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## FOREWORD


Baptists have no Creed, save that of the New Testament. By the same token, no one is authorized, by virtue of his membership in the Church, or because of any office which he may hold in the Denomination, to speak the will of Baptists. Personally, it affords me great pleasure to pen a foreword to the Inventory, herein compiled, of our District Association, and in so doing, I am sure that I express whole-heartedly the feeling of the 69 churches and the 33,000 members who constitute the Dover Baptist Association.

We must think backward if we are to travel forward. Surely the roots of the present lie deep in the past. It is fitting that we should pause once in a while and take an inventory of the distance we have come and how the journey has been made. The assembling of the data in this Inventory has not been an easy task. A century ago our people were not so careful about the preservation and retention, upon paper, of their achievements. They were vastly more concerned about carving their records upon the lives of men and women.

Many of us believe strongly in, and adhere strictly to, the separation of Church and State. At the same time, one must not fail to see that the world today, as never before, needs more business in religion and more religion in business. Surely one can find no conflict between this age-old theory on the one hand, and what our Government has done on the other hand, in making this Inventory possible. The United States Government, through the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration, deserves our warm appreciation for this splendid work, and for it we of the Dover Association shall ever be grateful.

The Inventory of our past is a glorious one. The fathers have given a good account of themselves. We must ever be mindful, however, that a great past is of little value unless it stirs us on to a greater present and a nobler future. This Record is commended to you, and with it the earnest hope that we of this generation may pass to our posterity the torch as it came to our hands, illumined, challenging, and yet unfinished.

Richmond, Virginia  
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## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey, a nation-wide program of the Work Projects Administration, was organized nationally in January 1936 under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director. In March, work was begun in Virginia as part of the Federal Writers' Project with Dr. H. J. Eckenrode as State Director and Dr. Lester J. Cappon of the University of Virginia as part-time Assistant State Supervisor in charge of the Survey.

In November 1936, when the Survey became independent of the Federal Writers' Project, Dr. Cappon became part-time State Director and Elizabeth B. Parker, a former supervisor, Assistant State Director. Following Dr. Cappon's resignation in June 1937, Miss Parker was appointed State Director.

The principal object of the Virginia Historical Records Survey Project has been to discover, preserve, and make accessible the basic materials of research. Complete inventories of the records of the State, counties, cities, towns, and other local public archives are being made and will be prepared for publication and deposited with the appropriate agency of the Federal Government. Although emphasis has been placed upon the survey of county archives, the program also includes a state-wide survey of church archives which is intended to serve not only the clergy and officers of religious organizations, but students of social and economic history as well, and persons engaged in genealogical research.

This volume, an Inventory of the Archives of the Dover Baptist Association, represents the first publication in the church records program in Virginia. The information contained is based largely upon primary source material, supplemented by statements from ministers, church authorities, and denominational officials. An original inventory of most of the records included in this volume was made by certified field workers in 1936, but a careful recheck by different workers has recently been completed in order to insure accuracy, as far as possible, before publishing this data.

The inventory was edited in the Richmond office under the supervision of Elizabeth F. Coalter, who is in charge of the church unit of the work, and three field workers: Thomas W. Jewett, Mamie M. Jones, and Clarence E. Taylor. It was prepared in accordance with instructions from the Washington office, and edited in its final form by the Library of Congress Historical Records Survey Project in the District of Columbia. Detailed editorial comments and criticisms of the book have been made by Donald A. Thompson, Assistant Archivist in charge of the Church Archives Inventories. While the responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of this volume lies with the Virginia staff, it is issued with the approval of the Librarian of Congress and the official sponsor of the project in the State.

Workers have had the fullest cooperation from church officials and others whom they have contacted. The Survey expresses particular appreciation to: Frank T. Crump, Executive Secretary of Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education; Judson Starke Bosher, Statistical Secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia; Dr. Garnett Ryland, Treasurer and Librarian of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society; and Jesse M. Johnson, Moderator of the Dover Baptist Association, for their cooperation and assistance in the preparation of this book. The contribution received from the Dover Baptist Associ-



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There was a temporary provision by the Constitutions of 1830 and 1851 forbidding any minister of the gospel to be elected to either house of the State Legislature, but this provision was omitted from the Constitution of 1869 and subsequent legislation.<sup>19</sup>

In 1780, a law was passed making it legal for any minister to celebrate the rights of matrimony but dissenting ministers had to be licensed by the county court. Such license had to be signed by the judge or elder magistrate.<sup>20</sup> In 1784, it was permissible for a minister to perform a marriage provided he produced to the court credentials of his ordination and proof of his being in regular communion with the Christian society of which he was supposed to be a member. In addition, the minister was required to take the oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth and also enter into bond with two or more sufficient securities, payable to the Governor or his successors. With these provisions complied with, the court was required to grant the minister a testimonial which was to be construed to be sufficient authority for performing marriages.<sup>21</sup> Since 1831, the minister has had to produce his credentials and take bond before he could perform the marriage ceremony.<sup>22</sup>

### III. Records and Recordkeeping

Each Baptist Association has its own rules regarding the keeping of records.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia requires that: "the Statistical Secretary shall collect and publish the statistics of the denomination in Virginia, and a summary of the statistics of the denomination in this and other countries."<sup>1</sup>

The constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention states that: "the Recording Secretaries of the several Boards shall keep a fair record of their

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17. Const. 1902, art. IV, sec. 67; Const. 1902 (as amended 1928), art. IV, sec. 67.

