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Baptist Heritage Month, June, 1984, Focuses on "The Musical Heritage of Southern Baptists"

Leisa A. Hammett

The Southern Baptist Convention recognizes the importance of learning, understanding, and celebrating its special heritage. On the Convention's "Calendar of Activities," June is designated as Baptist Heritage Month. As the Convention's official history agency, the Historical Commission is proud to be the sponsor of this annual emphasis. This year's unique theme is: "The Musical Heritage of Southern Baptists."

Whether your church has a ten-member history committee, a printed church history, and annual celebrations, or no committee, recorded history, or previous celebrations, you can observe Baptist Heritage Month. Your church can choose to observe Baptist Heritage Month with a formal celebration or with an awareness note in your Sunday bulletin. The important need is for your church to take notice of its history and its Convention's history. The rewards can be multifaceted. Let's explore the possibilities!

Beginning this year, the Historical Commission will produce an annual packet to assist your church's Baptist Heritage Month celebration. These packets will support each year's particular Baptist Heritage Month theme. The contents will vary from posters, bulletin inserts, clip art, and a special suggestion sheet for observing the year's theme. When the commission releases its *Resource Kit for Your Church's History* in early 1985, it will contain an undated Baptist Heritage Month Poster and bulletin insert. The poster and bulletin insert will also be available separately, the latter in packets of 100.

The guideline sheet in this year's Baptist Heritage Month packet suggests ways that you, your church history committee, and your church can observe this year's Baptist Heritage Month theme: "The Musical Heritage of Southern Baptists."

One of these suggested ways is to encourage your minister of music to give a brief explanation of Baptist hymns sung in June worship services. Note Baptist hymn writers such as William J. Reynolds, Buryl Red, John Rippon, Adoniram Judson, and B. B. McKinney. "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and "God give us Christian Homes" are just two of the many popular hymns McKinney wrote.

Did you know that "How Firm a Foundation," "Soldiers of Christ, in Truth Arrayed," and "God of Earth and Outer Space" were all written by Baptist pastors?

Southern Baptists have a rich musical heritage. Church music has shaped worship services, provided a unique outreach, and ministered to the entire church body. It is one of the fastest growing and most successful forms of Baptist ministry. Many church members are reached through song, and people sometimes join a church choir before joining a church.

Take advantage of the fact that June, 1984, is designated Baptist Heritage Month. June is an opportune month to form a history committee if one does not currently exist in your church. Begin gathering your church's minutes for microfilming, or researching and writing your church's special history, or updating it. Why not do it now?

Using the "Baptist Heritage Series" (ten pamphlets), available from the commission, is another way your church can observe Baptist Heritage Month in your church. These thorough descriptions of Baptist heritage can be distributed individually to members, used as bulletin inserts, study guides for Sunday School, Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood groups. Last summer, members of a small South Carolina church took turns presenting ten-minute share sessions, based on the series, during worship services. Encourage your church staff to incorporate a Baptist Heritage Month celebration into June worship services.

Also devote space in your Sunday worship bulletin or membership newsletter for historical briefs. What historic event occurred in your church last June? five Junes ago? twenty? one hundred? Send an article to your local town paper. Write your state Baptist editor and encourage promotion of this special emphasis.

Consider producing a play or a pageant. Is it time for a church anniversary celebration? Delve into your church's history. The special and numerous ways you can observe Baptist Heritage Month might surprise you.

An excellent resource for your music heritage studies is the January, 1984, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage*, "Church Music in Baptist History." Selected articles in this popularly selling issue include: the graded choir movement, instrumental music, music in Southern Baptist evangelism, and turning points in Baptist history.

For your free 1984 Baptist Heritage Month packet and/or information on how you can purchase any of the other products mentioned in this article, write: Historical Commission, SBC, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

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Selected Guide to Archival and Manuscript Collections in the Dargan-Carver Library

Bill Sumners

The Dargan-Carver Library is a research library jointly operated by two Southern Baptist Convention agencies: the Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission. The library is located on the first floor of the Sullivan Tower of the Sunday School Board Building in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. The library is open to the public from 7:30 to 4:00, Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 to 4:00 on Friday.

The library includes a collection of over 55,000 volumes and receives annually over 500 serial titles. The major subject emphases are theology, religion, Baptist publications, and Baptist history. One of the most valuable assets of the Dargan-Carver Library is the massive microfilm collection. The library holds on microfilm over 12,000,000 pages of church records, Baptist newspapers, state and associational annuals, manuscript collections, rare books, and dissertations and theses relating to Baptist history. The Historical Commission has recently microfilmed the Baptist Missionary Society Archives of England. The ninety reels of microfilm contain one of the most significant mission manuscript collections in the world.

The library has extensive holdings of local church histories. Audio recordings and tapes, video tapes, and motion picture films are housed in the library. The tapes and recordings include both oral history interviews and recorded events. For example, the collection includes taped proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1954. The motion picture films and video tapes consist mainly of archival copies of Southern Baptist Convention or Sunday School Board productions. The library also preserves museum artifacts with historical significance for Southern Baptists.

The archives section of the Dargan-Carver Library is the depository for the official records of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board. In addition, the archives collects, preserves, and makes available for use other manuscript collections that document Baptist life and history.

The Historical Commission through its archival program collects manuscript and record collections. The acquisition policy is developed around a philosophy of cooperation with state Baptist historical programs. The archives collects the official records of Southern Baptist agencies and organizations; the personal papers of Southern Baptist Convention officers; the papers of denominational leaders, missionaries, and writers; historical material relating to ethnic and black Baptists; Baptist newspapers and annuals; local church records on microfilm; audiovisual material (photographs, films, audio tapes, etc.) that document Baptist life and work; the records of Baptist state conventions where no local depositories exist; and those Baptist historical records that are endangered. The acquisition policy is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

This guide includes a selected list of archival and manuscript collections in the Dargan-Carver Library. The guide does not include all archival materials, but only those viewed of significant research value and size. The guide is divided into two sections, one for the Historical Commission material and the other for Sunday School Board collections. The collections are listed in alphabetical order, showing inclusive dates, size, brief dscription, access information (all material is open unless otherwise noted), availability of finding aids, and accession number.

For more information on the archival and manuscript holdings of the Historical Commission and Sunday School Board, write or call:

Dargan-Carver Library
127 Ninth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee 37234
Telephone: (615) 251-2126

In early 1985 the Historical Commission will move into the new Southern Baptist Convention Building. The building will house on the fourth floor both the offices for the commission's staff and the commission's new Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. The entire holdings of the commission will be moved to the new building. The address for the commission will be: 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Selected Archival and Manuscript Collections of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Collection, 1918-1933. 67 items. Material collected by O. L. Hailey, secretary of the commission from the Southern Baptist Convention to assist in establishing a seminary to train black ministers. The papers deal with the founding and early years of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. ACC. #319.

BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY
Collection, 1958-1983. 15 linear ft. File of biographical data sheets on employees in professional and management positions of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the staffs of state conventions and their agencies, and leaders in local churches, living and deceased. Gives information on date of birth, education, family, employment record, denominational service, and publications. Indexed in main card catalog.

BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE COMMITTEE
Files, 1962-1963. 350 items. Collection of papers produced by Herschel Hobbs and other members of the committee to study the 1925 Statement of Baptist Faith and Message and to present a recommendation to the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention. Hobbs served as chairman of the committee. Collection consists of correspondence and includes a working copy of the statement of faith and other related material. Inventory available. ACC. #153.

BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB
Collection, 1933-1942. 520 items. Promotional materials and clippings on a Southern Baptist debt-payment campaign which began in 1933. Inventory available. ACC. #116.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE
Collection, 1955-1965. 7.5 linear ft. Paper and records related to the celebration of the Third Jubilee (150 years) of the beginning of organized Baptist work in North America. Collection consists of correspondence, pamphlets, posters, a book manuscript, promotion, and publicity materials, minutes of committee meetings, and a filmstrip. Inventory available. ACC. #132.

BAPTIST PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
Records, 1960-1978. 10 linear ft. Collection includes programs, minutes, newsletters, and correspondence and subject files. Also includes contest entry material for annual awards. ACC. #455.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE, COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS
Collection, 1963-1965. 240 items. Correspondence and reports concerning a worldwide study of Baptist evangelism made from 1963 to 1965 on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance. Inventory available. ACC. #145.

BATES, CARL E.
Papers, 1970-1972. 322 items. Papers of Carl Bates during his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The collection is primarily correspondence and covers such topics as: mandated school prayer, abortion, race relations, National Council of Churches, *The Broadman Bible Commentary*, religious liberty, glossalalia, alcoholism, Sunday School Board literature, and the death penalty. ACC. #298.

BLOUNT, GEORGE A.
Papers, 1867-1921. 35 items. Papers of George A. Blount, Southern Baptist pastor and missionary for the Home Mission Board. Collection consists of diaries, sermon outlines, records of service with the Home Mission Board, and records of marriages and baptisms. The diaries detail life for Blount's family during Reconstruction. ACC. #168.

BOULDIN, GEORGE WASHINGTON
Papers, 1904-1967. 5 linear ft. Collection of papers of G. W. Boulding, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan (1906-1941), consists of biographical materials, correspondence, Chinese and Japanese dictionaries, materials about Japan, sermons, teaching records and notes, materials about his pastorates, and a history of the Tennessee River Association. Inventory available. ACC. #193.

BUCHANAN, JOHN HALL
Papers, 1938-1953. 1 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor and

denominational leader that focus on his service as member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Include minutes of Executive Committee and reports for agencies and boards of the Convention. Inventory available. ACC. #101.

BURROWS, LANSING
Papers, 1865-1919. 4 linear ft. Collection consists of sermons, ministerial record book, marriage record book, and notebook of clippings on the Southern Baptist Convention. Burrows was a prominent Southern Baptist pastor and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Papers cover his tenure as pastor in Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, Georgia, and Tennessee. Burrows also served as statistician for the Convention, and some materials in the collection relate to those duties. ACC. #25.

CARVER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND SOCIAL WORK
Collection, 1928-1950. 200 items. Book manuscript and scrapbook, 1928-1950. Manuscript of *The History of Carver School of Missions and Social Work* by Carrie V. Littlejohn. Scrapbook contains clippings and programs concerning Carver School of Missions and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. ACC. #19.

CARVER, WILLIAM OWEN
Papers, 1874-1947. 2.5 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor, educator, and missionary. Includes correspondence, pamphlets, programs, questionnaires, and other material concerning the Baptist World Alliance, the ecumenical movement, and missions. Inventory available. ACC. #76.

CHASTAIN, JAMES GARVIN
Papers, 1887-1952. 50 items. Diaries and scrapbooks concerning Chastain's personal and family affairs and his work as a preacher and missionary to Mexico and Cuba. Inventory available. ACC. #117.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC
Records, 1947-1959. 9 linear ft. The official files from the office of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1947-1959. Includes publications and correspondence and subject files. Issues prominent in the papers are: race relations, temperance, marriage and divorce, pornography, and religious liberty. Inventory available. ACC. #138.

COMPERE, EBENEZER LEE
Papers, 1853-1945. 7 linear ft. Papers of Baptist pastor, educator, and pioneer missionary in western Arkansas. Papers include periodicals of the 1880's, correspondence, missionary reports, and sermons. Correspondents include: Annie Armstrong, John A. Broadus, R. C. Buckner, J. W. Conger, T. T. Eaton, J. B. Gambrell, J. R. Graves, John B. Jones (U.S. Agent for the Cherokees), E. Y. Mullins, M. T. Sumner (corresponding secretary of the

Board of Domestic and Indian Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention), I. T. Tichenor, James B. Taylor, and George Whitfield. Inventory available. ACC. #2.

COX, NORMAN W.
Papers, 1915-1958. 3.5 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor, author, and denominational leader. Collection consists of speeches, articles, manuscripts of books, correspondence, sermons, publications, and a scrapbook. Inventory available. Open with copyright restrictions. ACC. #122.

CROUCH, AUSTIN
Papers, 1893-1956. 3 linear ft. Correspondence, manuscripts, sermons, Bible study notes, ordination papers, and other material relating to Austin Crouch and his position as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Subjects covered in the collection include: Baptist history, Catholicism, Christian education, church-state relations, Baptist polity, missions, and women speaking in church. Inventory available. ACC. #1.

CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS OF EVANGELISM
Collection, 1968-1971. 4.5 linear ft. Collection concerns the Continental Congress of Evangelism (part of the Crusade of the Americas—an evangelism program by Baptists) that met in Washington, D. C., October 10-13, 1968. Papers consist of correspondence, minutes, financial reports, promotional plans, and registration forms. Inventory available. ACC. #291.

DARGAN, EDWIN CHARLES
Papers, 1911-1913. 232 items. Papers of E. C. Dargan (1852-1930) during his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1911-1913. Papers consist mainly of correspondence with denominational leaders about Convention activities and matters. Correspondents include S. Z. Batten, A. J. Barton, L. O. Dawson, Annie C. Eager, J. M. Frost, Livingston Johnson, E. Y. Mullins, Katherine Mallory, Edwin M. Poteat, J. R. Sampey, J. J. Taylor, George W. Truett, and W. H. Whitsitt. Inventory available. ACC. #208.

DAWSON, JOSEPH MARTIN
Papers, 1935-1954. 60 items. Collection of papers of Southern Baptist pastor, author, and denominational worker. Includes five notebooks containing letters, notes, pamphlets, and clippings concerning the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, of which Dawson was executive director, 1946-1953; the separation of church and state; home influences on certain important leaders; religious liberty; and George W. Truett. Inventory available. ACC. #115.

DAY, SAMUEL STEARNES
Papers, 1825-1912. 5 linear ft. Papers of Baptist pastor and missionary to

India. Correspondence, diaries, journals, reports, and sermons. Collection provides biographical information relating to travel, missionary life and work among the Teluga people of India, customs of the day, and illnesses. Includes some material of Day's daughter, Mary M. Day, who worked among the Teluga people and operated a girls school in Madras, India. Inventory available. ACC. #143.

DISPLACED PERSONS, BAPTISTS IN EUROPE
Collection, 1948-1951. 229 items. Collection of material about displaced persons, especially Baptists in Germany and several other countries in Europe. Material collected by Fred C. Schatz, director of the Displaced Persons Commission of the Baptist World Alliance. ACC. #260.

DIXON, AMZI CLARENCE
Papers, 1843-1930. 14 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor. Includes correspondence, 1,300 sermons, biographical material, manuscripts of books, printed matter and other material relating to Dixon's pastorates in the Southeast, Northeast, and England. Topics include: church life and polity, conference work, evangelism, and World War I. Frequent correspondents include: Annie Armstrong, J. M. Frost, Edward Judson, Louie D. Newton, W. B. Riley, A. T. Robertson, and George W. Truett. Inventory available. ACC. #111.

DRAPER, JAMES T.
Papers, 1982-1983. 2 linear ft. Correspondence and informational files of James T. Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1982-1984. Files deal with selection of committees, resolutions, complaints about Baptist agencies, and political and social issues. The correspondence includes letters to Baptists across the Convention and letters from the leaders of Baptist agencies and publications. Inventory available. ACC. #607.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECORDS
Records, 1949-1976. 60 linear ft. Minutes and official reports of missions across the world to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Includes reports from 79 countries. Includes handwritten, typed, and printed material. Most of the material dates from 1950. Preliminary inventory available. Access restriction: Approval of Foreign Mission Board needed prior to use. ACC. #551.

