 Broadman Press
 Canadian Baptist
 Christian Life Commission, SBC
 Convention Press
 Dargan-Carver Library, Sunday School
 Board, SBC
 Florida Baptist Convention
 Home Mission Board, SBC
 Illinois Baptist
 Kentucky Bapt. Historical Society
 New York Baptist Convention
 Samford University
 Seminary Extension Department, SBC
 Southern Bapt. Theological Seminary
 Sunday School Board, SBC
 United Baptist Convention
 Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

Barnett, Mr. & Mrs. Minyard M.
 Deweese, Charles W.
 Keegan, Mrs. Marion
 Sprunger, Lauren
 Woolley, Mrs. Davis C.

Minutes - Annuals

States
 Associations
 Individuals

Pictures

Baptist Press
 CSA Press
 Executive Committee, SBC
 Foreign Mission Board, SBC
 Golden Gate Bapt. Theological
 Seminary
 Illinois Baptist
 Memphis Bellevue Baptist Church
 Missouri Baptist Convention
 Monkmeyer Press
 New Orleans Bapt. Theological
 Seminary
 Southeastern Bapt. Theological
 Seminary
 Southern Bapt. Theol. Seminary
 Tennessee Baptist Convention
 Virginia Baptist Convention
 Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

Babb, Mrs. Marguerite
 Crawford, Al
 Criswell, W. A.
 Dehoney, Wayne
 Hays, Brooks
 Hobbs, Herschel H.
 Palmer, Phil
 Paschall, H. Franklin
 White, K. Owen
 Young, Jim

Audiovisuals

Radio and Television Commission,
 SBC
 South Main Baptist Church,
 Houston, Texas

Microfilm Report

October 1, 1972 Through September 28, 1973

88,776 pp.	35mm negative produced @ .01 per page	\$ 887.76
8,871 pp.	16mm negative produced @ 1/2¢ per page	44.36
70,118 pp.	35mm positive produced @ 3/4¢ per page	525.89
47,090 pp.	35mm negative purchased @ Cost	1,368.40
164,474 pp.	35mm positive purchased @ Cost	<u>1,593.74</u>
	Total evaluation	\$ 4,420.15

Addenda

October 1, 1974 Through March 15, 1974

57,516 pp.	35mm negative produced @ .01 per page	\$ 575.16
35,759 pp.	35mm positive produced @ 3/4¢ per page	268.12
19,500 pp.	35mm negative purchased @ Cost	120.00
15,374 pp.	35mm positive purchased @ Cost	<u>216.00</u>
	Total evaluation	\$ 1,179.28

MICROFILM MATERIALS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Associational Annuals	424
State Convention Annuals	242
Baptist State Papers (Volumes)	78
Baptist Periodicals (Volumes)	239
Books and Pamphlets	22
Church Records	68
Archival Materials	9
Theses	120
Russian Baptist and Evangelical Materials	
Books	28
Periodicals	<u>3</u>
 TOTAL PAGES 401,601	 TOTAL ITEMS 1,233

(Mrs.) Reba McMahon
Microfilm Secretary

Annual Report
Dargan-Carver Library

March 16, 1973-March 8, 1974

Personnel and organizational changes and rearrangement in facilities contributed prominently to the past year's work.

March 31, 1974, Lamar Nichols, who had served the library nineteen years as circulation clerk, requested and was granted medical retirement. In April, Hulon Tidwell was promoted to the reevaluated job of periodicals assistant. Perry Moss joined the staff April 23 as microphotographer. July 31, James L. Standifer was promoted to a supervisory position in another division. October 16, Bo Reece was promoted to media specialist and Alton Abston accepted the position of audiovisual assistant. Mrs. Pat Garrett joined the library staff, February 1, 1974, as cataloging clerk, and Mrs. Mickey Slayden joined the staff March 1, as circulation clerk. Four employees have been promoted from outside to positions within the staff, two have accepted promotions away from the staff, and two have received promotions and stayed within the staff.

The services of four temporary employees were used at various times during the year. Mrs. Pat Huddleston and Miss Kathy Powell presently serve the library in temporary positions.

Three employees are now enrolled in or have completed five college or university courses for credit. All seven professional-supervisory employees have continued membership in or joined professional organizations. Each professional employee holds membership in one or more of seven different organizations.

The microphotography unit was added to the Dargan-Carver Library, April 9, 1973, and physically moved into an area formerly occupied by a part of the stacks in November, 1973.

During the budget year 1973-74, the Dargan-Carver Library operated under a unit budget structure for office, technical processes, audiovisual, and microphotography.

The personnel strength of the library continues at fourteen.

Special activities included completely rearranging periodicals in stacks area, transferral of Historical Commission's negative copies of microfilm to the mezzanine, and transferral of original minutes and records of First Baptist Church to a local bank vault. A periodical inventory was completed September 30, 1973. The Historical Commission-Sunday School board contract for the operation of Dargan-Carver was negotiated and signed September 26, 1973, for a three-year period.