18. Const. 1869, art. XI, sec. 8.

19. Const. 1830, art. III, sec. 7; Const. 1851, art. IV, sec. 7.

20. William Waller Hening, compiler, The Statutes at Large . . . (1619-1792), 1st. ed., Richmond, etc., 1809-23 [hereinafter cited as Hening, Statutes; for complete citation, see Bibliography], X, pp. 361-363.

21. Hening, Statutes, XI, pp. 503-504; Samuel Shepherd, compiler and editor, The Statutes at Large of Virginia . . . (1792-1808), Richmond, 1835-36, I, pp. 130-131; A Collection of . . . Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia . . ., Richmond, 1803, pp. 192-193; The Revised Code of the Laws of Virginia . . ., Richmond, 1819, I, pp. 394-395.

22. Acts 1830-31, p. 102; Code 1860, p. 523; Code 1919, sec. 5079; Code 1936, sec. 5079.

1. Minutes . . . of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, . . . Nov. 9-11, 1937, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1937, p. 5.

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Proceedings, and such other documents as may be committed to them for the purpose."<sup>2</sup>

The Dover Baptist Association says: "the clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association, prepare the table of statistics, have printed and distribute the minutes, and shall prepare charts showing the statistics of the churches during the Association year."<sup>3</sup>

All regular Baptist Churches in Virginia are expected to keep a record of their business meetings and a roll of their members with the dates when received and when dismissed.<sup>4</sup>

While there is no statement in the constitution or by-laws of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society as to the conditions under which it will assume custody of Baptist archives, it is generally understood that church records are received for permanent preservation, subject to the will of the church. The facilities of this depository are adequate and the records are housed in a fireproof building. Access to the archives may be obtained from the custodian, Dr. Garnett Ryland. For further information concerning this depository, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Virginia Baptist Historical Society.<sup>5</sup>

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2. Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . May 17-21, 1939, Nashville, Tenn., Printed and Distributed by the Executive Committee, 161 Eighth Avenue, North[, 1939, p. 12.
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  5. See footnote 4.



## IV. HISTORICAL SKETCH

## A. Early Baptist History

Baptists were in Virginia as early as 1699 according to Thomas Story, an English Quaker who visited Virginia and recorded in his journal that on Jan. 23, 1699, "we had a Meeting at York City at the House of one Thomas Bonger, a Preacher among the General Baptists."<sup>1</sup> In 1714, "in consequence of letters from Virginia",<sup>2</sup> Robert Norden and Thomas White were appointed by the General Assembly of the General Baptists of England "to go to Virginia to propagate the Gospel of truth."<sup>3</sup> Thomas White died on the voyage but Norden reached Virginia<sup>4</sup> and at Prince George Court House, on June 14, 1715, took the oaths required by dissenters from the Church of England.<sup>5</sup> The same day the court of Prince George County, in response to the petition of Mathew Markes, ordered that "his house be entered a publick Meeting house for those persons called Annabaptists."<sup>6</sup> The last reference made to this church is December 1756, at which time there was a division in the congregation and many members moved to North Carolina. The Prince George church became extinct, but the North Carolina branch thrived and with other churches formed the Kehukee Association in 1765.

Another group of Baptists from Maryland and Pennsylvania settled in the northern part of Virginia in 1743. The first churches organized became members of the Philadelphia Association, accepted the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, and were known as "Regular Baptists." In 1765 they were dismissed, and on Aug. 19, 1766 formed the Ketocton Association, most of which territory is now occupied by the Potomac and Shenandoah Associations. Among the early pastors of the churches in the Ketocton Association were Revs. John Garrard, John Marks, John Alderson, David Thomas, Daniel Fristoe, William Fristoe, and Jeremiah Moore.<sup>8</sup>

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  2. Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia, Revised and Extended by Rev. G. W. Beale, Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson, Publishers, 1894, [hereinafter cited as Semple, History], p. 444.
  3. Minutes of the General Assembly of the General Baptist Churches in England, with Kindred Records; Edited with Introduction and Notes for the Baptist Historical Society by W. T. Whitley . . . 1654-1728, London: Kingsgate Press, 4 Southampton Row, W. C. [1908], vol. 1, p. 125.
  4. Clarence H. Urner, "Early Baptist Records in Prince George County, Virginia", in The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Richmond, Va., Old Dominion Press, Inc., Printers, vol. 41, no. 2, 1933, p. 99; Semple, History, pp. 445-446.
  5. Prince George County, Deeds Etc. (1713-28), June 14, 1715, p. 58; Orders and Return of Executions (1714-20), June 14, 1715, p. 20, [photostat vols. in Vi. archives].
  6. Ibid., June 14, 1715, p. 19.
  7. Semple, History, pp. 446-449.
  8. Ibid., p. 375, 387-388; J. L. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., Centennial Address . . ., Richmond, Va., privately printed, 1883, [hereinafter cited as Burrows, Dover Association, Va.], p. 2.