GRAVES, JAMES ROBINSON
Papers, 1858-1879. 20 items. Bound volumes of manuscripts of Baptist preacher, editor, and publisher. Collection includes two handwritten books with address on "individualism," other writings, sermons, a letter from J. B. Jeter, and clippings. ACC. #9.

GREY, JAMES DAVID
Papers, 1949-1963. 2 linear ft. Selected papers of long-time pastor of the

First Baptist Church of New Orleans. Material covers his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951-1953. Also includes files on Conventions and information on issues facing Southern Baptists in the 1950's and 1960's. Collection includes information on the Ralph Elliott controversy (1961-1963); Dale Moody controversy (1961); Southern Baptist Theological Seminary problems in late 1950's; fundamentalism/liberalism in the Convention; and universal military training. Inventory available. Some files have access restrictions. ACC. #608.

HAILEY, ORREN LUICO
Notebooks, 1883-1907. 70 items. Notebooks of Southern Baptist pastor, 1883-1907. Notebooks contain handwritten class and sermon notes and clippings. ACC. #71.

HAYS, BROOKS
Papers, 1950-1959. 4 linear ft. Papers of lawyer and congressman from Arkansas. Collection is chiefly correspondence relating to Hays' term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1957-1959), together with his papers from his work as vice-president of the Convention (1950) and his tenure on the Christian Life Commission (1955-1960). Topics include church-state relations, ecumenicity, race relations, and controversy at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Inventory available. ACC. #97.

HILL, JOHN L.
Papers, 1922-1951. 160 items. Papers of Southern Baptist layman, editor, speaker, educator, and denominational leader. Collection includes: appointment book, letters, copies of speeches, clippings, and photographs, series of correspondence between W. O. Carver, John L. Hill, Rufus W. Weaver, and W. W. Barnes (1938-1941) about the writing of a Baptist history. Inventory available. ACC. #100.

HOBBS, HERSCHEL H.
Papers, 1949-1972. 32 linear ft. Collection of papers of prominent Southern Baptist pastor, author, and denominational spokesman. Collection includes: articles, sermons, correspondence, Baptist World Alliance material, biographical information, manuscript of his book *Baptist Faith and Message*, book reviews, and subject files. Includes material on drafting of "Baptist Faith and Message" statement, Elliott controversy, Oklahoma Baptist Convention, the "Baptist Hour," and the Baptist World Alliance. Unpublished inventory available. ACC. #332.

HOWELL, ROBERT BOYTE CRAWFORD
Papers, 1858-1860. 2 volumes. Two bound volumes of letters, resolutions, and statements relating to the controversy between Howell and James Robinson Graves in the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee. Howell served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1851-1859.

Graves was the leader of the Landmark Movement in the Baptist denomination. Inventory available. ACC. #595.

HOWSE, WILLIAM L., JR.
Papers, 1929-1954. 1 linear ft. Correspondence, programs, and notes concerning Sunday School and Baptist Training Union. Howse served as director of the Education Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 1954-1971. ACC. #41.

INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL
Records, 1960-1977. 9 linear ft. Minutes, reports, papers, project data, and other material created by the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of the files are from the Coordinating Committee of the Council and related committees, subcommittees, and sub-groups. Inventory available. ACC. #372.

LEE, ERNEST EUGENE
Papers, 1908-1955. 4 linear ft. Correspondence, addresses, articles, pamphlets, programs, and other material chiefly concerning the early development and history of the Baptist Young People's Union. Lee worked as field secretary for the Union for the Sunday School Board, 1908-1946. He was headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Inventory available. ACC. #123.

McGLOTHLIN, WILLIAM J.
Papers, 1930-1932. 2 reels of microfilm. Papers of Southern Baptist educator and pastor. Correspondence and some committee reports, minutes, and articles covering McGlothlin's term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mainly letters from Baptist leaders reflecting financial hardships caused by the nationwide depression. Chief subject areas include: Financial plans and strategies, "ever member canvass" promotion, a debt-paying campaign, and plans for the 5th Baptist World Congress in Berlin in 1934. Preliminary inventory available. Microfilm Publication 1285. ACC. #96.

MANLY, BASIL
Papers, 1829-1868. 332 items. Papers of both Basil Manly, Sr., a Baptist pastor, educator, and co-founder of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his son Basil Manly, Jr., a pastor, seminary professor, hymn writer, and early Sunday School Board leader. The collection consists of family correspondence and correspondence relating to the first Sunday School Board in Greenville, South Carolina. Preliminary inventory available. ACC. #113.

MISSION '70
Collection, 1956-1970. 5 linear ft. Collection of material developed in preparation for, during, and after the Mission '70 meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, December 28-31, 1969, and sponsored by several Southern Baptist

agencies. The collection consists of tapes, a slide set, a filmstrip, posters, correspondence, publicity materials, programs, minutes of committee meetings, agendas, speeches, interviews, scripts, music, reports, and evaluations. Inventory available. ACC. #258.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHAN'S HOME
Scrapbooks, 1893-1913. 125 items. Collection of clippings, photographs, and correspondence concerning the founding of the Mississippi Baptist Orphan's Home in Jackson, Mississippi. ACC. #174.

MOORE, HIGHT C
Papers, 1884-1961. 13 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor and editor who served as editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, 1927-1943. Papers include manuscripts for articles, books, speeches and seminars; correspondence about Baptist life in North Carolina, especially while Moore served as editor of the *Biblical Recorder* (1908-1917); some papers and correspondence on the Southern Baptist Convention; miscellaneous personal correspondence, scrapbooks, and day books. Inventory available. ACC. #209 & #69.

MOORE, MERRILL
Papers, 1901-1971. 1 linear ft. Correspondence, clippings, articles, and programs relating to Merrill Moore, director of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1948-1961. ACC. #459.

NELSON, ERIK ALLEN
Papers, 1897-1939. 121 items. Papers of Erik and Ida Nelson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, 1891-1939. Collection includes biographical and autobiographical data, correspondence, photographs, ledgers, Spanish books and publications, and a manuscript copy of "Work in Brazil." Inventory available. ACC. #363.

NEWMAN, ALBERT HENRY
Papers, 1879-1933. 1 linear ft. Papers of Baptist teacher and historian. Collection consists of lecture notes, biographical material, sermon notes, correspondence, and personal recollections of and tributes to Newman. Inventory available. ACC. #11.

NEWTON, LOUIE DEVOTIE
Papers, 1946-1948. 150 items. Papers of Newton during his service as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Consist of correspondence, pamphlets, and speeches. ACC. #12.

NORRIS, J. FRANK
Papers, 1928-1952. 20 linear ft. Papers of Baptist pastor and editor. Correspondence, clippings, and records reflecting the Fundamentalist Movement

among Baptists from the 1920's into the post-World War II years. Topics include: Al Smith-Herbert Hoover presidential campaign of 1928; the evolution controversy, especially as it relates to Norris' attacks on Baylor University; and a standing controversy with the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Correspondents include: E. P. Alldredge, B. H. Hilliard, Louie D. Newton, L. R. Scarborough, and G. Beauchamp Vick. Inventory available. ACC. #124.

PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION
2,400 images. 1850-1983. Collection of prints and negatives relating to Southern Baptists. Includes portraits of Baptist leaders and significant events, churches, and other denominational buildings and groups. Indexed in main card catalog.

RHODES, FRED BURNETT
Papers, 1960-1980. 4 linear ft. Collection consists of correspondence, reports, committee files, newsletters, and other information concerning Rhodes' leadership activities in the Southern Baptist denomination. The papers document his service as a member of the executive committees of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance. The collection also contains information on church-state relations. Rhodes was active in Republican Party politics. Inventory available. ACC. #570.

RICE, LUTHER
Papers, 1803-1827. 1 linear ft. Collection consists mainly of paper copies of microfilmed journals, diaries, and cash books. The journals cover the period, 1803-1827. Also includes some original letters and documents relating to Rice. The journals detail Rice's effort to collect funds for Baptist missions and educational endeavors. Inventory available. ACC. #87.

RILEY, MADISON MONROE
Papers, 1867-1926. 50 items. Collection includes correspondence, clippings, a scrapbook, documents, and photographs. Riley was a Southern Baptist pastor and educator. ACC. #114.

ROUTH, EUGENE COKE
Papers, 1946-1949. 67 items. Collection includes correspondence of Baptist leader, E. C. Routh. Majority of correspondence is between Routh and E. P. Allredge and concerns the Federal Council of Churches and its relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention. Collection also includes clippings and booklets. ACC. #344.

ROUTH, PORTER
Papers, 1955-1973. 2 linear ft. Speeches, articles, papers, and reports written by Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee

of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951-1979. Collection also includes some correspondence and two photographic scrapbooks of the Russian Baptist Convention, 1963, 1966. ACC. #454.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Records, 1919-1928. 78 items. Records and minutes of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Handwritten and typed minutes, showing members present and actions taken by the Executive Committee. ACC. #182.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PROGRAM PLANNING PAPERS
Papers, 1959-1965. 3.5 linear ft. Collection consists of correspondence, notes, charters, minutes, program statements of Southern Baptist boards, commissions, institutions. Collection deals with the issue of assigning specific functions to each agency. Inventory available. ACC. #154.

SPALDING COLLECTION
Collection, 1858-1950. 1.5 linear ft. Material collected by Mrs. John S. Spalding including biographical material about her family who were active Baptist supporters. Most of the collection is printed material involving denominational activities and events. ACC. #125.

STEPHENS, PEYTON
Papers, 1890-1941. 1 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist missionary to China (1893-1923). Includes Chinese Bible and documents, autobiography, notes on China, correspondence, diplomas, constitution of Chetoo Baptist Church, photographs, scrapbook, and sermon notes. Includes diary of Mrs. Stephens on her service to the Cancer Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, and a manuscript relating to the death of fellow Chinese missionary, Charlotte Hartwell. Inventory available. ACC. #602.

STORER, JAMES WILSON
Collection, 1884-1967. 892 items. Collection of letters, books, scrapbooks, and photographs dealing with J. W. Storer, Southern Baptist leader. The bulk of the collection focuses on his term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1954-1955. Inventory available. ACC. #239.

STRAUGHN, MATTIE
Papers, 1904-1969. 1 linear ft. Collection of material, mostly biographical files, on prominent Southern Baptist ministers and missionaries. Includes additional material on North Carolina Baptists. Majority of material covers 1950's and 1960's. Inventory available. ACC. #261.

SULLIVAN, JAMES LENOX
Papers, 1976-1977. 2.5 linear ft. The collection consists of correspondence

and subject files relating to Sullivan's tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1976-1977. Much of the correspondence relates to the activities of the Executive Committee and the planning for the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention. Significant subjects covered in the papers include: Jimmy Carter, Andrew Young speaking at 1977 Convention, Canadian Baptists, church/state relations, and abortion. Inventory available. ACC. #586.

WEAVER, RUFUS WASHINGTON
Papers, 1903-1946. 6 linear ft. Papers of Southern Baptist pastor, college president, and author, correspondence, sermons, bibliographies, biographical material, manuscripts on unpublished books, scrapbooks, clippings, photographs, and subject files on religious history. Inventory available. ACC. #99.

WHITE, KENNETH OWEN
Papers, 1954-1965. 620 items. Collection of correspondence and clippings for the years when he was president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and later of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1962-1964. ACC. #169.

WINKLER, EDWIN THEODORE
Papers, 1851-1941. 50 items. Papers of Southern Baptist minister and journalist from Alabama. Collection includes correspondence, sermons, addresses, biographical information, booklets, clippings, poems, and other papers of Winkler who served as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Home Mission Board, 1872-1881. Inventory available. ACC. #119.

WOOLLEY, DAVIS COLLIER
Papers, 1896-1970. 16 linear ft. Personal papers of Woolley, Southern Baptist pastor, historian, and denominational leader. He was second executive-secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1959-1971. The collection includes material about his pastorates, material on Baptist history, his student days at seminary, his work at Samford University, and sermon and subject files. Collection also includes some family papers. Inventory available. Access restrictions on family material. ACC. #283.

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ALLDREDGE, EUGENE PERRY
Papers, 1919-1948. 12 linear ft. Collection of correspondence of E. C. Dargan, Hight C. Moore, and E. P. Alldredge dealing mainly with the beginning of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board. Collection includes personal and official correspon-

dence. Inventory available. ACC. #134.

ALLEN, CLIFTON JUDSON
Papers, 1937-1968. 45 linear ft. The official papers and files of C. J. Allen, editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, 1945-1968. Papers consist of correspondence, reports, studies, minutes, programs, and curriculum material. Subject areas covered in the papers include: Baptist Jubilee Advance, Baptist World Alliance, Inter-Agency Council, National Council of Churches, peace, Baptist work with blacks, and *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists.* Inventory available. ACC. #221.

BARNETTE, JASPER NEWTON
Papers, 1922-1965. 2.5 linear ft. Collection includes speeches, articles, and biographical information relating to Barnette (1887-1965). He worked at the Baptist Sunday School Board as head of the Sunday School Board Department. Includes numerous letters of appreciation on his retirement in 1957 and photographs relating to the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Convention. Inventory available. ACC. #160.

BELL, THEODORE PERCY---See: JAMES MARION FROST PAPERS.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT
Records, 1950-1975. 12 linear ft. Photographs, office files, plans, publications, and other material relating to the Church Architecture program of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Photographs of churches comprise a large section of the collection. ACC. #568.

CHURCH TRAINING DEPARTMENT
Records, 1928-1970. 12 linear ft. Official files from the Church Training program of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Includes: correspondence, subject files, publications, and Baptist Young People Union photographs, publications, and programs. Preliminary inventory available. ACC. #549.

DARGAN, EDWIN CHARLES
Papers, 1892-1921. 3.5 linear ft. Papers of E. C. Dargan (1852-1930), Southern Baptist pastor, educator, editor, and denominational leader. Papers include: sermons, addresses, lectures, and correspondence. Subject areas covered in the collection are: alien immersion, biographical data, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Whitsitt controversy. Dargan served as editorial secretary for the Sunday School Board. Inventory available. ACC. #203.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
Records, 1953-1978. 100 linear ft. Official files, correspondence, minutes, reports, and financial reports of the Executive Office of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Consist mainly of president's files with some material from

the vice-president's office. These records cover the presidencies of James L. Sullivan and Grady C. Cothen. Preliminary inventory available. Access restrictions: Permission of Executive Office required prior to access. ACC. #354.

DOBBINS, GAINES STANLEY
Papers, 1945-1966. 6 linear ft. Collection consists of manuscripts for books and articles, correspondence, lectures, sermons, and educational materials. Much of the material deals with church administration and religious education. Dobbins was a longtime professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1920-1956). Inventory available. ACC. #281.

FREEMAN, JOHN DAVIS
Papers, 1928-1946. 200 items. Papers include correspondence, reports, and minutes collected by John D. Freeman while he served as recording secretary of the Sunday School Board. Includes information on business matters, criticisms of the board, and reorganization of the board. ACC. #166.