■ Supervisor
Howard Gallimore

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| ■ Archivist
Mrs. Marian Keegan | ■ Cataloguer-Circulation Supervisor
Mrs. Ramona Denton |
| ■ Acquisitions Librarian
Mrs. Nora Wiggins | ■ Audiovisual Assistant
Alton Abston |
| ■ Bibliography Researcher
Mrs. Edith Steele | ■ Cataloging Clerk
Mrs. Pat Garrett |
| ■ Media Specialist
Bo Reece | ■ Circulations Clerks
Mrs. Mickey Slayden
Vacant |
| ■ Verification Research Assistant
Mrs. Sadie Steagald | ■ Clerk-Typist
Mrs. Catherine Dalton |
| | ■ Microphotographer
Perry Moss |
| | ■ Periodicals Assistant
Hulon Tidwell |

CATALOGING

Books	815
Tapes and Recordings	238
Pamphlets and Tracts	255
Church Histories and Anniversaries	92
Microfilm (Reels)	469
Filmstrips	1

BAPTIST UNION CATALOG

The staff has typed, stamped, and filed 1,334 additional cards for the Baptist Union Catalog.

CIRCULATION REPORT

Historical Commission Books Checked Out	1,455
Historical Commission Books Checked In	1,475

ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

	<u>Items</u>
AR 311 - George Percy - monograph about him. He was the second missionary appointed by the Foreign Mission Board.	1
AR 312 - Annual report of the Israel Mission, 1972.	1
AR 313 - Documents about the beginning of <u>The Gadfly</u> , student paper of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.	9
AR 314 - Information about the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.	3
AR 315 - SBC Committee on preparation for postwar missions materials.	607
AR 316 - Southern Baptist aid to western states.	1
AR 317 - SBC 1918 roll of associational representatives.	1
AR 318 - Rebaptism document by Martin Luther, 1528. Translation.	1
AR 319 - American Baptist Theological Seminary historical materials, 1918-27, 32-33.	67
AR 320 - Florida Baptists centennial address, 1825-1925.	1
AR 321 - Charles Crow documents, 1807 and 1819. Photocopies of handwritten material.	2
AR 323 - Contents list of the Manly collection of manuscripts, 1798-1930. This is a bound volume.	1
AR 324 - Baptist World Alliance study papers, 1973.	26
AR 325 - A book list with a handwritten note by R. H. Graves (1855-1912), Southern Baptist Missionary to China.	1
AR 328 - Copy of letter from Jesse Mercer in 1827.	1
AR 329 - Alvah Sperry, sermons and notes, ca. 1840.	1
AR 330 - William Screven, re: his burial place. Photocopies of codicil of a will and property drawings, 1757.	8
AR 331 - Luther Rice letters and circulars, 1815-18. Xerox copies	8

ADDENDA TO ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

AR 239 - Storer collection.	15
AR 283 - Woolley collection.	224
AR 139 - Ms. - "Samuel Harris," by Charles F. Leek.	3
- Ms. - "A Short Confession of Faith . . . 1697," by Elias Keach and others.	5
- Ms. - "The Experience of the Russian Baptists," by Paul D. Steeves.	1
Total Items	988
(ca. 2,238 pp.)	

Assisted 138 researchers in study of archival materials.

Society Officers—Directors

OFFICERS

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Report of Society President


April, 1973 - April, 1974

The Southern Baptist Historical Society has cast aside its swaddling clothes and come of age. The Society was chartered in 1938 and has held annual meetings since that date. The membership grew slowly, but reached 432 in 1971. Since that date there has been a concerted effort to increase the membership, and it stands as of this writing at approximately 1,100. The promotional efforts of Historical Commission members and staff and Historical Society directors have been of a special importance in this achievement. A campaign chairman in each state has enlisted individuals to serve as a state committee. Some innovations in enlisting members were introduced along with an increased emphasis upon traditional methods. Texas, Mississippi, and Oregon-Washington are to be commended for exceeding their goals in the campaign. The achievements of the campaign workers are commendable, but the Society has only a fraction of the membership which it should command.

The format for the annual meeting of the Society was slightly modified for the 1974 meeting. The revised arrangement will permit members of the Historical Commission to complete most of their work prior to the Society's meetings so that they can give special attention to the Society program.

The practice of setting the theme of the Society program several years in advance permits the program committee to recruit competent scholars and speakers. In 1974 the program is related to the theme "Baptists and the U.S.A. Bicentennial." The program will provide valuable information and suggestions that can be used by local Baptist groups in assuring proper participation in the Bicentennial celebration. Program participants will include Robert G. Hartje, Wittenburg University; Charles E. Lee, Director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History; Mrs. Glennis Parker, Director of the Arkansas American Revolution Bicentennial Program; A. K. Johnson, Director of the Georgia American Revolution Bicentennial Program; and Perry Snyder, Director of the Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Program and other guest speakers. The chairman of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society will also address the Society on the heritage of Baptists since the American Revolution.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society has a significant role to play in Southern Baptist life. It is a grass roots organization, capitalizing upon local interest in historical events. The Convention-wide organization can stimulate this interest. It can also aid the Historical Commission in promoting its program of publication, preservation of historical materials, and dissemination of information. There is another aspect of the Society's service that frequently goes unnoticed. The annual meetings bring together people who have a common interest in history and share with each other their enthusiasm and knowledge.



R. A. McLemore, President
Southern Baptist Historical Society

*Historical Society
Financial Report*

<u>INCOME</u>	Oct. 1, 1972 <u>Sept. 30, 1973</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>
Historical Commission -			
Budget Item	\$2,000.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800
Society Membership Fees	3,492.40	5,000.00	5,200
Interest - Endowment	<u>183.30</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>210</u>
TOTAL	5,675.70	9,000.00	9,210
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
<u>Baptist History and Heritage</u>	2,673.00	3,500.00	3,720
<u>Quarterly Review</u>	1,972.85	3,150.00	3,440
Cost of Articles	172.00	200.00	240
Annual Meeting Expense	988.76	1,000.00	1,000
Office Supplies -			
Printing, Postage, etc.	945.19	1,000.00	1,100
Pamphlets	214.18	250.00	200
Mailing Costs	200.00	250.00	300
Transfer - Life Memberships	<u>325.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	7,490.98	9,350.00	10,000
Expenses in excess of income	(1,815.28)	(350)	(790)
Southern Baptist Foundation Endowment Fund	\$3,310.10		

Lynn E. May, Jr.

