Selected Baptist Archives Research Material

I. Church Minutes & Records
   A. Original
      * Bent Creek Baptist Church (Now First Baptist Church Whitesburg, TN)
        2 volumes: 1785-1843, 1844-1892
      * First Baptist Church Athens, TN
        1 volume: 1871-1904
      * New Salem Baptist Church of Christ Jonesboro, TN
        2 volumes: 1845-1874, 1875-1908
   
   B. Photocopied
      * Fairview Church Oak Ridge, TN
        1 volume: 1860-1877
      * First Baptist Church Newport, TN
        41 volumes: 1876-1999
      * Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cocke County, TN
        1 volume: 1838-1860 (this is a transcribed copy)
      * Mountain View Sunday School Records Mountain View, TN
        3 volumes: 1887-1889, 1890-1902, 1903-1908
      * First Baptist Church Jefferson City, TN
        22 volumes: 1859-2000
      * Mill Springs Baptist Church Jefferson City, TN 37760
        12 volumes: 1836-1993
      * Locust Grove Missionary Baptist Church
      * Washburn Missionary Baptist Church
        1 volume: 1902-1924
      * Cosby Academy Cocke County, TN
        1 volume: 1922-1936
   
   C. Microfilmed
      Over 100 reels of microfilm contain the records, minutes and histories
      of approximately 73 different churches in Tennessee spanning 1773-1993.
II. Associational Records – Records are available for over 40 Tennessee Baptist Associations in a variety of formats. Included are:

A. Original
* Sweetwater United Baptist Association
  4 volumes: 1830-1858, 1859-1881, 1882-1898, 1898-1906
* General Association of Baptists of East Tennessee
  2 volumes: 1868-1877 (Records) * These 2 volumes are also available
  1868-1877 (Minutes) photocopied/bound
* Tennessee Association of Baptists
  1 volume: 1803-1862 *These are also available photocopied/bound and
  transcribed/bound

B. Photocopied
* Eastanallee Baptist Association
  1 volume: 1871-1884

C. Microfilmed
Over 100 reels of microfilm contain the records, minutes and histories of approximately 85 associations in Tennessee spanning 1786-1979.

III. Biographical Resources
* Biographical Sketches of Tennessee Baptist Ministers
  by Rev. Joseph H. Borum, Memphis, 1880
  Reprinted by Church History Research & Archives, Inc., 1976
* The Ministerial Directory of the Baptist Churches
  Edited by George W. Lasher, Press of the Oxford News Co., 1899
* Patriarchs of the Hills: Baptist Ministers of Appalachia
  by Welder Wesley Yonts, McDowell Publications, 1993
* Sketches of Tennessee’s Pioneer Baptist Preachers
  by J. J. Burnett, Marshall & Bruce Company, 1919

IV. Monographs (Represented are some of the oldest titles held)
* The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul by Philip Doddridge (1806)
* Dialogues, Letters and Essays on Various Subjects by Andrew Fuller (1810)
* Logic; or, The Right Use of Reason, in the Inquiry After Truth by
  Isaac Watts (1819)
* In Aid of Missions A Discourse the Substance of Which was Delivered at the
  Annual General Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society, in Bristol,
  (Eng.) September, 1818 by John Foster (1822)
* The History of the Christian Church, from the Birth of Christ to the Eighteenth
  Century, Including the Very Interesting Account of the Waldenses and Albigenses
  In Two Volumes by William Jones (1824)
* To the Baptist Churches Throughout the United States, Who Adhere to the
  Independent or Congregational Form of Church Government, and to the
  Doctrines Contained in the Confession of Faith Adopted by the
  Philadelphia Baptist Association, September 25, 1742 (1825)
* The Baptist Preacher: Consisting of Monthly Sermons From Living Ministers Edited by William Collier Volume III (1829-30)