FROST, JAMES MARION
Papers, 1891-1916. 19 linear ft. Papers of the first corresponding secretaries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, J. M. Frost (1891-1893 and 1896-1916) and Theodore Percy Bell (1893-1896). The collection contains letters, documents, and agreements about the board's interests and activities from its beginnings until the death of Frost in 1916. Includes incoming and outgoing correspondence. Frequent correspondents include: Annie Armstrong, James B. Gambrell, Edgar Y. Mullins, Washington B. Crumpton, F. H. Kerfoot, Joseph Judson Taylor, J. J. Porter, Frances E. S. Heck, and R. H. Coleman. Also included are some of Frost's family correspondence, business papers, and genealogical information. Inventory available. Permission of Executive Office, Sunday School Board required prior to access. ACC. #109.

GILLIAM, NORRIS
Papers, 1954-1957. 2 linear ft. Files, reports, studies, etc., of Norris Gilliam relating to his work as contracts and investment counselor for the Baptist Sunday School Board. ACC. #557.

GLORIETA CONFERENCE CENTER
Collection, 1952-1975. 3 linear ft. Photographs, programs, publications, and yearbooks relating to the Glorieta Conference Center in Glorieta, New Mexico. The Glorieta Conference Center is operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board. ACC. #564.

GRICE, HOMER LAMAR
Papers, 1924-1953. 10 linear ft. Files, correspondence, and publications relating to Homer Grice and his work with the daily Vacation Bible School program of the Sunday School Board. A large section of the collection includes his research notes on a history of the Sunday School movement.

Significant material on early development of daily Bible Schools, including original documents of Mrs. Walker Aylett Hawes and her work with the "Everyday Bible School" of the Epiphany Baptist Church in New York. Inventory available. ACC. #576.

HARRELL, WILLIAM ASA
Papers, 1926-1970. 2.5 linear ft. Papers of W. A. Harrell, associate secretary of the Sunday School Department for the Texas Baptist Convention, 1924-1926, and staff member of the Sunday School Board in the Training Union and Church Architecture departments, 1926-1971. Includes extensive material about the programs of Church Architecture (1940's-1960's) and Training Union and Baptist Young People's Union (1930's-1940's). Inventory available. ACC. #306.

HOLCOMB, THOMAS LUTHER
Papers, 1935-1945. 15 linear ft. Correspondence files of T. L. Holcomb, executive-secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1935 to 1953. Material from 1945 to 1953 is missing. Correspondence concerns all aspects of the board's publications and educational program. Includes incoming and outgoing correspondence. Permission of Executive Office of the Baptist Sunday School Board required prior to access. ACC. #98.

HOWELL, ROBERT BOYTE CRAWFORD
Papers, 1838-1867. 3 volumes. Collection consists of three bound manuscript volumes—two of which are sermons; one is a record of additions to the membership of his church in Richmond, Virginia. Howell served as editor of *The Baptist* (1835-1846) and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee (1835-1850 and 1857-1867). He was a key figure in the Landmark controversy that rocked the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1850's and 1860's. Inventory available. ACC. #140.

HOWSE, WILLIAM LEWIS, JR.
Papers, 1919-1971. 35 linear ft. Personal and official papers of W. L. Howse, Jr., who served as director of the Education Division of the Sunday School Board, 1954-1971. Papers include correspondence, church bulletins, diaries, manuscripts for articles, publications, sermons, syllabi for seminary courses, notebooks, photographs, programs, reports, minutes of meetings, and audio tapes. Majority of material covers the 1960's. Inventory available. ACC. #275.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMITTEE
Records, 1910-1932. 120 items. Collection of material consisting of correspondence, booklets, minutes of meetings, reports, and curriculum material. Material was collected by Sunday School Board staff members E. C. Dargan and Hight C. Moore. ACC. #202.

KEEGAN, GILBERT KEARNIE
Papers, 1904-1967. Collection consists of materials related to G. Kearnie Keegan's life (1907-1960). Includes material related to his pastorates (1930-1950); his work as head of the department of student work for the Sunday School Board (1950-1960); biographical information; sermons; Baptist World Alliance material; correspondence; and the manuscript of his book, *Your Next Big Step*. Inventory available. ACC. #178.

LAMBDIN, JERRY ELMER
Papers, 1913-1960. 13 linear ft. Papers of J. E. Lambdin (1889-1960) Southern Baptist denominational leader and director of the Baptist Training Union work for the Sunday School Board. Collection includes both personal and official material: correspondence, office files, photographs, reports, publications, and artifacts. ACC. #187.

LEAVELL, FRANK HARTWELL
Papers, 1913-1950. 4.5 linear ft. Manuscripts, typescripts, and printed material of Frank Leavell (1884-1949) who served as the first department head of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. The papers consist of correspondence, diaries, date books, teaching syllabi, reports on youth work and missions, Baptist World Alliance materials, writings, speech notes, biographical information, and family papers. Inventory available. ACC. #181.

LEAVELL, LANDRUM PINSON
Papers, 1902-1929. 400 items. Papers of L. P. Leavell (1874-1929) Southern Baptist denominational leader in the Baptist Young People's Union and Sunday School work. The collection consists of correspondence, addresses, biographical material, a diary, a notebook, and yearly reports. Material focuses on his work for Mississippi Baptists as field secretary for the Sunday School Board. Inventory available. ACC. #180.

MOORE, HIGHT C
Papers, 1923-1946. 17.5 linear ft. Papers concern the work of Hight C Moore, editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Collection includes publications, manuscripts, addresses, correspondence, and articles relating to his work with the board. Other materials concern Moore's position as recording secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, the International Council of Religious Education, and the Baptist World Alliance. Inventory available. ACC. #257.

McKINNEY, BAYLUS BENJAMIN
Papers, 1921-1967. 4 linear ft. Collection of materials on B. B. McKinney, prominent Southern Baptist musician. The collection consists mainly of biographical material, letters of condolence to Mrs. McKinney at the time of her husband's death in 1952, materials about his service at Fall's Creek Assembly in Oklahoma, his printed songs, and some of his original manu-

scripts of song. Director of Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board from 1941 to 1952. Inventory available. ACC. #310.

NATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES
Records, 1913-1976. 23 linear ft. Collection consists of correspondence, pamphlets, photographs, bulletins, programs, clippings, promotional material, posters, and office files concerning the development and growth of the Southern Baptist ministry to college students. National Student Ministries (formerly called Student Department) is a program of the Sunday School Board. Collection includes materials on "Freedom 76" emphasis. Inventory available. ACC. #133.

NEW ZEALAND-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Collection, 1957-1967. 350 items. Correspondence detailing the role of William L. House and the Baptist Sunday School Board in helping J. J. Burt to establish All-Age Sunday Schools in New Zealand. ACC. #164.

PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
20,000 images, 1890-1982. Prints and negatives of professional and management level personnel at the Sunday School Board. Includes photographs of departments, buildings, seminars, conference centers, groups, Broadman Press authors, and churches. Also includes photographs of denominational leaders. Self indexing system. Inventory of categories is available.

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER
Collection, 1930-1977. 15 linear ft. Collection of material relating to the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, of the Sunday School Board. Included in the collection are: scrapbooks, photographs, programs, pamphlets, motel registers, and artifacts relating to the conference center. ACC. #555.

SCOFIELD, FON H.—PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION OF BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
Photographic images, 24,000 items, 1949-1973. Collection of 24,000 slides, prints, and photographic negatives (the collection consists mainly of slides) collected and photographed by Fon H. Scofield. Scenes from the Middle East relating to biblical archaeology dominate the collection, but it also includes photographs of churches and missionaries in the Middle East and Europe. Includes some slides related to South America. Many of these photographs were taken for the Foreign Mission Board and used in its publications and programs. Indexed in 6 volumes but with no culmulative index. ACC. #616.

SPILMAN, BERNARD WASHINGTON
Papers, 1871-1941. 960 items. Journals of B. W. Spilman, Southern Baptist pastor and the first field secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and miscellaneous material collected by him.

Collection includes drafts of biography of Spilman. Inventory available. ACC. #157.

STUDENT SUMMER MISSIONS
Collection, 1953-1959. 6 linear ft. Correspondence, applications, and evaluations concerning student summer missions to foreign countries and pioneer states in Southern Baptist mission endeavors. Program was sponsored by the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. ACC. #84.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Records, 1930-1960. 10 linear ft. Records, office files, correspondence, and photographs of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. ACC. #565.

TRUSTEES. SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes, 1890-1976. 18 volumes. Original minutes of the trustees and executive committee of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Minutes include actions taken by the trustees, resolutions, committee reports, and financial data. Each volume includes a descriptive table of contents. Inventory available. Access restrictions: Permission of Executive Office required prior to access. ACC. #578.

VAN NESS, ISAAC JACOBUS
Papers, 1911-1935. 13 linear ft. The papers of I. J. Van Ness, editorial secretary (1911-1917) and corresponding secretary (1917-1935) of the Sunday School Board. Collections consist mainly of official correspondence concerning activities, programs, and publications of the board. Papers include some Van Ness family correspondence. Most of the correspondence is directed to board field workers and to state Sunday School programs. Subjects covered in papers include: Arizona Baptist Convention, Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, student work, Baptist Young People's Union, bookstores, Education Board, financial crisis, Historical Society of SBC, Layman's Missionary Movement, Annuity Board, rural Baptist work, seminaries, 75 Million Campaign, and World War I. Inventory available. Access restrictions: Permission of Executive Office required prior to access. ACC. #112.

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The Baptist Heritage of Citizenship

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Our Baptist heritage is characterized by distinctive beliefs and practices not only of theology and ecclesiology, but also of citizenship. These beliefs and practices, biblically based and culturally appropriated, serve as norms by which we seek to serve God in the many nations of the world with radically differing forms of government.

The cornerstone of the Baptist heritage of citizenship is the *independence* made possible by religious liberty. The Anabaptists who contended with established Catholicism, Lutheranism, and Anglicanism shared the experiences of the first-century Christians and learned again the burden to conscience which could come from governments. The sectarian European experience was transplanted to colonial America in the struggle for religious liberty in Puritan New England, Catholic Maryland, and Anglican Virginia. Independence from taxation which supported the religious beliefs and practices of others was a cherished freedom to be prized above all others.

Associated with this struggle for independence was a recognition of the *imperative* of citizenship. The imperatives of obedience and of doing good works, described by Paul in Romans 13, have given to our Baptist heritage a sense of urgency about what happens in the political order. This has meant many things at different times: the willingness to fight in wars and the courage to challenge militarism; patriotism and opposition to nationalism; pleas for patience and demands for immediate change. Our perception of how the biblical norms are to be appropriated has varied widely, but the intensity with which we historically have approached these issues has underscored the centrality of citizenship in our heritage.

The *content* of our citizenship is most clearly rooted in the compassion for human beings reflected throughout the Bible. We are not left in blind freedom without direction. Few things could be clearer to the believer than the biblical mandates regarding the poor, the widows, the orphans, the strangers, and the helpless. As God delivered the children of Israel in the Exodus, compassion for the helpless will deliver those who are at the mercy of the world.

The growing pluralism in culture and in politics is reflected by a growing pluralism within our Baptist tradition which has produced considerable debate about Christian citizenship. If our Baptist heritage remains alive, our citizenship will be concerned about the biblical mandates of religious liberty and deep concern for the helpless. If these mandates are lost, the Baptist heritage which we prize will have been forfeited.

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State Baptist Historical Reports for 1983

ALABAMA (Prepared by F. Wilbur Helmbold)

Progress along all lines of endeavor in Baptist history has been achieved this year by the Alabama Baptist Historical Commission. More extensive histories have been produced than in years past, with associations and churches producing sizeable volumes (*140th Anniversary Annual & Church History, DeKalb Baptist Association,* by Milton H. Pope; and *Selma: The Gospel at Work,* edited by F. Wilbur Helmbold). At least two church histories of considerable size and content were produced, those of Sylacauga First and Hunter Street, Birmingham. Ongoing historical interest is apparent among many agencies of the convention and is reflected in their concern for thoroughly documenting the present activities.

Indexing of *The Alabama Baptist* through BIRS has continued, and a large backlog of indexing has been created for the years 1880 through 1885. This will be entered into the BIRS data base sometime in the coming year. Another phase of indexing the state paper is projected to cover the years 1885 through 1890 and will also be entered into the BIRS data base.

A highway marker has been erected at Huntsville First detailing its origin as the first missionary Baptist church in the state.

Microfilming is done through the Samford University Library, this year including eight nineteenth-century church records, twelve twentieth-century church records, plus other microfilming projects and thousands of pages of community newspapers. Further, the collection has increased by acquiring eighteen rolls of *Watchman-Examiner,* 1919-1970; twenty-eight rolls of *Journal and Messenger;* thirty rolls of *Baptist Leader;* and two rolls of *Baptist Home Mission Monthly,* 1878-1909.

The oral history collection continues to grow slowly and is well organized. Recently, a commission donated the memorandum book of Jacob H. Schroebel, pastor at Clairborne in Monroe County and at Mobile.

The new chairman of the commission is Marlene H. Rikard. The volunteer historical society is chaired by John Burrows. *The Alabama Baptist Historian* is published semiannually.

The collection includes 1,570 rolls of microfilm, 2,344 volumes held by Samford University Library relating to Baptist historical work, 344 bound volumes of Baptist periodicals in the Special Collections Department, 300 volumes of reference material exclusively devoted to Special Collections interests, and actual files of association minutes from more than 250 associations (unspecified number of volumes). The Baptist manuscripts on microfilm, theses on microfilm, oral history transcripts and tapes, and vertical file folders regarding individual churches and associations are all uncounted at the present time.—*Mr. Helmbold is curator of the Alabama Baptist Historical Collection, Samford University, Birmingham.*

ARIZONA (Prepared by Clarice Maben)

Kay Dugger, archivist, has indexed materials on Arizona Southern Baptist Convention departments and agencies: Historical Commission, Paradise Valley Conference Center, Children's Services, hospitals, foundation, loan fund, Christian Life Commission, retirement centers, Baptist Student Union, Sunday School, Church Training, and Woman's Missionary Union; also, materials sent by E. L. Hunke on churches organized during the emphasis on the Southern Baptist Convention's 30,000 movement in 1957.

The Executive Board has allocated money for an up-to-date history of the convention and its work. The Denominational Cooperation Committee has appointed an Editorial Committee to select an author and be responsible to the Executive Board for getting the history written. The Executive Board will publish and distribute the history.

The history of Grand Canyon College has been completed by an Arizona State University doctoral student and will soon be available.

A routine was established for reminding churches a year in advance of their significant anniversaries and offering access to the resources of the archives. A number of churches did observe their anniversaries and update their histories.

Minutes of the Executive Board from the convention's origin in 1928 as the Baptist General Convention of Arizona through 1970 were sent to Nashville for microfilming.

Arizona Southern Baptists are becoming more aware of the archives, their significance, and services offered to the churches.—*Miss Maben is curator of the Arizona Baptist Historical Commission and the Arizona member of the Historical Commission, SBC.*

ARKANSAS (Prepared by Bernes K. Selph)

Arkansas Baptists came in for a windfall this year when the George T. Blackmon family gave to the Historical Commission thirty-three boxes of Blackmon's collection. Blackmon (deceased) taught at Ouachita Baptist University for years and served as the commission's first director. He was largely responsible for the progress the commission has made, and the material which he has collected is a real asset. It is being assorted and classified.