Lynn E. May, Jr., Treasurer
Southern Baptist Historical Society

Southern Baptist Historical Society

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Mau, Lynn E., Jr., Tenn.
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 *Anderson, James W., La.
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 Anderson, Dr. P. Harris, Jr., Ga.
 *Anderson, Paul W., Texas
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 Birkitt, James N., Va.
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 Brogan, Rev. Dick, Miss.
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 Brown, Luke C., Texas
 *Brown, Mark, Ala.
 Brown, T. B., Miss.

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 Bruan, Jackson, Fla.
 Bruant, Rev. Charlie L., Miss.
 Bruant, Gladys, Miss.
 Bruant, Therman, Miss.
 *Buckin, George P., Miss.
 Bull, Bernard, Tenn.
 *Burgers, Neal W., Texas
 Burke, James K., Ala.
 *Burnett, Tomu M., Texas
 Bush, T. Keller, N. Car.
 *Butler, Craig, Texas
 Butler, Jon, Calif.
 Butler, Mrs. Josephine T., Va.
 Butler, Martin C., Ky.
 Bird, David O., Tenn.
 Calhoun, Milburn, La.
 Callaway, T. C., Jr., Mich.
 Campbell, Elizabeth, N. Car.
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 Carkeet, Rev. George, La.
 Carlisle, Rev. Holmes H., Miss.
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 *Carpenter, Ronald C., Texas
 Carpenter, Rev. W. C., Jr., Ore.
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 Carter, Melba, La.
 Cartledge, Dr. Jared I., Texas
 *Cavin, Alan, Texas
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 Chidester, Paul V., Ga.
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 Chowning, Thomas J., Ind.
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 Clark, Forrest S., Ky.
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 Cox, James L., Tenn.
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 *Cramer, Herman, Texas
 Crapps, Rev. Richard H., S. Car.
 Craven, Rev. Paul J., S. Car.
 *Crawford, George W., Texas
 *Creel, Caldwell, Tenn.
 *Crocker, Richard R., Tenn.
 *Crossno, Ivan, Texas
 Crouch, W. Perru, N. Car.
 *Cruthers, Bill, Fla.
 Cullom Baptist Ass'n., N. Car.
 Cummings, Bryant M., Miss.
 Curtis, Gene A., Nebraska
 Cutsinger, Mrs. Janette B., Calif.
 Dagherhart, Rev. Gene, S. Car.
 D'Amico, David F., Texas
 *Dane, Bruce H., Texas
 Daniel, W. Harrison, Va.
 Daniels, Warne, Oregon
 Darbu, C. J., Miss.
 Darbu, Dr. Wade E., Tenn.
 Daughtru, Rev. Cornell, Miss.
 *Davenport, Billu, Ky.
 *Davidson, Matt, Ky.
 Davidson, Nelle C., Tenn.
 Davis, Cecil L., Fla.
 Davis, Earl C., Ga.
 Davis, Dr. Harwell G., Ala.
 Davis, Hugh C., Texas
 Davis, Rev. Jimm D., Miss.
 Davis, Dr. Pollu Ann, Texas
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 *DeJesus, Benjamin P., Texas
 *Dendu, James D., Texas
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 Denton, Mrs. Ramona, Tenn.
 DeVault, Doris, Ala.
 *Devulder, George, Jr., Calif.

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 Duncan, Dr. Pope A.
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 *Eberhardt, D. Michael, Texas
 *Edmondson, C. T., Jr., Va.
 *Edwards, Victor L., Texas
 *Egnot, Timothy A., Texas
 Ekrut, V. S., Tenn.
 Eller, E. R., S. Car.
 Emeru, Rev. Leon, Miss.
 Entz, Angeline J., Wash.
 *Erwin, D. Richard, Texas
 Eskeu, Harry, La.
 Ethridge, Dr. Waller M., Texas
 Evans, Rev. Finlen, Miss.
 Fair Park Baptist Church, La.
 Falls, Dr. Helen E., La.
 Fallis, W. J., Tenn.
 Farley, Dr. Garru, Tenn.
 Farmer, Rev. Louis, Jr., Miss.
 Farr, Eugen I., Miss.
 Farrar, Thomas E., Jr., Va.
 Faustman, Mrs. Hellen E., Tenn.
 Felts, Mrs. Lemuel B., Ky.
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 Ferris, Charles J., Ky.
 Field, Dr. Thomas S., Mo.
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 First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.
 First Baptist Church, Brownsville,
 Texas
 First Baptist Church, Cocoa, Fla.
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 Flint, Waune, Ala.
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 Foreign Mission Board, Va.
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 Fowler, Gradu, Ga.
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 Freeman, Rev. Lacy W., Tenn.
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 Frew, Betty Jane, Miss.
 *Frey, Carter, Texas
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 *Gage, Garru, Texas
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 *Galloway, Maru Elains, Mo.
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 *Garcia, Santiago, Texas
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 *Garner, Donald W., Ky.
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 Garrido, Rev. Francisco, Texas
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 Gates, Larru, La.
 *Gathings, Bill, Texas
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 *Gibbs, Dan P., Texas