* A History of Ten Baptist Churches, of Which the Author Has Been Alternatively A Member: in Which Will Be Seen Something of A Journal of the Author’s Life for More than Fifty Years. Also a Comment on Some Parts of Scripture, in Which the Author Takes the Liberty to Differ Form Other Expositors by John Taylor (1827)

* The Saint’s Everlasting Rest, or a Treatise of the Blessed State of the Saints in Their Enjoyment of God in Heaven by Richard Baxter Volume Li (1827)


* Memoirs of the Life and Writings of the Rev. Andrew Fuller, Late Pastor of the Baptist Church at Kettering, and First Secretary to the Baptist Missionary Society by J.W. Morris (1830)

* Baptist Confession of Faith: and Summary of Church Discipline (1831)

* Book of Martyrs; or, A History of the Lives, Sufferings, and Triumphant Deaths, of the Primitive as Well as Protestant Martyrs: From the Commencement of Christianity, to the Latest Periods of Pagan and Popish Persecution; by Rev. John Fox (1832)

* Memoir of Roger Williams by James D. Knowles (1834)

* A Theological Dictionary, Containing Definitions of All Religious Terms; by Rev. Charles Buck (1835)

* History of the Welsh Baptists, From the Year Sixty-Three to the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy by Jonathan Davis (1835)


* The Baptists in America; A Narrative of the Deputation from the Baptist Union in England, to the Untied States and Canada by Rev. F.A. Cox and Rev. J. Hoby (1836)

* The Limitations of Human Responsibility by Francis Wayland (1838)

* The Reign of Grace From its Rise to is Consummation by Abraham Booth (1839)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by James Barnett Taylor (1837)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by James Barnett Taylor (1838)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by James Barnett Taylor (1859)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by George Braxton Taylor (1912)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by George Braxton Taylor (1913)

* Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers by George Braxton Taylor (1915)

* Sketches of Tennessee’s Pioneer Baptist Preachers by J.J. Burnett (1919)

* Patriarchs of the Hills Baptist Ministers of Appalachia Volume I by Elder Wesley Yonts (1993)
V. Microfilm

A. Theses
Within the microfilm are 54 theses written between 1900 and 1975. They deal with a variety of Baptist issues, individuals, histories and are international in scope. Examples are:

* The Theology of English Baptists to 1800 by Charles Hardy Turner (1925)
* The Pentateucual Structure of Matthew in Recent Research by Robert M. Shurden (1966)
* Education of Women by Baptists in South China by Pauline Frances Brammer (1947)
* A Discussion of the Contribution of Isaac Backus to the Problem of the Relationship of Church and State by Edward N. Lyon (1955)
* Associationalism Among Baptists in America 1707-1814 by Walter B. Shurden (1967)
* A History of the Baptists in North Carolina from 1690-1830 by Esper Valentine Hudson (1922)
* Some Contributions of the Second Great Awakening to Baptist Higher Education in Kentucky and Tennessee 1800-1860 by Jerry Breazeale (1959)

B. British materials
* Seventeenth century British Baptist materials (10 reels)
* Index of British Baptist historical resource material including books, tracts, periodicals and sermons from British Baptist Libraries (44 reels)
* Seventeenth and eighteenth century British Baptist materials from the Bodleian Library of the University of Oxford, Oxford, England (6 reels)
* Sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth century British Baptist pamphlets and books from the Angus Library of Regents Park College, Oxford, England (6 reels)
* Seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth century British Baptist materials from the Angus Library of Regents Park College, Oxford, England (5 reels)
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C. Histories
There are 6 reels of microfilm dealing with Baptist histories. Examples are:
* History of the Baptists of Tennessee (unpublished manuscript)  
by Orren Luico Hailey  
* Planting and progress of the Baptist Cause in Tennessee by W.G. Inman  

**D. Other**  
14 additional reels deal with a variety of subjects. Examples are:  

* The Annual Register of the Baptist Denomination in North America (1790-1794)  
* Collection of Lane Data and Associated Data, 1784-1840  
* Collections of Spirituals (1962)