The annual minutes of thirty-one associations are on microfilm, 1900-1979. In addition, the current associational file is being updated. Thirty-four books on Baptists and their history have been processed, catalogued, and placed on shelves in the Baptist room of Riley Library, Ouachita Baptist University. Further work was done on indexing and typing cards for the card catalogue on seventy-five reels of microfilm.

Besides this, thirty visitors who were doing work were served in the archives, and twenty-three people who wrote asking assistance for information were accommodated.—*Dr. Selph is director of the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission and a local member of the Historical Commission, SBC.*

FLORIDA (Prepared by E. Earl Joiner)

The Florida Baptist Historical Society is continuing to index the *Florida Baptist Witness*, a project begun in 1982. Beginning with the first issue, 1883, plans call to finish the project in five years. Later plans call for computerizing the index. The society is continuing to publish addresses delivered at its annual meetings. To facilitate research in Baptist history, the society has increased its periodical subscriptions to Baptist publications. For the past three years, consultation has been held with Gilbert Lycan on research for his new book, *Stetson University: The First One Hundred Years*, which was recently published by Stetson University Press in connection with Stetson's centennial celebration. The society also continues to publish an annual *Newsletter*. Increased interest in writing Baptist history is reflected in an increasing number of Florida Baptist churches writing their own histories.—*Dr. Joiner is curator of the Florida Baptist Historical Society, Stetson University, DeLand.*

GEORGIA (Prepared by Robert Gardner)

The 1983 activities of the Georgia Baptist Historical Society focused primarily at the point of producing scholarly materials. During a two-day meeting, March 3-4 in Savannah, and at a breakfast meeting, November 15 in Macon, papers were presented, most of which will be printed in the 1984 issue of *Viewpoints: Georgia Baptist History*. They were as follows: "Moving *The Christian Index* to Georgia" by Jack Harwell; "'From this Pinnacle'—the Georgia WMU, 1883-1983" by Kate Ellen Gruver; "Baptists in Georgia, 1733-1790" by Robert Gardner; and "History of Mercer University" by Lynn Holmes.

In addition, the society published its fourth book, *Baptists of Early America: A Statistical History, 1639-1790*, by Robert Gardner. This 563-page volume is available from the society, P. O. Box 776, Washington, GA 30673.

As of December 15, 1983, the society had 108 individual and 19 institutional members.

The society depository, located at Mercer University, Macon, is under the direction of Mary Overby. Significant additions have been made, chiefly on microfilm: *American Baptist Almanac and Baptist Register*, 1841-1923; minutes of the Triennial Convention, 1814-1846; *The Christian Index*, 1973-1980; Hopeful Baptist Church records (Burke County), 1815-1870. Historians and genealogists continue to make use of this collection, which is supported financially by the Committee on Baptist History of the Georgia Baptist Convention and by Mercer University.—*Dr. Gardner is professor of religion, Shorter College, Rome.*

INDIANA (Prepared by Frances Springs)

A year-long project of the history committee was the preparation of a history for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. E. Harmon Moore,

executive director emeritus, chaired the committee and did most of the writing, assisted by Mrs. Moore, R. V. Haygood, David Simpson, and Frances Springs. C. E. Wiley was resource person.

The book, *Hoosier Southern Baptists: Turning Points and Milestones, 1958-1983*, was released at the 1983 convention meeting at Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, November 1.

Remodeling of the Baptist office building has afforded a room for filing and storing historical material. One day was spent indexing a vertical file, and plans are underway for more indexing in the near future.

The first meeting of the history committee came during the annual convention. Plans for a workshop on preserving historical materials for church and associational clerks were set up for May, 1984.—*Mrs. Springs is historical secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.*

KENTUCKY (Prepared by Leo T. Crismon)

Both the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and Society held successful meetings with the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg and Cumberland College on Friday, July 29, 1983. The new officers elected for the commission are: Wendell H. Rone, chairman; George A. Jones, vice-chairman; Doris Yeiser, secretary; and Barry G. Allen, treasurer. The new officers of the society are: George A. Jones, president; Michael Duncan, vice-president; Larry Smith, secretary; and Barry G. Allen, treasurer. In 1984 the meetings will be held on Friday, March 16. Also, consideration is being given to merging the two organizations into one. This matter is being studied by the Executive Board of the state convention.

In 1987 the Kentucky Baptist Convention (formerly the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1837-1961) will celebrate its sesquicentennial. The convention and the historical agencies are combining their resources for a meaningful recognition of the organization and growth of Baptists in Kentucky.

The BIRS project of indexing the *Western Recorder* has now been completed through eight years (1976-1983), and the index is proving to be a valuable tool for historical research and writing. *The Kentucky Baptist Heritage* is now in its tenth year, a useful instrument for distributing and preserving Baptist information.—*Dr. Crismon is recording secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.*

LOUISIANA (Prepared by Kathy L. Sylvest)

The Louisiana Baptist History Committee and the Media Services staff at Baptist Building have been encouraging churches to write their history and give that information to the Mae Lee Memorial Library which houses the state convention's archives. This past year over fifty individuals have been assisted with historical research, and several church histories were added to the archival collection: Willow Point, Ingleside, and Broadmoor, all of Shreveport; Bethel, Franklinton; and Old Sharon, St. Tammany Parish.

Historical articles by Walter Shurden and Leon McBeth have been pub-

lished by *Baptist Message* editor, Lynn Clayton. The Media Services assistant compiled a condensed history of the first Baptist church in the state—Half Moon Bluff Church—to be placed in that church's replica on permanent display on the Washington Parish Fairgrounds, Franklinton, and wrote an article on Baptist Heritage Month for Baptist Press.

Updating the microfilm collection of associational minutes was undertaken since the last microfilming was done in 1958. Three sets of minutes are now completed and microfilmed: Acadia, Mt. Olive, and Washington Associations. Oral histories continue to be obtained through the Church-Minister Relations Division. Biographical information on deceased state convention staff members is being sought for inclusion in a special book of remembrances in the Mae Lee Memorial Library.—*Miss Sylvest is media services assistant and librarian, Media Services Department, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria.*

MARYLAND (Prepared by Wynelle Hendricks)

The History Committee of the Baptist Convention of Maryland continues to maintain and expand the Josephine Norwood History Collection. The Collection was moved to a new room in the Baptist Building, 1313 York Road, Lutherville. The library is open for tours and research five days a week. Maryan Brown works part-time cataloging and updating the file system.

Plans for the 150th celebration of Maryland Baptist work in 1986 are underway. Materials in the collection have been used in research this past year for church anniversary celebrations, family histories, Baptist history articles and books, and displays for the Baptist Building.—*Mrs. Hendricks is chairman of the History Committee of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.*

MISSISSIPPI (Prepared by Jack W. Gunn and Alice G. Cox)

The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, located in the Mississippi College Library, is open to researchers interested in any aspect of Mississippi Baptist history. In addition to assisting visitors, the commission responds to many telephone calls and letters regarding its resources.

The coming of Jack W. Gunn as executive secretary has brought renewed emphasis on the collection of biographies of current Mississippi pastors and other ordained ministers. With the approval of the commission, the executive secretary and the librarian prepared and mailed a letter and a biographical form to each current Mississippi Baptist pastor. So far, the response has been encouraging. During the next several years, the commission expects to prepare a volume of biographical information about pastors who have served in Mississippi since the publication of Foster's *Mississippi Baptist Preachers* in 1895.

A certificate of recognition has been prepared for presentation to each church which has passed its one hundredth anniversary. The presentations will be made by members of the commission.

In 1983 seven churches deposited a total of twenty-three volumes of

church records for microfilming. The commission has received the 1982 minutes of fifty-nine of Mississippi's seventy-five associations and the 1983 minutes of four associations. Twenty-nine tapes and transcripts have been added to the commission's oral history collection; in addition to her responsibilities as interviewer for this program, Edwina Robinson updates the index to the *Baptist Record* each year. Other materials received have included church and associational histories; information for church files such as pictorial directories, clippings, newsletters, and pictures; several volumes on Baptist history; and files of information about various aspects of state Baptist work.—*Dr. Gunn is executive secretary and Mrs. Cox is librarian of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, Mississippi College Library, Clinton.*

MISSOURI (Prepared by Adrian Lamkin)

In April, 1983, the new Missouri Baptist Historical Society was organized. Officers elected were Gordon Kingsley of Liberty, president; John Marshall of St. Louis, vice-president; and Rod Wisdom of Florissant, secretary. Members of this new society will receive a quarterly newsletter and an annual journal entitled *Journal of Missouri Baptist History.* Membership in the society at the end of 1983 stood at 156.

A heritage conference was initiated in conjunction with the society meeting in April. These annual conferences will draw attention to Missouri Baptist history, Baptist life in America, and heritage preservation projects for the local church. Speakers at the first conference were Robert A. Baker of Texas and Gordon Kingsley of Missouri.

The most unique feature of 1983 was the introduction of a new program to honor anniversary churches in Missouri. The Missouri Baptist Historical Commission and the Center for Baptist Historical Studies at William Jewell College jointly presented framed anniversary certificates to forty-six churches celebrating major anniversaries in the year.

A new history of Missouri Baptists was introduced in 1983. Entitled *Frontiers: The Story of Missouri Baptists,* the book was written by Gordon Kingsley to honor the sesquicentennial of the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1984. The 190-page book is a popularly written text which can be used in study sessions at Missouri Baptist churches. It was officially presented to the Missouri Baptist Convention in October.

The holdings of the Missouri Baptist Archives continue to grow. A two-year effort to locate missing associational minutes had uncovered over five hundred issues by December, 1983. Over one thousand separate issues of Missouri Baptist-related journals and newspapers were received. And the personal papers of H. I. Hester, long-time leader in the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Missouri Baptist Historical Commission, were given to the archives.—*Dr. Lamkin is director of the Center for Baptist Historical Studies, William Jewell College, Liberty.*

NORTH CAROLINA (Prepared by John R. Woodard)

The North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection contains research materials in three interrelated areas: Baptist items, including books, pamphlets, and

association minutes; the Wake Forest Archives, including information about the college and university; and the Personal Collections section that contains papers of North Carolina Baptist pastors, missionaries, and alumni.

Participation in BIRS continues. Printouts of the *Biblical Recorder Index* were obtained for the years 1982 and 1853-1854.

Church records were microfilmed for North Carolina churches at no cost. Others were purchased from the State Department of Archives and History. Microfilmed records were added from seventy-nine Baptist churches, and additions were made to the microfilmed records of twenty-seven other Baptist churches. Additions were made to the original records of Rowan and Wake Forest Baptist Churches.

Twenty-five new collections of personal and family papers were established for the following: John Pepper, John Davis Larkins, Jr., John A. Dunn, Hugh Buckner Johnston, Alexander M. Redfern, Malachi Nicholas Strickling, Robert Henry Moody, Jacob Oliver Alderman, the Pritchard-Taylor-Duggan Family, Jesse Coleman and Rebecca Owen, Paul Monroe Johnson, Nannie (Sessoms) Britton, George Pleasant Bostick, Arthur Samuel and Pauline S. Gillespie, Joseph Conrad Watkins, Jr., William Solomon McCraw, Harold Wayland Tribble, Joseph Hendren Gorrell, Roy Meadows Smith, Mitchell L. Foster, James William Lynch, James Henry Foote, George Washington Greene, Thomas Allen Cheek, and the Gore Family. Additions were made to seventeen personal collections.—*Mr. Woodard is director of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem.*

NORTHWEST (Prepared by Sam A. Harvey)

Plans are continuing for a history of the Northwest Convention to be published for the fortieth anniversary celebration of the convention in 1988.

A small booklet is being prepared for use in orientation of new pastors, the students in the Northwest Center of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, and more general use among the churches. Several chapters from Roy Johnson's book *Northwest Southern Baptists* will be included, with an introduction by Cecil Sims and additional chapters prepared by Mildred Baker. Roy Johnson will be the editor of this booklet. It is expected to be available early in 1984 at a cost of $1.95.

The Historical Committee asked for a course in Northwest Baptist history to be taught at the Northwest Center in Portland, Oregon.—*Rev. Harvey is chairman of the History Committee of the Northwest Baptist Convention.*

OHIO (Prepared by Theo E. Sommerkamp)

Lack of adequate space in the Baptist Building at Columbus has for several recent years made it impossible for the Ohio Baptist Historical Society to have a library or display of materials. The materials, however, are being retained in storage for the near future when anticipated renovation or enlargement of present facilities will offer again a "history room." The editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger* is also elected as the historical secretary of the

state convention. There were no major meetings associated exclusively with the maintaining and preserving of historical materials.

Of historical note concerning work in Ohio, the five hundredth church to be affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will probably be constituted in 1984. A number of pastors are celebrating fifteen consecutive years as leader of the same congregation, showing that Ohio is in transition from a pioneer-type convention to one with considerable roots as well.—*Mr. Sommerkamp is historical secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.*

OKLAHOMA (Prepared by J. M. Gaskin)

The Historical Commission sponsored its fifth historical tour to historic places in Southwest Oklahoma on May 12-13. A total of ninety-two persons registered for the complete tour by bus.

On March 15 the commission endorsed a project by Al Turner to conduct a historical information survey of baptistry paintings in Oklahoma Baptist churches. Implementation of the survey was begun through directors of missions in all district associations.

A historical marker was dedicated at Tahlequah on October 21. It describes early Baptist work in education, missions, and printing among the Cherokees. In connection with the marker dedication, an afternoon and evening program was held under the title, "Centennial Celebration." Blacks, Indians, and Anglos from state and area churches gathered to commemorate the first Baptist convention organized in what is now Oklahoma. All three races were represented by churches and associations in the formation of that convention in 1883.

Slayden A. Yarbrough wrote a three-part series for *The Oklahoma Baptist Chronicle* under the title, "Southern Baptists: Who Are We?" Popularity of the series prompted the commission to vote to publish the whole series in a book for Baptist Heritage Studies in 1984.

The commission and Oklahoma Baptist University jointly published *Angell!* by Helen Raley. The book is a biography of Warren M. Angell for whom Oklahoma Baptist University's College of Fine Arts has been named.

Tentative plans were approved to open a museum at Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center.—*Dr. Gaskin is director of history for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.*

SOUTH CAROLINA (Prepared by J. Glen Clayton)

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society was held at First Baptist Church, Columbia, on November 14, 1983. The meeting launched the sesquicentennial celebration of the church's organization with an excellent paper presented by A. V. Huff entitled, "'Bound for the Promised Land': Columbia Baptists and the Search for Southern Evangelical Faith, 1809-1860."

Important manuscript acquisitions during the year include the papers of W. M. Seay (1878-1952), pastor and denominational leader; James A. Hoyt

(1837-1904), editor, businessman, and Baptist leader; and Frederick M. Hawkins (1811-1891), pastor, and student at Furman while it was in Sumter County.

The records of thirty-three churches were microfilmed. The curator met with several history committees, and a number of researchers working on church histories made use of materials in the South Carolina Baptist Historical Collection at Furman University Library.