- *Gibson, Charles, Ky.
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 *Glover, Larry, Texas
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 Graft, L. Jack, Texas
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 Gregori, Randolph L., N. Car.
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 Griffin, Dr. Marvin C., Texas
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 *Hataway, Bobbu H., Texas
 Hatfield, Samuel F., Va.
 *Hathcoat, Ronald, Texas
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 *Hickman, James, Texas
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 *Hicks, Harold A., Texas
 *Higgins, Dr. K. Milton, Calif.
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 *Johnson, Chester E., Texas
 *Johnson, Kenneth D., Texas
 Johnson, Mary Lunch, N. Car.
 *Johnson, Mike, Texas
 Johnson, P. M., N. Car.
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 *Riddell, James, Texas
 Riddle, Fannie Mae
 *Rieck, Rev. David, Calif.
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 *Roach, Rustu, Texas
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 *Roberts, Dale, Calif.
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 *Rogers, Paul, Texas
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 *Smith, Foster P., Texas
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 Smith, Harold S., Ky.
 *Smith, John W., Kansas
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 Smith, Travis E., Ga.
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 *Spoelstra, Donald J., Texas
 *Spillers, W. R., Texas
 *Spitzfaden, Thomas, La.
 *Sprague, Stuart R., Ky.
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 *Springston, Raymond L., Texas
 *Sprinkle, Jack, Tenn.
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 *Stanford, C. Steve, Texas
 *Stanley, Gregori T., Texas
 *Stansbury, Steven, Okla.
 Stapp, Dr. Robert N., Wash.
 *Stark, Gene, Texas
 *Stark, Mike, Texas
 Starkes, Mr. Tom, Ga.
 *Starwalt, Ervin, Texas
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 Stephen, Joseph W. E., Texas
 Stephenson, Mrs. M. B., N. Car.
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 Storrs, Robert, Jr., Colo.
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 Stroupe, Dr. Henry S., N. Car.
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 *Smiley, Don, Texas
 Sufrett, Harold W., S. Car.
- Szasz, F. M., New Mexico
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 Thompson, M. Bradley, D. C.
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 *Turk, Paul C., Texas
 *Turner, Don L., Jr., Texas
 Underwood, Evelin, N. Car.
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 Vaden, I. G., Texas
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 *Vann, Doug, Texas
 *Vaughan, R. T., Ala.
 *Veazey, Paul S., Ky.
 *Vernon, Stephan L., Texas
 *Vick, Clifford, Oregon
 Walker, Charles O., Ga.
 Walker, K. P., Texas
 Wall, Rev. L. D., Miss.
 *Walles, Jerry, Texas
 Walton, Seth R., Jr., Texas
 Walzer, Bruce G., Ky.
 Wamble, Hugh, Mo.
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 *Watson, S. T., Jr., Texas
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 Webb, Earl, Tenn.
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 Weber, Dr. Paul, Mo.
 *Weimer, Allen
 *Weir, Jack, Texas

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 West, Rev. K. G., Wash.
 West, Rev. V. Daniel, Miss.
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 *Williams, B. Rafford, Texas
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 Williams, Rev. Glen, Miss.
 Williams, Rev. Grady H., Fla.
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 *Williamson, Richard L., La.
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Florida	34	Oklahoma	17
Georgia	40	Oregon	16
Idaho	1	Pennsylvania	3
Illinois	7	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	6	South Carolina	38
Iowa	2	South Dakota	1
Kansas	4	Tennessee	97
Kentucky	84	Texas	262
Louisiana	37	Virginia	50
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Maryland	14	West Virginia	1
Michigan	4	Wisconsin	2
Mississippi	126	FOREIGN	9

TOTAL MEMBERS - 1109

Charter Members	4
Life Members	53
Institutional Members	12
Annual Members	1049
Student Members	279

*Included in Annual Members above

Minutes

ANNUAL MEETING
Historical Commission, SBC
Southern Baptist Historical Society
April 16-18, 1973

The Annual Meeting of the Historical Commission opened at 5:30 p. m. with a dinner meeting for Commission members in the East Banquet Room of the Samford University Cafeteria, Birmingham, Alabama, with Robert A. Baker, chairman, presiding.

George Gaskins led the opening prayer.

1. Roll Call. --Mrs. Marguerite Babb, secretary, called the roll of elected Commission members: Harwell G. Davis, Ala.; George R. Wilson, Ariz.; Bill Bruster, Ark.; Harold E. Dye, Calif.; George Gaskins, Colo.; Miss Bradley Thompson, D. C.; Rollin S. Armour, Fla.; Spencer B. King, Jr., Ga.; Charles W. Boling, Ill.; Alvin Shackelford, Ind.; Luther Berry, Kansas; Miss Josephine Norwood, Md.; W. E. Martin, Mich.; R. A. McLemore, Miss.; Paul Weber, Jr., Mo.; Herbert E. Bergstrom, N. M.; B. E. White, N. C.; Joseph F. Hunt, Ohio; E. W. Thornton, Okla.; Joe M. King, S. C.; H. E. Cotey, Tenn.; Robert A. Baker, Texas; John S. Moore, Va.; E. C. Cloud, Wash.; Mrs. Marguerite Babb, Martin B. Bradley, Marlin R. Gennings, Frank C. Ingraham, John G. Justice, Gene Kerr, Richard D. Patton, local members; Lynn E. May, Jr., A. Ronald Tonks, and Mrs. Melba Ray of the Commission staff.

