

Information Sheet

R **Liberty Baptist Church (Washington County, Mo.).**
196 **Records, 1884-1952 (bulk 1884-1925).**
 Two volumes and one folder.

MICROFILM

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These are record books and miscellaneous papers of the Liberty Baptist Church northwest of Potosi in Washington County, Missouri. The records consist of minutes of meetings and membership information, 1884-1952, and a few pieces of correspondence, 1891-1936.

The Liberty Baptist Church was organized sometime after the Civil War by former members of the Mount Zion (later Fourche-à-Renault) Baptist Church in Washington County. Its congregation was slightly smaller than the parent organization, and remained so throughout its existence. The congregation disbanded in the 1950s or 1960s.

The surviving records of the Liberty Church consist of two volumes of church records and one folder of miscellaneous papers. The record books include membership rolls with dates of admission and dismissal, some entered as late as 1952. Minutes of monthly business meetings of the church are nearly complete for 1884-1925, with single entries for meetings in 1934 and 1951. The minutes are usually a *pro forma* compliance with church rules governing business meetings. They are a bit more detailed after 1910, apparently the result of the appointment of a new church clerk. Aside from routine matters, the minutes note only the expulsion of offending members and the difficulties in engaging pastors to serve the rural congregation.

Miscellaneous papers of the church, filed chronologically in the folder, include letters of admission and dismissal, some correspondence, and a fragmentary copy of the Articles of Faith of the church. Undated items are filed at the end of the folder.

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