Several members of the Furman family, the society, and the First Baptist Church of Charleston joined in ceremonies placing a plaque to mark the precise burial place of Richard Furman and his family. The event took place on Sunday, September 25, 1983, at the church. An address on "The Family of Richard Furman" was given by Loulie Latimer Owens. Copies of an expanded version of the address are available from the South Carolina Baptist Historical Collection, Furman University Library, Greenville, SC 29613.—*Dr. Clayton is curator of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society.*

TENNESSEE (Prepared by Jerry Self)

The 1983 Tennessee Baptist Heritage Award was presented by the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society to W. Fred Kendall, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Kendall was chosen in recognition of his significant contributions to Tennessee Baptist history. He is the author of *A History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention* (1974).

June was designated Baptist Heritage Month by the society, and it was the first convention-wide observance of Baptist Heritage Month in Tennessee. To climax this observance, the society sponsored the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the organization of the first Tennessee Baptist Convention. The original convention was founded in 1833 at the Mill Creek Baptist Church, Nashville. The 150th anniversary celebration was held on Saturday, June 25, 1983, at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building, Brentwood, and at Judson Baptist Church, Nashville.

A full day of activities was planned for the anniversary celebration. The activities included a historical tour of the present convention headquarters and the three former headquarters buildings plus a visit to the Mill Creek Church site. Guides and site interpreters were available to inform the participants of the significant events associated with each location. Following the morning tour, a dinner and celebration service were held at Judson Baptist Church, Nashville. The service included speeches on the heritage and future of Tennessee Baptists. Hymns of that era were sung, and an original drama by Peggy Bible of Morristown was presented. As a part of the service, the first annual meeting of the society was conducted.

The winners of the W. Fred Kendall Student Paper Awards were announced during the celebration service and presented with $100 checks.—*Dr. Self is consultant in church history for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.*

TEXAS (Prepared by Keith C. Wills)

During 1983 there were two general meetings of the Texas Baptist Historical Society. The spring meeting was held March 4 at the Shamrock

Hotel, Houston, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association with President David D'Amico presiding and eighty-four in attendance. Under the general theme of "Petticoats and Piety: Baptist Women in Texas," Patricia S. Martin of Rice University presented a paper on "Keeping Silence: Texas Baptist Women's Role in Public Worship, 1880-1920," and Estelle Owens read a paper prepared by L. Katherine Cook entitled "The Sugar Jar Covenant: Texas Baptist Women and Missions."

The annual meeting was held in Amarillo on November 1 in conjunction with the ninety-eighth annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. President David D'Amico again presided with eighty-nine present. The program featured Paul Stripling's presentation of his paper "Alien Immersion: J. R. Graves and Contrasting Views" and H. K. Neely's response to this paper. Spirited discussion followed these presentations which will be published in the Fall, 1984, issue of the society's journal *Texas Baptist History.*

Society officers elected for the 1984 year are president, David D'Amico, Houston; vice-president, Estelle Owens, Plainview; secretary-treasurer, Keith Wills, Fort Worth; and Executive Committee members at large, Gwin Morris, Marshall, and Paul Stripling, Waco. Active membership in the society was reported as 142 in November, 1983.

The publication of the *Journal of Texas Baptist History* has greatly stimulated membership in the society. The Fall, 1983, issue features "C. C. Slaughter and Texas Baptists" by David J. Murrah; the two papers presented at the society's spring meeting; "Hayden-Cranfill Controversy Bibliography" by Keith C. Wills and Ben Rogers; biographical sketches of Anne Luther Bagby, James Milton Carroll, Fannie Breedlove Davis, Mary Hill Davis, and Samuel Augustus Hayden; and "Recollections" by Mina S. Everett, a record of her mission work in Brazil and among Texas Mexicans.— *Dr. Wills is secretary-treasurer of the Texas Baptist Historical Society.*

VIRGINIA (Prepared by Fred Anderson)

The Virginia Baptist Historical Society presented heritage awareness programs before sixty-two churches, associations, and organizations in 1983. Fred Anderson, executive director, presented numerous "living history" portrayals of Virginia Baptist personalities, including several for the state Baptist meeting.

Virginia Baptist Heritage Day emphasized religious and historical drama. Posters were designed by Bill Nelson, a nationally-known illustrator. Resource packets including playlets were sent to all pastors.

The Religious Herald, the state Baptist newspaper, requested the director to submit a new weekly history column called "This Week in Our History."

The society's building was refurbished. A new exhibit area and expanded office space were provided. The society's annual meeting featured the premiere performance of a John Bunyan portrayal by David L. Bailey. Over 350 persons attended.

The Virginia Baptist Register devoted space to Luther Rice. The issue

included Rice's 1819-20 Virginia journal; a Rice sermon, "Luther Rice and the Brewery" by Frances Beck; and an article on the new Rice center in Massachusetts by Alma Hunt.

Through microfilming the society preserved the records of twenty-eight more churches and received 355 church record books for a total of 2,391 original record books in the archives. Some fifty-five major acquisitions included an 1850's diary of Noah Baldwin, a Southwest Virginia pioneer preacher, and the papers of Theodore F. Adams.—*Mr. Anderson is executive director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.*

Luther Rice Journal Published

Dispensations of Providence: The Journal and Selected Letters of Luther Rice, published jointly by the American Baptist Historical Society, Historical Commission, SBC, and George Washington University, offers to libraries and individuals a valuable primary resource on this significant Baptist pioneer. To purchase this 172-page volume, send $12.00 to the American Baptist Historical Society, 1106 South Goodman Street, Rochester, New York 14620.

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Historical Commission Annual Report

Lynn E. May, Jr., Executive Director-Treasurer

One of the most demanding projects and significant achievements of the Historical Commission in 1982-83 was the completion of a twelve-month research project requested by the Executive Committee, SBC. From this comprehensive study, the executive director prepared a 230-page paper on "Southern Baptist Convention Polity and Governance in Historical Perspective, 1845-1982" as a resource for the Convention and its Executive Committee in the study of ascending and descending liability as this issue affects the denomination in the years to come.

The Commission gave major attention to developing plans for new facilities for the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives and the Historical Commission offices in the new Southern Baptist Convention Building now under construction. Planning focused on maximizing the use of space available for the Commission in the building as well as selecting the best equipment and furnishings to purchase for the new library and archives within the budgeted Capital Needs allocation. The Convention is providing the new facilities in accord with its 1981 action designating the Historical Commission as "the central depository and archives of the denomination." During the year the Commission also provided consultation to several agencies regarding records management and archives preservation.

The Commission conducted a conference in April on "Ethnic Southern Baptist Heritage" which attracted ethnic Baptists and other denominational leaders from across the country. Papers from the meeting were published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage* to provide a resource for Bold Mission Thrust among this growing segment of the denomination. Other Bold Mission resources published include thematic issues of the Commission's journal on "Baptists Around the World" and "Sunday Schools in Southern Baptist History."

The Historical Commission strengthened its efforts to interpret and communicate Baptist heritage through its publications, expanded promotion of the annual denominational heritage emphasis in June, and enlarged distribution of the Baptist Heritage Series pamphlets to 1,195,000 copies. Plans were initiated for the development of a resource kit and video-tape series to assist local churches in preserving and communicating their Baptist heritage.

Denise Morris was employed, January 1, 1984, as a full-time secretary. She replaced Gay Campbell who resigned in November, 1983.

Through its research services, publications, and communication of Baptist history, the Historical Commission continues to help Southern Baptists to know and act on insights from their Baptist past as they move forward together in Bold Mission Thrust.

Expanding Historical Library, Archives, and Research Services

1982-83 Program Accomplishments.—(1) Conducted at the request of the Executive Committee, SBC, a twelve-month comprehensive study of "Southern Baptist Convention Polity and Governance in Historical Perspective, 1845-1982"; produced a 230-page paper on this subject as a resource for the Executive Committee and the Convention in the study of ascending and descending liability as that issue affects the denomination in the years to come; (2) developed plans for the new Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives facilities in the new SBC Building to provide for the preservation and study of the official records and other historical sources of the Southern Baptist Convention, its agencies, related organizations, and Convention officers; (3) consulted with the two mission boards and other agencies regarding records management and archives preservation; (4) conducted oral history interviews with Duke K. McCall; (5) increased Baptistiana on microfilm to 12,299,284 pages and added to the library a total of 2,554 items valued at $10,548; and (6) microfilmed fifty-nine church records to assure their preservation. Historical materials placed by the Commission in its library and archives during the past thirty-two years on behalf of Southern Baptists are valued at $364,312.

1984-85 Program Goals.—(1) Provide space and resources for the study of Southern Baptist heritage and life; (2) provide facilities for the primary archival documents of the SBC and its agencies; (3) develop card catalog for the new library and archives; (4) add 2,000 books, periodicals, and other materials including the microfilming of 900 historical resources; and (5) provide consultative services, materials, and research services for 150 individuals, churches, agencies, institutions, and conventions.

Communicating Baptist Heritage and Identity

1982-83 Program Accomplishments.—(1) Conducted a conference on "Ethnic Southern Baptist Heritage," produced a resource issue of *Baptist History and Heritage* on that theme, and supported a special committee appointed to help preserve ethnic Baptist historical materials; (2) employed a director of communications to help strengthen the Commission's efforts to interpret and communicate Baptist heritage; (3) sent guidelines and other materials to 36,951 church and denominational leaders to assist them in conducting a 1983 Baptist Heritage Emphasis; (4) produced as Bold Mission resources thematic issues of the Commission's journal on "Baptists Around the World" and "Sunday Schools in Southern Baptist History"; (5) continued distribution of Baptist Heritage Series pamphlets; (6) consulted with leaders in several European countries regarding the preservation of their historical materials; (7) channeled over 140 heritage articles and news releases through other Southern Baptist publications; and (8) helped the Home Mission Board establish a historical library for mission studies at the Luther Rice Homesite in Northborough, Massachusetts.

1984-85 Program Goals.—(1) Promote Baptist heritage concerns through the production of new video tapes, a new resource kit, and a new

newsletter, and the continued publication of a quarterly journal; (2) assist 12,000 churches in conducting a Baptist Heritage Emphasis; (3) help train 100 church and denominational leaders in preserving, researching, and writing Baptist history; and (4) conduct a nationwide meeting on "Baptists and the History of Church-State Relationships" and publish the papers.

Producing and Distributing Materials for the Study of Baptist Heritage

1982-83 Program Accomplishments.—(1) Produced four issues of *Baptist History and Heritage* in a revised format and distributed 11,572 copies; (2) increased distribution of Baptist Heritage Series to 1,295,000 copies; (3) produced five indexes; and (4) distributed 165,320 copies of pamphlets and booklets to meet history needs of churches and denominational agencies.

1984-85 Program Goals.—(1) Complete the production of a "Resource Kit for Your Church's History", (2) complete the development of new video tapes on Baptist heritage; and (3) publish *Baptist History and Heritage* and a new newsletter *Baptist Heritage Update.*

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Report of Society President for 1983-84

As president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, I have worked with the staff and officers of the Historical Commission to plan the annual meeting this year. I appreciate the suggestions in your letters which have resulted in the fine program that we will have in Nashville in April. Time, distance, and expense are always frustrating factors to anyone serving as an officer of the society when there is so much work to be done and coordinated with the Historical Commission staff in Nashville.

This report might be termed a plea for cooperation. As a long-time member of the society and director of a state collection, I am very familiar with problems that the state collections have encountered. I have felt for a long time that cooperation is the only way that we can all insure that the necessary documentary materials and information will survive for future generations of Baptist historians and researchers. The job is too big for any state collection to accomplish; even the Historical Commission, SBC, cannot collect the documents or information on all of our local associations and churches. There should be a proper location for all of our Baptist resources. For instance, no one should be looking for a 1856 Georgia association minute in the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection. The researcher would expect to find such materials at Mercer University. The policy of the North Carolina Baptist state collection has been to remove materials relating to other states whenever possible and share these items with the pertinent collections. This has paid off in many instances in that we have received North Carolina-related materials in exchange. A policy of cooperation and sharing of our resources should be an ongoing one and a policy that newer collections should adopt.

We should cooperate by sharing duplicate materials and assisting emerging collections. The Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission should both serve as coordinating organizations and foster this spirit of cooperation and the establishment of state collections in areas that do not have a repository at present. The Commission's *Resource Kit for Your Church's History* (to be released in March, 1985) should be especially helpful in providing assistance to our local church and associational historians as well as emerging collections. Hopefully, this endeavor will also assist the society in increasing its membership.

I appreciate the honor that the members of the society have conferred upon me, and I can assure you that I will continue to be a member in good standing and assist in future projects of the society.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Woodard

Minutes of 1983 Annual Meeting

HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC
SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 25-27, 1983

The Historical Commission, SBC, convened for its first plenary session at 2:15 P.M., April 25, 1983, in Room 301WW of The Sunday School Board Building with Leon McBeth, chairman, presiding. McBeth welcomed members to the annual meeting, especially the new members, and indicated that they would be introduced later.

1. Wayne Williams led the opening prayer.

2. *Roll Call.*—W. Fred Kendall, recording secretary, called the roll of elected Commission members. Present: Ira V. (Jack) Birdwhistell, local; Gerald E. Bishop, Ohio; Carolyn Blevins, local; Paul E. Brown, Missouri; Stephen P. Carleton, California; Mildred Chester, Michigan; Ronald F. Deering, Kentucky; Myron D. Dillow, Illinois; Wayne Flynt, Alabama; Waldo P. Harris, III, Georgia; W. Fred Kendall, local; Marion D. Lark, North Carolina; William Lumpkin, Virginia; Clarice Maben, Arizona; Leon McBeth, Texas; Richard T. McCartney, Oklahoma; Helen Y. McKee, D. C.; Bonnie Ball O'Brien, New Mexico; Carl M. Overton, Arkansas; Loulie L. Owens, South Carolina; William Allen Poe, Louisiana; Ethelene Rich, Tennessee; Stan Rushing, local; Bernes Selph, local; James Shope, Kansas-Nebraska; Norris E. Smith, local; Lois Sparkman, Northwest; Frances Springs, Indiana; Jerry Vardaman, Mississippi; and Wayne Williams, Colorado. Absent: James R. Beasley, Florida (Lynn May reported that Beasley had emergency surgery and could not come); John G. Justice, local (Justice was detained on a business engagement out of town); Don O. Whitehead, local (Whitehead had a court case scheduled for this time). Staff members present: Lynn E. May, Jr., A. Ronald Tonks, Charles W. Deweese, Leisa A. Hammett, and Carolyn Patton.

3. *Introductory Matters.*—New Commissioners Paul E. Brown, Ronald F. Deering, and Myron D. Dillow and new staff member Leisa A. Hammett were introduced by Lynn May.

4. *Dialogue—Commissioners and Staff.*—McBeth commented briefly about the overall work of the Commission and asked that Lynn May, Ronald Tonks, Charles Deweese, and Leisa Hammett share something about their personal involvements in the Commission's work for the past year. Leisa Hammett reported that one of her major accomplishments had been to give the Historical Commission visual image through the design of a new logo and new letterhead. Illustrations were shown to Commissioners. She indicated that designing the logo and a pamphlet for marketing the Baptist Missionary Society microfilm had been two of her major accomplishments during the six months of her employment.