Absent: W. Morgan Patterson, Ky.; Glen Lee Greene, La.; Walter Harwood, Jack Robinson, and Robert B. Troutman, local members.

Others present during later sessions were: Dr. and Mrs. Lee Allen, Ala.; Roy Babb, Tenn.; Mrs. Eugene Bee, Ala.; Stanley H. Benson, Okla.; John W. Bolton, Tenn.; Mrs. Martin Bradley, Tenn.; Richmond and Kay Brown, Ala.; Jack Brymer, Ala.; Walter Bryant, Ala.; J. Glen Clayton, S. C.; Mrs. E. C. Cloud, Wash.; Elizabeth Crabtree, Ala.; Richard Crowe, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cuttino, S. C.; David Czachurski, Ala.; Mrs. Harwell G. Davis, Ala.; Mrs. Ramona Denton, Tenn.; Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Ala.; W. Deryl Edwards, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Farr, Miss.; Howard Gallimore, Tenn.; Dr. and Mrs. Lee Gallman, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner, Ga.; J. M. Gaskin, Okla.; James Herrick Hall, D. C.; H. H. Harwell, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilbur Helmbold, Ala.; Mrs. Frank C. Ingraham, Tenn.; George Jackson, Ala.; George Raleigh Jewell, Ky.; Earl Joiner, Fla.; William D. Jones, Ala.; Mrs. Marian Keegan, Tenn.; Mrs. Spencer B. King, Ga.; Jonathan A. Lindsey, Ala.; W. L. Lumpkin, Va.; Mabry Lunceford, Ala.; Mrs. R. A. McLemore, Miss.; Mrs. Reba McMahan, Historical Commission staff; Mrs. Tom Norton, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary Overby, Ga.; Quenton Porch, Ala.; Bernes K. Selph, Ark.; Walter B. Shurden, Tenn.; Tom Skinner, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Strozier, Ala.; David Vess, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Walker, Ala.; Keith C. Wills, Texas; Mrs. George R. Wilson, Ariz.; John R. Woodard, Jr., N. C.; and Dr. and Mrs. Leslie S. Wright, Ala.

Recognition was given to Marlin Gennings who was attending his first meeting as a member of the Commission, and to press representative Jack Brymer of Alabama Baptist.

2. Minutes Approved. --The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Commission 1972, as recorded in Baptist History and Heritage, April, 1973, pp. 116-127, were approved without reading.

3. Administrative Committee Annual Report. --Recommendations of the Administrative Committee (pages 88 ff.) were presented and action taken on items as follows:

(2) That Carl G. Rusek, CPA, be retained to keep the books and make the audit for the year 1973-74. Approved.

(3) The revised proposed budget for 1973-74. Approved. (Budget includes \$5,000 to employ part-time professional staff member.)

(4) The proposed budget for 1974-75. Approved. (Budget includes amount for full time employment of professional staff member.)

(5) That an official expression of appreciation in writing be sent to Samford University and the Alabama Baptist Historical Society for co-hosting the meeting of the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society. Recommendation approved.

(6) Committee of Fifteen Report. --The Committee has appointed a subcommittee to follow through on the study of the Historical Commission. It is understood that the Committee will not make any recommendations to the Convention in 1973. The Committee expects to formulate suggestions to pass on to the agencies for their consideration, but anticipates making no recommendations for radical changes in Convention structure.

(8) Plans for a Southern Baptist Oral History Workshop to be held September 27-29, 1973, at Henry Horton State Park, near Nashville, Tennessee, were announced.

(15) Presentation of a service recognition certificate and check for \$75 to Mrs. Reba McMahon for fifteen years service as Microfilm Secretary was approved.

(16) Approval was also given for presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Commission members who rotate off the Commission in June: Rollin S. Armour, Martin B. Bradley, Harwell G. Davis, George Gaskins, Walter Harwood, and Spencer B. King, Jr.

(17) Theme changes for future meetings were approved as follows:

1974 - April 22, 23, 24 - Baptists and the United States Bicentennial

1975 - April 21, 22, 23 - Our Denominational Heritage and the Present:

The Role of Baptist Oral History

1976 - April 19, 20, 21 - Baptists and the Struggle for Religious Liberty
in Early America

1977 - April 18, 19, 20 - Baptist History in Art and Pageantry

It was agreed that the Commission should acknowledge and look with favor upon the invitation extended by the Virginia Baptist Historical Society for the Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society to meet in Richmond for the

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Annual Meeting in 1976. Announcement was made that the Annual Meeting in 1974 would be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

The full report of the Administrative Committee was adopted.

4. Recommendations to the Society. --The Commission approved the following:

(1) That membership in the Southern Baptist Historical Society be increased January 1, 1974, as follows: Annual membership from \$4.00 to \$5.00, Student membership from \$2.00 to \$2.50, Life membership from \$65.00 to \$75.00.

(2) That interlibrary loan privileges to Society members be confined to circulating books in Dargan-Carver Library.

(3) That the Society join with the Commission in promoting a membership campaign to enlist 1,650 new members in the Society during the next year.

5. Title Change. --The Commission approved the change of position title from "Research Director" to "Assistant Executive Secretary."

6. Job Description. --Data relevant to the development of a job description for a third professional staff member was circulated. The executive secretary asked that further suggestions regarding the position be sent to the Historical Commission office.

