



Osage River Association of United Baptist Records (R0286)

Collection Number: R0286

Collection Title: Osage River Association of United Baptists Records

Dates: 1849

Creator: Osage River Association of United Baptists (Mo.)

Abstract: The Osage River Association of United Baptists Records contain minutes of the fifth annual meeting of the Osage River Association, which was composed of United Baptist churches in Camden, Maries, Miller, and Morgan counties in Missouri. Included are membership statistics, summary of the Association's business, report on evangelical work, and circular letter urging adequate financial support of the ministry.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Osage River Association of United Baptists Records can be found in the following collections:

Osage River Association of Regular Baptist Records (R0285)

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Historical Note:

The Osage River Association of United Baptists organized in 1844 by churches from the parent Concord Association. Its fifth annual meeting took place at the Grave Hill Church in Camden County in 1849. At that time the Association consisted of 267 members in eleven churches, served by eight pastors.

As “United” Baptist, members of the Association differed with followers of “Regular” Baptist doctrine on the undertaking of missionary activity, known as “effort,” and on the establishment of an education, professional ministry. The United Baptist supported such programs, while the Regulars adamantly rejected them, arguing that study of the Scriptures was the only path to salvation. The Regulars often adopted “Old School” and “Predestinarian” in the titles of their congregations, but the United Baptists generally referred to them simply as “anti-effort.” The differences in theology led to many schisms among Baptists in Missouri during the height of the controversy in the 1840s.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains the minutes for the fifth annual meeting of the Osage River Association. The minutes include membership statistics, summary of the Association’s business, and report on evangelical work. The minutes for 1849 of the Osage River Association contain two items useful in the distinction between United and Regular Baptists. The Reverend W. C. McCubbin’s report on evangelical work noted 96 days of travel in which he preached 107 sermons. He reported general acceptance, with the exception of a few “unruly and refractory” brethren who were provoked on the subject of “effort.” McCubbin’s report is followed by a circular letter produced by the Association, stressing the responsibility of churches to provide financial support of the clergy.

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