Charles Deweese identified four areas of publications in which he had been involved:

a. In June, 1982, Volume IV of the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists* was released. The volume has sold well.

b. A new format has been designed and implemented for *Baptist History and Heritage.*

c. A resource kit for church history committees is currently being developed for release in March, 1985. It will be a comprehensive set of materials designed to help a church history committee function well.

d. Six weeks of Deweese's time were given to research for the Liability Study Project.

A question was raised by Wayne Williams regarding help for associational history committees. Deweese stated that the resource kit could be adapted and used by associational committees.

Ronald Tonks indicated that part of his responsibility was to represent the Commission in denominational relationships through the Inter-Agency Council Coordinating Committee. He reported that the video tape series "Meet Southern Baptists," which he helped complete, was the second most widely used series of the Southern Baptist Video Tape Service. The Video Tape Service has approved the Historical Commission's proposal to produce six more video cassettes. These will relate to the resource kit for church history committees. Tonks reported that the Video Tape Service would fund up to $30,000 for these six video productions.

Tonks indicated that the highlight for the year for him was the privilege of being on sabbatical. He was based in Vienna, spent some time in Ruschlikon, and was able to get into most of the Eastern European Socialist countries and in seminaries of several. He taught Baptist history in several places, spoke in churches, worked with archivists in several collections, and helped to secure materials for the Commission. He indexed the 1982 European Baptist Press Service for BIRS.

Lynn May expressed words of appreciation for all staff members. He discussed employment of new staff persons, the director of communications and staff support person; implementing budgets; Long-Range Plan progress report, including the development of five-year implementation plan; conducting the liability study requested by Executive Committee, SBC; and producing a 233-page manuscript titled "Southern Baptist Convention Polity and Goverance in Historical Perspective, 1845-1982"; and developing plans for the Historical Commission to occupy new facilities in the proposed new SBC Building. May shared slides that related to the Capital Needs Budget Request presented to the Executive Committee, SBC, on behalf of the Commission in November, 1982, for equipment and furnishings for the library and archives. A detailed layout of the fourth floor, office space, library and archives, and storage space was discussed using visual aids.

Carl Overton asked if the Liability Study would be made available and in print. May responded that copies are to be duplicated and shared with every state convention and every Southern Baptist Convention agency. A

decision has not been made at this point to go beyond this distribution. May stated that the staff had committed 1,050 hours to this project during the year, including over 700 hours by the executive director.

May indicated that if the Executive Committee had employed persons for this time rather than time being contributed by the Historical Commission staff, the study would have cost the Executive Committee more than $29,000.

5. *Committee Assignments* were noted and chairmen introduced. After the Nominating Committee reported, Commissioners moved to designated rooms for a meeting of the committee to which they were assigned. Committees were to report in the evening session. A staff resource person was assigned to each committee.

6. *Nominating Committee.*—McBeth recognized the Nominating Committee, consisting of Loulie L. Owens, chairman, Stephen Carleton, and William Lumpkin. Lumpkin presented the following report:

Officers:	Chairman	Wayne Flynt
	Vice-Chairman	Stan Rushing
	Recording Secretary	Stephen Carleton
	Treasurer	Lynn E. May, Jr.
Administrative Committee:	Wayne Flynt, Chairman	Carolyn Blevins
	Stan Rushing	Ronald Deering
	Stephen Carleton	John Justice
	Leon McBeth	

Lumpkin moved the election of these officers. Wayne Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for committee meetings.

7. *Dinner Meeting.*—At 5:30 P.M. the Commissioners and staff met in Room 313WW for dinner. The food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

PLENARY SESSION II
7:00 P.M., Monday, April 25
J. M. Crowe Room, 301WW
The Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
Leon McBeth, Presiding

McBeth called the meeting to order and requested that Bonnie Ball O'Brien lead in prayer.

8. *Acquisitions and Library Operation Committee.*—Wayne Flynt, chairman, asked Mrs. E. W. Springs, recorder, to present this report. Mrs. Springs reported that the Acquisitions and Library Committee had a lengthy agenda. Chairman Wayne Flynt guided the committee through the agenda and from the discussions and Lynn May's explanations evolved six recommendations:

• That the proposed floor plans of the offices, library, and archives of the Historical Commission on the fourth floor of the proposed SBC Building and the storage area on a lower level in the building be approved, with the understanding that additional refinements are to be made as needed.

Mrs. Springs moved that the recommendation be adopted. Lois Sparkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

• That we receive and recommend the report of the cost of furnishings and equipment to the Library and Archives Planning Committee.

Mrs. Springs moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion carried on second by James Shope.

• That one part-time and three full-time employees for the library and archives be considered and that this be referred to the planning committee.

Mrs. Springs moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion carried on second by Waldo Harris.

• That the policy of audiovisual reproduction as stated on page 51 of *Book of Reports* be approved. Mrs. Springs read the following three statements from page 51:

(1) Individuals and/or organizations will prepay reproduction costs for a complete reel or cassette, plus handling and shipping. (Historical Commission will use the Broadman Products Department of The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention according to the then current price schedule.)

(2) The Historical Commission standard release form must be completed by purchasing individual or organization prior to reproduction.

(3) Southern Baptist Convention state conventions or agencies and Southern Baptist Convention agencies will not be required to sign the release form. The Historical Commission will bill them for all charges when the material is shipped.

Mrs. Springs moved the adoption of the above recommendation. Motion carried on second by Marion Lark.

• That the primary purpose of the Historical Commission library and archives in the new SBC Building should be to provide for the procurement, preservation, and use of books, periodicals, vital records, pamphlets, dissertations, manuscripts, photographs, films, other audiovisuals, biographical data, recordings, and other historical and archival materials relevant to Baptist life and work, in accordance with the Historical Commission Program Statement. The secondary purpose of the library and archives should be, as much as possible, to provide historical analysis and library services to other SBC agencies.

Mrs. Springs moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion seconded by Mrs. C. W. Rich. Motion carried.

• That upon approval of funding for the new SBC Building, the Historical Commission notify The Sunday School Board of its plan to move its offices, library, and archives to the new building when it is completed and that proper steps be taken to terminate the present agreement for the joint

operation of the Dargan-Carver library at the appropriate time.

Mrs. Springs moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion carried on second by William Lumpkin.

9. *Publication and Promotion Committee.*—Stan Rushing, chairman, asked Jack Birdwhistell, recorder, to present the report. Birdwhistell reported that the meeting was very informative. Two staff persons were present in this meeting, Leisa Hammett and Charles Deweese. These staff persons reported to the Committee how the Long-Range Planning Committee's suggestions and programs are being carried out.

Birdwhistell reported that last year the Committee recommended that the ten pamphlets in the Baptist Heritage Series be published in a special issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.* After staff input that six of the ten had already been published in either *Baptist History and Heritage* or *The Quarterly Review,* and that all ten would not fit in one issue of the journal, the Committee decided to table the idea.

Birdwhistell called attention to page 105 of the *Book of Reports* and presented the following recommendation:

> The Publication and Promotion Committee recommends that the staff proceed with the development of a Resource Kit for Church History Committees at an approximate cost of $21,074 (including production and promotion); that the Kit be funded across three budget years (1982-83, 1983-84, and 1984-85); that the Kit be released on March 1, 1985; and that additional copies of the technical leaflets developed for the Kit be published at the same time.

Birdwhistell moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion carried on second by James Shope.

The Committee had no further recommendations, but Birdwhistell shared with the group some Long-Range Plans related by the staff persons attending the Committee meeting:

- Plans for future issues of *Baptist History and Heritage*
- Group brainstormed future topics for Annual Meetings:
  (1) Baptist Controversies
  (2) Role of District Association
  (3) Obscure Figures in Southern Baptist History
  (4) Smaller Baptist Groups
  (5) Independency
  (6) Baptists and Sectarian Groups
  (7) Ordination
- Plans for six video cassettes in a series for churches dealing with such things as the church history committee, preservation of materials, writing a church history, communicating the story of the church in other ways, celebrating an anniversary, and associational historical work. A grant from the Video Tape Service has already been promised to the Commission for carrying out this project.
- Long-Range Plans for expanding the Baptist Heritage Series, starting with a study in April, 1984.

- Concern about declining subscriptions to *Baptist History and Heritage.*
- Leisa Hammett told the committee of her objecives in her role as Director of Communications:
  (a) to increase "news" stories about Historical Commission work
  (b) to increase visual impact of Historical Commission materials
  (c) to improve marketing of publications of the Historical Commission
- Response to Baptist Heritage Month

10. *Study and Research Committee.*—Bonnie Ball O'Brien, chairman, presided over the meeting of the Committee. Richard McCartney, recorder, gave the following report.

The Committee discussed the Baptist Source Book project (page 40, *Book of Reports*) in the light of the Commission's priorities. Because of the heavy demands on staff time and financial resources of the Commission, it is recommended that the Baptist Source Book project not move forward at this time. We believe it is a worthy project and should not be allowed to die, but should not proceed to Phase II at the present. We recommend that it remain on the active agenda and be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee recommends that the Historical Commission approve a study grant of $300 for Stephen M. Haines to help in completion of a study on disciplinary procedures in a representative group of Southern Baptist churches. Mr. Haines is a student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He plans to use the grant to finance travel and living expenses to come to Nashville and do research in the Dargan-Carver Library. He is recommended by William R. Estep, Leon McBeth, and James Leo Garrett, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In a brief discussion of the study undertaken for the SBC Executive Committee, we learned, among other things, that we Baptists have not always been consistent in exercising our Baptist polity.

The desirability of each state convention undertaking a project to produce a pamphlet, similar to the Baptist Heritage Series, on Baptist history within the state was discussed.

We encourage distribution of factual historical material, such as that recently published in the *Saturday Evening Post,* and we request that the Commission staff explore with the appropriate people in the state conventions the feasibility of joint efforts to produce state historical pamphlets, written in popular style, for distribution within the states.

Discussion of possible themes for future annual meetings of the Commission and Society surfaced several suggestions:

- The impact of Baptist colleges and universities on the theology of Southern Baptist churches.
- Cultural influences that helped shape Baptist history in new areas of the United States.
- The changes in role and expectations of ministers in Baptist churches in recent history.
- The history of change in Southern Baptist identity.

In a final action, the Committee voted to express appreciation to the staff for their work on the Executive Committee research project, and for the excellent preparation for this annual meeting as evidenced in the *Book of Reports*.

McCartney moved the approval of this report with the following three recommendations:

a. That at this time the Baptist Source Book project not go forward and that it be held on the active agenda.

b. That the study grant of $300 be granted to Mr. Stephen Haines for his project.

c. That appreciation be expressed to the Commission staff.

Motion carried on second by Stephen Carleton.

11. *Administrative Committee Report.*—McBeth stated that the report covered two meetings, October 17-18, 1982, and April 25, 1983. He asked that a correction be made on page 57, number 11, line 4, from $125.00 to $135.00.

a. McBeth called attention to the suggested themes for 1986, "Baptist Church Music Heritage," and 1987, "Baptist Women in Southern Baptist History." Fred Kendall moved the acceptance of these themes. Paul Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Attention was called to pages 59-60, *Book of Reports,* progress report on Long-Range Planning Goals. Lynn May was asked to comment on the report. May stated that a five-year implementation plan had been developed for achieving the goals and discussed work accomplished.

Carl Overton made a motion that this be received as a progress report on the Long-Range Planning Goals. Motion carried on second by William Lumpkin.

c. *Financial Recommendations.*—McBeth reported that John Justice, chairman of Finance Subcommittee, was out of town and could not be present for this meeting. McBeth reported that the full Finance Subcommittee met on April 4, 1983, in Nashville and prepared the following recommendations for consideration (page 24, *Book of Reports).*

(1) *Six-Months' Financial Report and Balance Sheet* (pages 17-18, *Book of Reports*) be approved. Approval carried on motion by Waldo Harris and seconded by William Poe.

(2) That the Report on Reserves and Other Invested Funds be approved (page 19, *Book of Reports*). Paul Brown made a motion to approve this report. Carl Overton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) That the Revised Proposed Budget for 1983-84 totaling $456,875 be approved (page 23, Column [A], *Book of Reports*). A motion to approve the Revised Proposed Budget for 1983-84 was made by Fred Kendall. Stan Rushing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(4) That the Proposed Budget for 1984-85 totaling $681,560 including a Cooperative Program allocation request for $603,360 be ap-

proved. A motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 1984-85 was made by Stephen Carleton. Mrs. C. W. Rich seconded the motion. The following questions were raised and discussed.

- Shope asked if the budget includes new staff needs.

May explained that the proposed budget does include the addition of a librarian, archivist, library assistant, and a part-time worker for the library and archives, a total of three full-time and one part-time persons.

He indicated that another major increase in the budget relates to space. The Commission now occupies less than 6,000 sq. ft. of space, including its share of Dargan-Carver Library. The proposed budget provides for the maintenance of 12,460 sq. ft. in the proposed new building. The budget includes major increases in the item for office space (line 23), office furnishings and equipment (line 24), Column [B] on page 23 of the *Book of Reports;* also included are major increases for library and services (line 38), pamphlets (line 43), for production of technical leaflets, and the Resource Kit for Church History Committees (line 47). The increase requested in Cooperative Program funding is significant. The allocation requested represents a 53% increase over that proposed for the 1983-84 year.

- Steve Carleton asked if in the presentation of the new building the committee was given the budget impact of the move.

May responded that some indication of projected costs had been indicated and that the Executive Committee's Long-Range Building Committee was made aware of several special needs of the Commission, such as twenty-four-hour humidity and temperature control for the library and archives and a special environmentally controlled storage area for master microfilm negatives.

- James Shope asked about the History of Baptist Preaching Fund.

May responded that the Commission was a channel for the funds received for Thomas McKibbens. The $1,000 shown in the designated funds portion of the Six-Months' Financial Report was an amount erroneously sent to the Executive Committee, SBC, instead of to the Historical Commission, by the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, for the McKibbens' project. This amount subsequently came to the Historical Commission as designated funds and has been forwarded to Thomas McKibbens.

- Bonnie O'Brien asked if the Commission anticipates that other agencies moving into the new building will be asking for additional funds for staff and if so will this complicate the Commission's request to the Executive Committee.

May indicated that space is being provided for other agencies.

- Mrs. O'Brien asked if the Commission could operate if requested amount was not received.

May stated that adjustments would have to be made.

- Norris Smith asked if we do not get the $603,000 do we have a priority list for making adjustments in the budget.

May responded that no list was available at this time but that certain budget items could be adjusted as necessary.

- Clarice Maben asked if the Dargan-Carver Library would cease to exist.

May responded that it is a joint operation but the materials are owned separately by The Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission. If the Convention approves funding for the new building, the Historical Commission plans to separate its materials from Dargan-Carver Library and establish its own library and archives in the new building. The Sunday School Board would continue to operate its own library. We will want to work together in developing a Union Catalog for each library so that the users of one library may have knowledge of resources in the other library.

- Carl Overton asked if there will be a name change of the library.

May explained that a name will be considered at a later date.

Stan Rushing called for a vote. The motion to approve the proposed budget for 1984-85 was adopted.