7. Nominating Committee Appointed. --The Chairman asked the following to serve as a Nominating Committee for officers of the Historical Commission: Martin Bradley, chairman; Joe M. King, and Miss Josephine Norwood.

After announcements were made regarding travel and motel expenses, the meeting adjourned.

Evening Session, April 16 (7:30 p. m.)
Beeson Auditorium Samford University

Robert A. Baker, presiding, welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

8. Opening Prayer. -- Bernes K. Selph, Arkansas.

9. Introductory Matters. --Lynn E. May, Jr., recognized Arthur L. Walker, Administrative Vice-President of Samford University, who extended a word of welcome to the group. May then introduced Historical Commission staff members, and recognized guests and members of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society attending the meeting.

Rollin S. Armour, Southern Baptist Historical Society president, presiding.

10. Report of Research Director. --A. Ronald Tonks gave some of the highlights of his activities for the past year. (See report, p. 94 ff.)

11. Roll Call of Society. --Directors of the Society and Officers present for the meeting were: Rollin S. Armour, president; R. A. McLemore, vice-president; Lynn E. May, Jr., treasurer; George Gaskins, Miss Bradley Thompson, Harwell G. Davis, Spencer B. King, Bernes K. Selph, Robert Gardner, Harold E. Dye, Keith C. Wills, John R. Woodard, John S. Moore, Frank C. Ingraham.

Absent: H. I. Hester, secretary; Leo T. Crismon, F. D. Hewitt, Jr., Albert W. Wardin, Jr., James M. Gregg, W. Fred Kendall.

12. Treasurer's Report. --Lynn E. May gave the financial report (p. 107). The report was approved, and the 1973-74 budget adopted.

13. Minutes Approved. --The minutes of the 1972 Annual Meeting of the Society as incorporated in the minutes of the Commission (p. 116 ff) were approved without reading.

14. Society Nominating Committee Named. --The president asked the following to serve as members of the Committee to nominate officers and directors for the coming year: Wilbur Helmbold, chairman; George Gaskins, John Woodard.

15. Society Membership Increase. --The Society approved the recommendation of the Commission that annual membership fees be increased to \$5.00, student membership to \$2.50, and life memberships to \$75.00 effective January 1, 1974.

16. Interlibrary loans. --The Society approved the recommendation of the Commission that interlibrary loan privileges to Society members be confined to circulating books in Dargan-Carver Library.

17. Reports from State Societies. --The following reported on projects of their historical agency: E. C. Cloud - Northwest Convention, Keith Wills - Texas, George Wilson - Arizona, Glen Clayton - South Carolina, Rollin Armour - Florida.

The reports are to be published in the October, 1973, issue of Baptist History and Heritage.

18. Executive Secretary's Report. --Lynn May spoke to the report as printed on pages 90-93.

19. Chairman's Address. --Robert A. Baker brought an address on "The Magnificent Years 1917-1931." The address was taped and will also be published in the July, 1973, issue of Baptist History and Heritage.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Luther Berry.

Morning Session, April 17 (8:30 a. m.)
Beeson Auditorium, Samford University

Robert A. Baker, presiding.

20. Spencer B. King, Jr., Commission member from Georgia, brought the devotion.
21. Staff Reports. --The accession report (p. 97) was given by Mrs. Melba Ray. The microfilm report (pp. 100-101) was presented by Mrs. Reba McMahon.
22. A Ronald Tonks of the Commission staff presented a paper entitled "Home Mission Board: The Expectant but Anxious Years (1845-1860)." (Taped)
23. Robert Gardner, of Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, reacted to the paper.

After the morning coffee break, Rollin S. Armour presided over the remainder of the morning session.

24. R.A. McLemore, of Mississippi, brought a paper entitled "Archives of Church and State." (Taped)
25. Indexing Report. --F. Wilbur Helmbold, chairman, made a progress report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Indexing which began September 15-16, 1972. A thesaurus for indexing is currently being developed. Other members of the Committee are: Mrs. Ollin J. Owens (S. C.), John Woodard (N. C.), Walter Shurden (Tenn.), Wayne Flynt (Ala.), Marvin Crowe (Tenn.), Martin Bradley (Tenn.), Belden Menkus (N. J.), Lynn E. May, Jr. (Staff), and Ronald Tonks (Staff).

26. Reports of State Societies (Continued). --State reports were brought by: John Woodard - N. C.; Bernes Selph - Arkansas; Eugene Farr - Mississippi; Al Shackleford - Indiana.

These reports are to be printed in the October, 1973, issue of Baptist History and Heritage.

27. William L. Lumpkin of Virginia, brought an address entitled "The Role of Women in Eighteenth Century Virginia Baptist Life." (Taped)
28. Miss Josephine Norwood, Commission member from Maryland, served as reactor to the paper.

Morning session adjourned.

Following lunch, the group visited the Alabama Baptist Historical Collection and toured the Samford campus. Then they departed by bus to the WMU headquarters building for a tour of the building and exhibits. After refreshments, the Library, Promotional, Study and Research, and Consultative and Advisory Committees held separate meetings, then convened for a joint meeting to discuss the results of their deliberations.

29. Fellowship Dinner (6:30 p. m.). --Robert A. Baker, presiding. Over 100 guests enjoyed dinner in the East Banquet Room of the Samford University Cafeteria.

J. Marvin Gaskin led in prayer.

30. Introduction of Guests. --Lynn May welcomed Gaines S. Dobbins who brought greetings; Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary; members of Harwell G. Davis family; several members of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright and members of Samford University faculty; and others.

31. Mrs. Richmond O. Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Diane Norton, brought three solo numbers from "The Sound of Music."

32. Microfilm Secretary Recognition. --Mrs. Reba McMahon was presented a Service Recognition certificate and a check for \$75.00 for fifteen years of service to the Historical Commission as microfilm secretary.

33. Harwell G. Davis gave a report on plans and projects for celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

34. Certificates of Appreciation. --Certificates were presented to six members of the Commission who would no longer be eligible to serve as Commissioners: Rollin S. Armour, Martin B. Bradley, Harwell G. Davis, George Gaskins, Walter Harwood, and Spencer B. King, Jr.

35. Special Recognition and Appreciation. --At the request of the Executive-Secretary, Arthur L. Walker, Jr., presented an account of the life and work of Major Harwell G. Davis who had served on the Commission since 1965. Major Davis, who will celebrate his 91st birthday November 23, 1973, is loved and appreciated by both Alabama and Convention-wide Baptists for his outstanding contribution to the denomination. (Taped)

36. A resolution drawn up by the Alabama Baptist Historical Society in appreciation for Major Davis was read by David Vess.

Evening Session (Continued)
Beeson Auditorium, Samford University

Rollin S. Armour, presiding

37. Election of Society Officers. --Wilbur Helmbold read the report of the Historical Society Nominating Committee. Other members of the Committee were: John Woodard and George Gaskins:

President - R. A. McLemore
Vice-President - Walter B. Shurden
Recording Secretary - H. I. Hester
Treasurer - Lynn E. May, Jr.

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E. C. Cloud - Washington	Leo T. Crismon - Kentucky
Harwell G. Davis - Alabama	Albert W. Wardin - Tennessee
Miss Bradley Thompson - D. C.	Rollin S. Armour - Florida
Martin B. Bradley - Tennessee	

The nominees were elected by acclamation.

38. Appreciation for Society President. --A motion was made, seconded, and approved that appreciation for Rollin S. Armour's services as president of the Society be spread on the records of the minutes.

39. Approval was given to the motion that the Southern Baptist Historical Society express love, appreciation, and prayers for Dr. H. I. Hester and his wife. (Telegram was sent April 17, 1973)

40. Membership Campaign. --The Society voted to join with the Commission in an enlargement campaign to enrol 1,650 new members in the Society during the coming year.

Robert A. Baker, presiding.

41. President's Address. --Rollin S. Armour presented a paper on "Sidelights on Florida Baptist History or How a Curator Can Learn History by Accident." (Taped) Paper to be printed in Baptist History and Heritage.

42. Virginia Sesquicentennial. --John S. Moore told of plans made in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He then presented a filmstrip with recording that featured historical highlights in the life and work of Baptists in Virginia.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by R. A. McLemore.

Morning Session, April 18 (8:30 a. m.)
Beeson Auditorium, Samford University

Robert A. Baker, presiding.

Opening prayer by Al Shackelford.

42. Jonathan A. Lindsey of Judson College presented a paper on "Basil Manly: Nineteenth Century Protean Man." (Taped)

43. Joe M. King of Furman University reacted to the paper.

44. Election of Officers - Historical Commission. --Martin Bradley, chairman of the Nominating Committee gave the report. Other Committee members: Josephine Norwood and Joe M. King.

Chairman - Robert A. Baker
Vice - Chairman - John S. Moore
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Roy Babb
Treasurer - Lynn E. May, Jr.

<u>Administrative Committee:</u>	Robert A. Baker, Chairman
W. Morgan Patterson	Jack Robinson
R. A. McLemore	John G. Justice
Richard D. Patton	Gene Kerr
H. E. Cotey	Mrs. Marguerite Babb
Frank C. Ingraham	

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved.

45. Dargan Carver Library Report. --Howard Gallimore, supervisor of the Library, reported on changes and activities of the Library during the past year. Miss Helen Conger's retirement; employment of Mrs. Nora Wiggins as accessions librarian; Lamar Nichols' retirement; employment of Rhonda Walker upon termination of Beverly White. The Library is now a section of the Administrative Services Department, Steve Lawrence, manager. On April 9, 1973, the Library took charge of microphotography. Perry Moss is the new microphotographer.

In conclusion Mr. Gallimore pledged to the Historical Commission continuing cooperation and support of the work of the Commission by the Library.

46. Summary of Committee Reports. --A consensus report of the Library, Promotional, Study and Research, and Consultative and Advisory Committees was given by Bill Bruster. The summary report is as follows:

I. Goals

Each committee supported the plans for conducting a Convention-wide Oral History Workshop and suggested that each state recommend a well-qualified person to participate, with expenses paid by the Commission.

The Committees agreed that the long-range goals projected by the Commission (five-year and ten-year goals) represented the direction in which the Commission should move in the years ahead. The need for periodical review of the goals was emphasized.

The possibility of showing the contribution to and usefulness of history in evangelism was suggested as a possible goal of the Commission.

II. Additional Financial Support

The matter of charging a nominal fee for genealogical research was thoroughly discussed and it was decided that the Commission should cease doing such research altogether and act only as a reference agency concerning said research. Persons requesting such research are to be referred to genealogical researchers in Nashville who will be given access to the Commission's library.

The possibility of producing a Baptist Who's Who volume or series of volumes was the subject of much discussion. It was determined that the Administrative Committee and staff should further investigate the matter and report their research to the Commission. Said publication was looked upon with favor.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to designing a poster for the bicentennial year of our nation which would relate this event to our Baptist heritage. The poster would be sold by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bruster, Recorder

The report was accepted.