(5) That the proposed adjustments in the Current Budget for 1982-83 increasing the total to $404,900 be approved.

May clarified hand-written figures in 1982-83 budget column and reasons for these adjustments.

William Lumpkin moved that this proposal be approved. Waldo Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(6) That the Historical Commission recommend to the Executive Committee, SBC, and to the Convention that the Southern Baptist Convention approve an amount equal to 90 days of operating budget needs of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as the maximum amount of Contingency Reserve Fund of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. McBeth commented that other agencies have adopted this type procedure.

Paul Brown made a motion that this recommendation be approved. Marion Lark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May indicated that this is a matter that will need to be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for presentation to the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

Convention approval will set a ceiling for this item.

(7) That the Historical Commission recommend Southern Baptist Convention approval of its Capital Needs Budget Request for $1,280,000 to fund space for the Historical Commission in the pro-

posed SBC Building and to provide $382,000 for furnishing and equipping the Historical Commission's new library and archives.

Bernes Selph made a motion that this recommendation be approved. Carl Overton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. *Historical Commission and Proposed New Building* (pages 61-81, *Book of Reports*).—McBeth called attention to Attachment A and Attachment B, legal documents titled "Document of Title" and "Document of Operation" of the building. The approval of these two documents was carried on motion by William Lumpkin and seconded by Paul Brown.

e. *Authorization of Executive Director to Sign Documents for the Historical Commission.*—Carl Overton made a motion that the Executive Director be designated as the official of the Historical Commission to sign the official documents related to the SBC Building on behalf of the Commission. Motion carried on second by William Lumpkin.

f. *Appointment of Special Committee on Library and Archives Planning.*—McBeth presented the following names for approval:

Ronald Deering, Chairman, Librarian, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Cecil White, Librarian, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
Loulie L. Owens, archivist
Wayne Flynt, Auburn University
Leon McBeth, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Reginald McDonough, SBC representative
Lynn E. May, Jr., staff representative

Clarice Maben made a motion that the above persons be approved to serve on the Library and Archives Planning Committee. Carl Overton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. *Designation of Executive Director as Registered Agent of the Historical Commission.*—McBeth reported that upon advice of the Commission's attorney, Frank Ingraham, the Administrative Committee recommends that Lynn E. May, Jr., be named as the Registered Agent in the State of Tennessee for the Historical Commission. Carl Overton moved that this recommendation be approved. Motion carried on second by William Lumpkin.

h. *Invitation for Annual Meeting to Be Held in New WMU Building in Birmingham.*—The Administrative Committee recommends that the WMU invitation for the Commission to meet in the new WMU Building be accepted for the year 1987 for our Annual Meeting. Mildred Chester moved that the recommendation be approved. Motion carried on second by Fred Kendall.

i. *Recipient for Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Baptist History.*—McBeth stated that members of the Commission had received a nomination in the mail for approval for Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Baptist History recipient. (Leo Crismon was the nominee.) Bernes Selph moved that the nomination be approved. William Lumpkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

j. *Recipient for Norman W. Cox Award.*—McBeth reported that the Administrative Committee recommends that Doyle L. Young, instructor in church history, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, be approved as the 1983 recipient for the Norman W. Cox Award. Young's article "Andrew Fuller and the Modern Mission Movement," that won him the nomination, was printed in the October, 1982, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.* William Lumpkin moved the approval of Doyle L. Young as recipient of this award. Motion carried on second by Bernes Selph.

k. *Merit Achievement Award.*—McBeth stated that the Administrative Committee recommends that in light of Lynn May's unusual involvement in extra work in recent months and years, he be given a special award. McBeth called upon Loulie Owens, vice-chairman of the Administrative Committee, to present the recommendation.

"In addition to carrying out the expanding ministries of the Commission, Lynn May has over the past three years directed four special projects of major proportions. He has worked hundreds of hours on his own time, including countless evenings and weekends, on such projects as the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC), the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists,* Volume IV, the Southern Baptist Convention Ascending/Descending Liability Study, and planning for the move of the Commission to the projected SBC Building. He has brought to all these projects dynamic leadership, creative vision, and superb achievement.

"Therefore, the Administrative Committee recommends to the Commission that we grant Lynn E. May, Jr., a merit achievement award in light of his unusually effective and productive leadership. This award will consist of a two-weeks vacation for Dr. and Mrs. May, with expenses paid by the Commission."

Ronald Deering spoke on behalf of fellow Commissioners to express gratitude to Lynn E. May, Jr., for his leadership and good work.

Loulie Owens moved that the recommendation be approved. Bonnie Ball O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried. Following the approval of the recommendation, the Commissioners gave Lynn May a standing ovation.

May expressed his grateful appreciation for the special award.

12. *Dialogue on Work of the Commission: Commissioners and Staff.*—May discussed some decisions the Library and Archives Planning Committee would need to make. He requested input from Commissioners for the Committee, especially in the area of giving opportunity to individuals to contribute toward some additional funding of equipment and furnishings for the offices and/or library and archives.

The following thoughts surfaced:

- How much difference (money) are we talking about between funding allocated and funding needed?
- Should we explore this idea of funding through personal contributions?
- Would this jeopardize the request to the Executive Committee for Cooperative Program funds?

- Could we invite some of the oldest Baptist churches to furnish a portion of equipment and furnishings?
- A particular foundation may be interested in such a project.

Paul Brown made a motion that the previously appointed Library and Archives Planning Committee explore this possibility and proceed as it sees fit for such funding. Motion was seconded by Stan Rushing. Motion carried.

13. *Increase in Mileage Rate.*—McBeth announced that the Administrative Committee voted to raise the mileage rate from 18.5 cents per mile to 20 cents per mile effective with this meeting. Commissioners will need to keep this in mind when preparing expense reports.

The meeting adjourned.

JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Morning Session, 8:45 A.M., Tuesday, April 26, Leon McBeth Presiding

Leon McBeth called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

14. *Devotional and Prayer.*—Ruben J. Canas, Program Associate, Missions Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought a devotional from Acts 2:29-33 and Lynn E. May, Jr., led in prayer.

15. Oscar Romo, Home Mission Board, presented a paper on "Ethnic Southern Baptists: Contexts, Trends, Contributions." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*)

16. David F. D'Amico, Director of Ministry to Internationals, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

17. The Dargan-Carver Library staff hosted the group for a fellowship and refreshments' break in Room 313WW of The Sunday School Board.

Morning Session Continued, Robert Gardner, President, Southern Baptist Historical Society, Presiding

18. Lee Allen, Samford University, presented a paper on "Southern Baptist Home Missions Impact on American Ethnics." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*)

19. William A. Poe, Northwestern State University and Louisiana Commissioner, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Leon McBeth Presiding

20. *Fellowship luncheon,* co-hosted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Historical Commission, SBC, was held at the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, with 177 persons present.

21. *Prayer.*—Harold Bennett, Executive Committee, SBC

22. Lynn May expressed appreciation to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, recognizing Ruben Canas and Eleanor Yarborough for their part in co-hosting the meal.

23. Lynn May recognized several groups and individual guests. Following lunch, special presentations were made.

24. *Distinguished Service Award.*—Lynn May announced that Leo T. Crismon was the 1983 recipient of the "Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Baptist History." May related the numerous contributions Crismon had made in the area of Baptist history. His greatest contribution has been his consistent work in collecting, preserving, and servicing Baptist historical materials. Crismon worked with W. O. Carver in 1938 to assemble a library of books, periodicals, annuals, pamphlets, and other Baptist historical materials for the Southern Baptist Historical Society. This collection later became the core of the Historical Commission's library which in 1953 merged with the Dargan Library of The Sunday School Board to form the Dargan-Carver Library which has been jointly operated by the Commission and the Board since that time. May presented Leo Crismon with a plaque which reads as follows:

> The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention presents to Leo Taylor Crismon the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST HISTORY.
>
> Eminent Seminary Librarian
> Early Developer of Historical Commission, SBC, Library
> Noted Collector of Baptist Historical Materials
> Facilitator of Baptist Historical Research
> Prolific Author
> Committed Supporter of State Baptist Historical Work
> Dedicated Supporter of the Historical Commission, SBC
> Life Member of Southern Baptist Historical Society
>
> April 26, 1983

25. *Norman W. Cox Award.*—Charles Deweese presented a plaque and a check for $75.00 to Doyle L. Young as winner of the Norman W. Cox Award for the best article published by the Historical Commission in 1982. The article entitled "Andrew Fuller and the Modern Mission Movement" was published in the October, 1982, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*

26. *Service Citation Plaques.*—In keeping with the Commission's policy, McBeth expressed appreciation to Commissioners upon their termination as members, and Lynn May presented Distinguished Service Citation plaques to Loulie L. Owens, W. Fred Kendall, Mrs. C. W. Rich, and Mrs. E. W. Springs. A plaque will be mailed to Don Whitehead who could not be present. These persons will rotate off the Commission in June. A plaque will be mailed to Larry High, Maryland Commissioner who moved during the year.

27. *Service Recognition.*—Lynn May presented a five-year Service Recognition plaque and a check for $50 to Carolyn Patton; a ten-year Service Recognition plaque and a check for $100 to Shirley Rose; and a ten-year Service Recognition plaque and a check for $100 to Charles W. Deweese for their work with the Historical Commission.

28. The Home Mission Board's Language Missions Department pre-

sented a multi-media presentation, "World in our Midst."

29. *Afternoon Session.*—The following afternoon meetings were held at 2:30 P.M. at The Sunday School Board.

- State Baptist Historical Work led by Lynn May
- College and Seminary Professors of Church History led by William A. Poe
- Librarians of Seminaries and Other SBC Agencies led by Howard Gallimore
- Tour of the Sunday School Board led by Lynn Walker.

Evening Session, 7:00 P.M., Leon McBeth Presiding

30. *Scripture and Prayer.*—Loulie L. Owens

31. Robert Gardner, Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, presented a paper on "Baptist Involvement with American Indians up to 1845." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*)

32. William J. Leonard, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

33. A. Ronald Tonks presented an audiovisual feature, "Baptist Ministries in Europe," and shared experiences of his study leave in Eastern Europe.

34. Russell Begaye, Home Mission Board, SBC, presented a paper on "The Story of Indian Southern Baptists." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*)

35. J. M. Gaskin, director of the Oklahoma Baptist Historical Commission, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

36. McBeth expressed appreciation for the papers presented and responses to them. After announcements by May, the meeting was adjourned.

Morning Session, 8:45 A.M., Wednesday, April 27, Robert Gardner Presiding

37. *Devotional and Prayer.*—Ahmed Benali, Seminary External Education Division, SBC, read from Matthew 9:3-6.

38. *Society Officers and Directors Elected.*—Fred Anderson, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations of the Committee. Other members of the Committee were Adrian Lamkin and Earl Joiner.

Officers:	President	John Woodard, North Carolina
	Vice-President	Flynn T. Harrell, South Carolina
	Recording Secretary	John S. Moore
	Treasurer	Lynn E. May, Jr.

— *Term Expiring 1985*

William Allen Poe, Louisiana, to fill unexpired term of Larry High

Stan Rushing, local
Eleanor Yarborough, local
Fred Rollater, local

Directors — Term Expiring 1986:

Walter B. Shurden, Kentucky
Adrian Lamkin, Missouri
Anne Gardner, Georgia

The officers and directors were elected on motion by Fred Anderson, seconded by Richard Patton.

39. *Resolution on Hubert Inman Hester.*—Gardner read a resolution on Hubert Inman Hester that had been written by Gardner and Loulie Owens for acceptance by the Society and Commission (page 118, *Book of Reports*). John Woodard moved the adoption of the resolution. William Lumpkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

40. *Historical Commission Library Endowment Fund.*—Gardner discussed the Library Endowment Fund initiated by an anonymous couple to be used for the Historical Commission's library. All monies received for this fund up to $2,500 would be matched by the anonymous pair. He announced that $1,973.50 had been received, and the matching funds would cease the last day of April. He urged persons present to contribute to this fund. (The total amount received for this fund was $2,500, including $1,250 from the anonymous contributors.)

41. *Historical Society Financial Report.*—The financial report was distributed to members. Lynn May, treasurer, spoke to the report (page 117, *Book of Reports*). It was approved on motion by Lynn May, seconded by Richard Patton.

42. *Birthday Greeting for Louie D. Newton.*—May shared with the group that Louie D. Newton was ninety-one years old today. Because he was a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and denominational leader who contributed so much to Southern Baptists, had a keen interest in Baptist history, and whose oral history memoirs have been recorded through the Commission, May proposed that the following greeting be sent to Dr. Newton on behalf of the Society and the Historical Commission: "Warmest greetings on your 91st birthday from the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission, SBC. We recognize with deep appreciation your contributions as a denominational leader and your work for the history interests of Southern Baptists which began seventy years ago when you became assistant professor of history at Mercer University in 1913." The motion by May was adopted on second by Leon McBeth.

43. Joshua Grijalva, national consultant, Language Missions, Home Mission Board, SBC, who serves at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, presented a paper on "The Story of Hispanic Southern Baptists." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist*

History and Heritage.)

44. Alcides Guajardo, supervisor, Church Program and Services, Language Unit, The Sunday School Board, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

45. Peter Kung, Home Mission Board liaison with The Sunday School Board, presented a paper on "The Story of Asian Southern Baptists." (The paper is to be published in the July, 1983, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*)

46. Anna Liu, homemaker, Nashville, Tennessee, introduced by Lynn May, responded to the paper. Dialogue followed.

May requested that respondents send to him a written statement of their response to papers. He invited everyone present to attend the next Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, April 23-25, 1984, which will focus on "The Role of the Bible in Baptist History." He asked for suggested topics for papers related to the theme to be sent to him by May 25.

May expressed appreciation to rotating officers and program personnel. McBeth expressed a word of appreciation to the group.

47. *Adjournment.*—Robert Gardner introduced the new Society president, John Woodard. Gardner closed the 1983 meeting with prayer.

Book Reviews

BAPTISTS OF EARLY AMERICA: A STATISTICAL HISTORY, 1639-1790. *By Robert G. Gardner. Atlanta: Georgia Baptist Historical Society, 1983. 562 pp. $25.00.*

Robert G. Gardner, professor of religion at Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, stands in a noble train of compilers and publishers of statistical information on Baptists, following Morgan Edwards, Isaac Backus, and John Asplund. Similarly, the period of Baptist development on which he focuses is theirs. However, although he has built upon their antecedent labors, he has amassed a larger and more detailed body of data than was available to his predecessors.

The result of a seven-year project, the author's collection and examination of source materials has been thorough and virtually exhaustive. He has consulted local church records, associational records, diaries, journals, and manuscripts and published volumes of histories and cognate materials for a 150-year period and longer. Indeed, his research has carried him into the nineteenth and twentieth centuries to ascertain the existence or extinction of churches founded earlier.

The author has ferreted out facts and figures on some little known Baptist groups in North America, such as the Rogerenes and the Keithian Baptists. Altogether, he examines eleven different Baptist groups located in what became the United States and in Canada, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. Jamaica and the Bahamas were included because churches found there resulted from an American stimulus, not British. He provides statistical, geographical, and doctrinal information on 1,189 Baptist churches and 42 associations. His data points to a total of 68,067 Baptists in 1790. Furthermore, Gardner seeks not only to discover how many Baptist churches there were and where they were located, but also information on the sexual and racial composition of the congregations where it exists.