47. Resolution - Harwell Goodwin Davis. --A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the minutes of the Commission carry the resolution (see items 35-36 above) drawn by the Alabama Baptist Historical Society in appreciation of Major Davis.

Whereas Major Harwell G. Davis has served Alabama Baptists for four decades as President of Howard College and then as Chancellor of Samford University, and

Whereas his foresight and influence assisted in the establishment of the Baptist historical depository and headquarters in the Samford University Library, and

Whereas Major Davis has served with distinction for seven years as representative of Alabama Baptists on the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, effectively promoting the work of the Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society in the preserving of our Baptist history and heritage, and

Whereas the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Southern Baptist Historical Commission are holding their Southwide meeting at Samford University, April 16, 17, 18, 1973,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Baptist Historical Society take this historic opportunity to express our profound appreciation and affection for Major Harwell G. Davis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Society and that it be presented at the joint session of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society as a testimony to our affection, gratitude and admiration for Major Harwell G. Davis and his distinguished service to Southern Baptists.

48. Program Statement. --Bradley reported that the Administrative Committee felt that a re-study of the Program Statement was needed, and made the motion that the Commission authorize and endorse the re-study of the Program Statement. Motion was seconded and approved.

49. Lynn May reported that a telegram had been sent to Dr. Hester.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Commission in a formal way send a message of love and greetings to Mrs. Davis C. Woolley.

A motion was also approved that an expression of appreciation be extended to Mr. Wilbur Helmbold and his staff for all the work and preparations made for the Commission meeting.

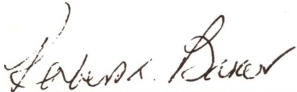
50. Panel State Baptist Historical Agency. --F. Wilbur Helmbold (Ala.), served as moderator of a panel discussing the work of a state Baptist historical agency. Other members of the panel were: John R. Woodard (N. C.), E. W. Thornton (Okla.), and J. Glenwood Clayton (S. C.). (Taped)

51. Appreciation for E. W. Thornton. --It was announced that E. W. Thornton of Ouachita Baptist College had requested the SBC Committee on Boards not to nominate him to a second term as a member of the Commission from Oklahoma in June, 1973, due to his health and increased activity in state Baptist historical work.

Approval was given to the proposal that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Dr. Thornton for his service to the Commission.

The Executive Secretary and Chairman expressed appreciation to the group for their participation in the meeting and their continued support and cooperation in the ongoing tasks of the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society.

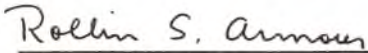
The meeting adjourned with prayer by Harwell G. Davis.



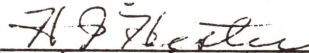
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC - Robert A. Baker, Chairman
SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY - R. A. McLemore, President
April 22, 23, 24, 1974

Theme: BAPTISTS AND THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL

Monday, April 22 - Business sessions, orientation committee meetings, etc. for members of the Historical Commission. No Society meeting on Monday.

Tuesday, April 23 - SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION BUILDING

460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee

MORNING SESSION - Austin Crouch Room

- 8:30 a. m. - Devotional - Paul Weber, Jr., Missouri
Dargan-Carver Library Report - Howard Gallimore
Staff Reports: Mrs. Reba McMahon, Charles W. Deweese,
A. Ronald Tonks
- 9:10 Reports on State Baptist Historical Work
- 9:45 Coffee Break
- 10:15 THE CHURCH AND THE BICENTENNIAL: CELEBRATING A
LARGER NATIONAL EXPERIENCE -
Robert G. Hartje, Wittenberg University
- 10:50 Panel Discussion - Directors of State Commissions for
National Bicentennial: Charles E. Lee, South Carolina -
Mrs. Glennis Parker, Arkansas - A. K. Johnson, Georgia -
Perry Snyder, Mississippi
Dialogue - Panel and Hartje
- 12:00 noon - Departure for BELMONT COLLEGE, Nashville, Tennessee
- 12:15 FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - Banquet Hall, Belmont College
Address by Owen Cooper, President, Southern Baptist Convention
- AFTERNOON SESSION - Austin Crouch Room
- 2:00 p. m. - Forum - BAPTISTS AND THE USA BICENTENNIAL - A. Ronald Tonks
- 2:50 HISTORICAL SOCIETY Business Meeting
- 3:00 REVOLUTION, CONTROVERSY, AND MIGRATION OF BAPTISTS
IN THE WEST - Address of Society President - R. A. McLemore
- EVENING SESSION - Austin Crouch Room
- 7:00 p. m. - Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS) - Special Report
- 7:20 1975-76 Convention-wide Emphasis "We Hold These Truths"
regarding Baptist Heritage, Religious Liberty, Personal Liberty,
and Christian Citizenship
- 7:35 REFLECTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AND
ITS PEOPLE, 1607-1972 - Address of Commission Chairman,
Robert A. Baker, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Dialogue

Wednesday, April 24 - SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION BUILDING
460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee
MORNING SESSION - Austin Crouch Room

- 8:30 a. m. - HISTORICAL COMMISSION Business Session
8:45 CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE -
Foy Valentine, Executive Secretary, Christian Life Commission, SBC
- 9:15 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE -
James E. Wood, Jr., Executive Director, Baptist Joint Committee
on Public Affairs
Dialogue with Valentine and Wood
- 11:00 Reports on State Baptist Historical Work
Adjourn

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