The author begins his presentation by defining the terms and dates used in the book's title. A Baptist is defined as (1) a person who claimed to be one, (2) was thought by others to be one, or (3) belonged to a body regarded as Baptist. The time-frame represents the period from the founding of the Providence Baptist Church by Roger Williams to the beginning of the new nation and the first federal census (1790).

Following the introductory chapter, there are four chapters: (1) an overview of Baptists in North America; (2) a brief introduction to each of the eleven groups dealt with in the research; (3) a fairly detailed analysis of Baptist congregations in each geographical area, that is, in each colony and state to 1790, and in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, Jamaica, and the Bahamas; and (4) a survey of all associations organized up to 1790.

Each chapter is accompanied by detailed charts citing statistics arranged according to decennial years and geographical regions. For example, a table on the Separate Baptists is on page 57. In Massachusetts in 1750 there were

three Separate Baptist churches with 212 members; in 1760, eight churches, 266 members; in 1770, fifteen churches, 380 members; in 1780, thirteen churches, 508 members; and in 1790, five churches, 155 members. This information is available for each colony and province and for each general group of Baptists.

Two lengthy appendixes contain much more information. The first gives some basic data on *each* local Baptist congregation, such as its name, its county, date founded, membership size, source of information, general group to which it belonged, its associational connection(s) with date(s), and date it became extinct, if applicable and known. Maps pinpointing the approximate location of churches in the colony are also provided. The second appendix cites recoverable evidence on the sexual and racial composition of churches and unconstituted local bodies examined by the author.

The sixty-seven page bibliography itself is an exceedingly valuable reference list of all kinds of primary materials (both published and unpublished) relating to Baptist churches and life in America to 1790. In addition, the volume contains numerous maps showing the approximate location of churches and tables summarizing statistics. (Many of the tables would be more easily identified and probably made more useful if they carried some label or title for easy recognition.)

Fellow Baptist historians and researchers have now been put deeply in debt to Professor Gardner for his painstaking collection of this impressive body of data on early Baptist churches, associations, and general groups in North America. Its value and uniqueness will make it a standard reference work for the future. The volume may be ordered from: Georgia Baptist Historical Society, Box 776, Washington, GA 30637.—*W. Morgan Patterson, president, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky.*

FRONTIERS: THE STORY OF MISSOURI BAPTISTS. *By J. Gordon Kingsley, Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Baptist Historical Commission, 1983. 200 pp. $7.25.*

Southern Baptists have been unusually fortunate in the diverse style and high quality which have marked the publication of several state Baptist histories in the last several years. E. Glenn Hinson (Arkansas), Joe M. King (South Carolina), Glenn Lee Greene (Louisiana), and W. Fred Kendall (Tennessee) each produced a state history which far exceded the hagiographical writings which too long have plagued us. Robert J. Hastings' oral history of Illinois Baptists gave us a new and exciting option for state histories.

J. Gordon Kingsley's recently published history of Missouri Baptists should be added to this list of excellence. Released in time to help Missouri Baptists celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Missouri Baptist Convention, "it is designed especially for individual reading by young people as well as old folks, and for use in church study groups (p. 5."

Audience and purpose dictated style. It is intentionally "a short history written in a popular style." Kingsley describes the book as "less of a chronicle

and more of a story, even a drama" in which he fastens on those parts of history speaking to imagination as well as fact. While, as the author confesses, this book is no substitute for the much needed definitive and scholarly history of Missouri Baptists, *Frontiers* succeeds where some definitive works fail.

For one thing, it is very, very readable. Gordon Kingsley, former English professor and religion professor and current college president, has literary "soul" and historical imagination. He is, in my opinion, among Southern Baptists' most readable educators. His pen gallops.

Another strength of this little book is its amazing synthesis of historical information. In less than two-hundred pages, one discovers not only the Missouri Baptist story but also how that story fits into the broader American story and the Southern Baptist story. Here is a point where many state histories are simply inadequate.

Kingsley also helps to balance the books a bit on the importance of women in Baptist history. While the center stage of Baptist life has been male-dominated, the women have made the drama a possibility. Kingsley knows this first-hand and by historical research. His book reflects it.

If prejudice or author's enthusiasm intrudes at the point of describing the good heritage of William Jewell College, one can easily understand for a couple of reasons. First, William Jewell is one of Southern Baptists' best schools. And two, Gordon Kingsley is the president of William Jewell.

Missouri Baptists have a history of which they can be proud and from which they can learn.—*Walter B. Shurden, chairman, Department of Christianity, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.*

FESTSCHRIFT HUNDERT JAHRE THEOLOGISCHES SEMINAR DES BUNDES EVANGELISCH-FREIKIRCHLICHER GEMEINDEN, 1880-1980 [MEMORIAL VOLUME FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNION OF EVANGELICAL-FREE CHURCH CHURCHES, 1880-1980]. *Edited by Guenter Balders in collaboration with faculty colleagues. Wuppertal and Kassel: Oncken Publishing House, 1980. 245 pp.*

The seminary sponsored by German Baptists celebrated its centennial year with several events. The volume under review represents the publications end of the celebration. The book examines the history, purpose, and work of the seminary from several different perspectives. After a brief dedicatory word by Walter Zeschky, Eduard Schuetz gives a foreword setting out the place of the seminary and its mission as it works within the confines of the comparatively small union of German free churches.

Three major essays stand at the front of the book. Rudolf Thaut, seminary director from 1968 to 1978, describes the work of the seminary as a part of the mission of the Baptist Union. He uses historical documentation to show how the seminary was conceived and carried out as an integral part of the mission work of the Baptist Union and in close attention to the needs and desires of the local churches. In so doing, he attempts to show how the

seminary is better able to meet the needs of these churches than are the more famous theological faculties of the German universities. On the other hand, he even has to show the importance of education. This is particularly needful in a union involving not only Baptists but also other groups which have more Pentecostal tendencies.

Edward Schuetz, current seminary director and professor of systematic theology, discusses the seminary and theology. In so doing he calls for prophetic diagnosis of the contemporary situation and for an as yet unrealized Baptist ecclesiology for the German-speaking world. He speaks out strongly for the Baptist opposition to the state church and for the need for further work on questions of church and state. The question of baptism is reserved for a second level discussion after the more important issues have been discussed. He approves the 1905 discussion of Carl Schneider, "Baptism belongs to the way of salvation as a means to have certainty of salvation, as an instrument to promote saving faith, and as a vow to live the life of salvation." Finally, Schuetz points to the tension the Baptist community faces in speaking of the work of the Holy Spirit and the authority of the written Word. He thus points to six themes on which Baptists and the seminary must work in the future: the Word of God, the ethic of the kingdom of God, the church of Jesus Christ as a creation of the Spirit, baptism and church discipline, church and state, and the appreciation and evaluation of our forefathers in the faith.

Closing the introductory section, Wiard Popkes discusses the seminary as an educational institution, concentrating on the development of the curriculum outline, since the seminary has just instituted a new type of study plan. Taking a historical approach, the professor of New Testament at the seminary introduces the various people who have served on the seminary faculty and the changes in concepts and plans used to produce a curriculum for seminary students. He emphasizes the new study plan as a fellowship of learning and living with faculty and students.

The center of the volume consists of a discussion of the various divisions of study in the theological faculty. Professors in each specialty discuss the developments and purposes of their subject. The subjects involved are Old Testament (Winfried Eisenblaetter), New Testament (Wiard Popkes), Church History (Edwin Brandt), Systematic Theology (Eduard Schuetz), and Practical Theology (Siegfried Liebschner and Dorothea Nowak).

The book concludes with tributes to two former directors of the seminary, Hans Luckey and Hans Rockel, and to the founder of the School of Missions, Georg Wuerfel. Begun in 1959, the School of Missions worked in connection with the Hamburg Seminary.

The editor has attached to the book a chronological listing of the important events in the history of the seminary, a collection of reports about its internal life, and lists of union leaders, seminary faculty, students, and staff. Gottfried Rabenau has given a brief look at the students' view of the seminary, while Dorothea Nowak has contributed a brief look at the Youth Seminary founded in 1949 to train workers for ministry to children and

young people, as well as provide opportunities for young people to engage in special ministry projects.

The book is aimed at a special audience, those interested in theological education in German Baptist circles. Its use of important documents and its attempt to discuss major issues of theological education, curriculum development, and German Baptist self-understanding in the light of larger theological issues make the book helpful reading for both theological educators and Baptist theologians, as well as specialists in continental Baptist history.—*Trent C. Butler, design editor, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, SBC, Nashville, Tennessee.*

ISTORIA ANABAPTISTILOR DIN ROMANIA: 1527-1768 [THE HISTORY OF ANABAPTISTS IN ROMANIA: 1527-1768]. *By Alexa Popovici. Chicago: Bisericii Baptiste Romane, 1976.*

This book was prepared originally in Romania as part of the author's lectures in church history while he served as a professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest from 1946 until 1965. He was the director of the seminary in Bucharest from 1957 until 1965. The author who presently is pastor of the Romanian Baptist Church in Chicago translated this study into English and presented it as a dissertation at the Indiana Christian University in Indianapolis.

This study emphasizes the links between the Transalvanian Anabaptist Movement in Romania and modern Baptists. Although the author has relied on several successionist historians, he has also uncovered many significant primary sources in Romania. The work also shows that the author is a cosmopolitan scholar using not only Romanian but also English, German, French, and Hungarian sources.

The author carefully interweaves both secular and Baptist history and points out that the geographical strength of Baptists today is similar to that of the Anabaptists between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries.

Since the book was prepared in 1957 but not published until 1976, the author was not able to take into account the results of several contemporary Anabaptist historians. He also does not distinguish clearly between the varieties of Anabaptist groups which existed in the post-Reformation period. —*John David Hopper, fraternal representative to Eastern Europe (Vienna, Austria) for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.*

ISTORIA BAPTISTILOR DIN ROMANIA [HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS IN ROMANIA]. *By Alexa Popovici. Vol. I, 1856-1919. Chicago: Bisericii Baptiste Romane, 1980.*

Although this book was written in Romania in 1962 as background for the author's lectures at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest, it could not be published until 1980 in Chicago. The author has examined the primary sources with care and had access to many pioneer pastors who

passed through the persecutions and laid the foundation for what has become the second largest Baptist movement on the continent—second only to the Soviet Union.

This well-documented study should be translated into English since it provides such a concise history of Baptist beginnings and growth in Romania. This book represents excellent original Baptist research based on documents collected by pastors, court records, church records, and other reliable sources.

The book follows the development of Baptists throughout the entire country and sets the story within the social, economic, and political milieu. The inclusion of pictures and biographical sketches of almost all the influential Baptist pioneers in Romania enhances the value of this study. Care has been taken by the author to trace the ethnic origins (German, Hungarian, and Romanian) of contemporary Romanian Baptists. The book also includes an excellent collection of statistics which record the phenomenal growth within Baptist life.

Chapter XI is especially helpful to North Americans as the author documents the growth of Romanian Baptists outside of Romania itself.

Popovici is to be commended for his work. This book is a must for every collection interested in the development of Baptists worldwide.—*John David Hopper, fraternal representative to Eastern Europe (Vienna, Austria) for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.*

ISTORIA RASPINDIRII CREDINTEI BAPTISTE IN ROMANIA [HISTORY OF THE SPREAD OF THE BAPTIST FAITH IN ROMANIA]. *By Ion Bunaciu. Bucharest: Editura Uniunii Comunitatilor Crestihe Baptiste Din R. S. Romania, 1981.*

A general summary or popular study of the history of Baptists in Romania. The book is intended to help the Baptist pastors in Romania as well as to interpret Baptists and their beliefs to fellow countrymen.

The lack of documentation limits the value of the book for more careful historical detail and study of Romanian Baptists. The writer does, however, place Romanian Baptists into the context of the worldwide Baptist movement. Although the author obviously had access to the earlier studies of Popovici, he does provide numerous original contributions.

Section III of the book is devoted to the contemporary scene of Baptist life in socialist Romania, including the organizational and legal structures required of the Baptists. The catalogue of pictures of the early and contemporary leaders is especially helpful. An index or at least a table of contents would have strengthened the work.—*John David Hopper, fraternal representative to Eastern Europe (Vienna, Austria) for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.*

SELMA: THE GOSPEL AT WORK. *By F. Wilbur Helmbold. Birmingham, AL: Banner Press, Inc., 1983. 174 pp. $12.50.*

It is obvious that Wilbur Helmbold is a long-time student of the region about which he has written. He alludes to the important events and people

in the history of the area.

The brief sketches presented in this book on the churches and persons who have been important in the work of the Selma Baptist Association in Alabama will continue to be of value to those who have little historical orientation but who wish to know the basic historical facts. The publication of such sketches probably is the major purpose and value of such anniversary histories.

The very fact that there has been an attempt, even such a brief one, to interpret the cooperative efforts of black and white Baptists in this particular region is a unique contribution. The very name, Selma, does not usually evoke images of racial cooperation. Those who know the area will be especially appreciative, therefore, of this effort and of the needed attention given to Selma University and its importance in the cooperative endeavor. The attention to the ministry of Fred Chestnutt in interracial development is an appropriate concern.

As is true with most books written for anniversary purposes, the amount of interpretation of people, movements, and events is limited. The transition from one subject or person to another is abrupt and gives the impression that including all the appropriate names is the most important concern.

This book will be of primary interest to those who have a special interest in the region, but the interpretation of the developing concern of J. M. Frost for the Sunday School movement while he served in Selma as the pastor of the First Baptist Church and the ministry of national Baptist leaders who had ties to Selma give this relatively brief work a greater importance.

One could wish that this history had given more attention to the details and interpretation of historical events in the association as such. It is difficult to follow the development of the history of the association primarily because of the paucity of facts. The same criticism must also be directed to the very brief sketch on Selma University.

The format of the book and proofreading for typographical and grammatical errors in the text do not reach the standard that one has come to expect from Banner Press products.—*Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director/treasurer, Education Commission, SBC, Nashville, Tennessee.*

News Notes

The Historical Commission, SBC, and Southern Baptist Historical Society will hold their annual joint meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, April 24-25, 1984. Eight major addresses on various aspects of the program theme "The Role of the Bible in Baptist History" will be presented. These papers will be published in the July, 1984, issue of *Baptist History and Heritage.*

Gerald E. Bishop (Ohio), **Stephen P. Carleton** (California), **Carl M. Overton** (Arkansas), and **Lois Sparkman** (Northwest) will rotate off the Historical Commission in June after completing two terms of service. A plaque of appreciation will be presented to each during the commission's annual meeting in April.

William L. Lumpkin, Virginia member of the Historical Commission, was elected in the fall of 1983 as president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for 1983-84.

The 1984 Youth Vacation Bible School materials just released feature a five-session unit of study titled "Baptist Heritage: How We Grew." Charles Deweese, of the Historical Commission staff, assisted in designing the framework for this unit. The unit references the commission's "Baptist Heritage Series" pamphlets and the six Baptist heritage video tapes in the "Meet Southern Baptists" series developed by the commission.

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