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  10. The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography . . ., New York, James T. White and Company, 1894, vol. 5, pp. 84-85.
  11. Semple, History, p. 11.
  12. Ibid., p. 12.
  13. II Cor. 6:17; Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 3.
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Directly and indirectly, Rev. Shubal Stearns and the Sandy Creek Baptist Church became instrumental in the conversion and ordination of Revs. James Read, Dutton Lane, William Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Samuel Harris, John Waller, Elijah Baker, Reuben Ford and others, who became active in the Baptist denomination in Virginia.<sup>19</sup> Other prominent workers were: Revs. Jeremiah Walker, John Williams and Elijah Craig.<sup>20</sup>

These pioneers of the Separate Baptists, a zealous band of preachers, prosecuted their work with such vigor and missionary ardor that soon they were successful in establishing churches in central Virginia as well as elsewhere. In order to maintain a relationship between the churches, Rev. Shubal Stearns visited them and proposed a general gathering.<sup>21</sup> Some authorities claim that the general gathering took place at Sandy Creek Baptist Church in North Carolina in 1758;<sup>22</sup> others maintain that eight churches scattered from Guilford (now Randolph) County, North Carolina, to Pittsylvania and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia, met in assembly at Sandy Creek Baptist Church in North Carolina in January 1760, and again in July of the same year, probably at some more central point.<sup>23</sup> This was the original Separate Baptist Association, composed of Baptist churches in three states - North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia - <sup>24</sup> which met annually and sometimes semi-annually from 1760 until 1770. When the meeting was held at Grassy Creek Meeting-house, Granville, North Carolina in 1770 (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of North Carolina), a unanimous vote was cast for separate meetings to be arranged for North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.<sup>25</sup> The Virginia Separate Baptist Association held its first meeting at Blue Run Meeting-house, Orange County (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association), the second Saturday in May 1771.<sup>26</sup> After 1787, the prefixes "Separate" and "Regular" were voted unnecessary designations, and "United" was used instead, but that prefix was soon dropped and only the name Baptist used.<sup>27</sup> The Virginia Separate Baptist Association became the General Association of Virginia.<sup>28</sup>

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19. Ibid., pp. 17, 24-28, 147; James B. Taylor, Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers, 2 ed., Revised and Enlarged, Richmond, Yale and Wyatt, 1838, pp. 25-37.
  20. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 3.
  21. Ibid., p. 3; Semple, History, pp. 18, 64.
  22. George Washington Paschal, History of North Carolina Baptists, 1663-1805, Raleigh, The General Board North Carolina State Baptist Convention, 1930, vol. 1, pp. 394-395.
  23. See footnote 21.
  24. Semple, History, p. 69; see footnote 20.
  25. Semple, History, pp. 68-69; R. A. McFarland, "A Century of Church Growth", in Religious Herald, Nov. 15, 1923, [hereinafter cited as McFarland, "A Century of Church Growth"], p. 18.
  26. Garnett Ryland, "The Dover Association", in Historical Papers, Sesqui-Centennial Dover Baptist Association . . . Apr. 11-13, 1933, Richmond, Va., Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, n. d., [hereinafter cited as Ryland, "The Dover Association"], p. 1.
  27. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 4; Semple, History, pp. 99-101.
  28. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 4; see footnote 26; Semple, History, p. 87.



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General Association decided in 1776 to divide into four district Associations. The James River and a line north and south through central Virginia were selected as the boundaries. The revolutionary War and a need for presenting a united front at that time delayed the development of these district associations and the Strawberry Association was the only one actually formed prior to 1873.<sup>29</sup>

The General Association met on the second Saturday in October 1782 at the Dover Meeting-house (entry 2)<sup>30</sup> and decided to proceed with the plan of 1776 to divide into four district associations.<sup>31</sup> It was agreed that in order to facilitate this plan the districts north of the river would hold an association at Noel's Meeting-house (now Upper Essex Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory Church Archives of Virginia, Rappahannock Baptist Association) on the first Saturday in May 1783, and the districts south of the river would meet at Nottoway Meeting-house, Nottoway County, on the second Saturday in May 1783.<sup>32</sup>

The General Association held its final meeting at Du Puy's Meeting-house, Powhatan County, on the second Saturday in October 1783, "to form some plan to keep a standing sentinel for political purposes." It was resolved at this meeting that the General Association cease, that a General Committee be instituted composed of not more than four delegates from each of the four districts. This committee was to meet annually.<sup>33</sup>

The General Committee held its first meeting Oct. 9, 1784, with "delegates from four associations"; William Webber was appointed moderator and Reuben Ford clerk.<sup>34</sup> This committee did not function effectually and was succeeded by the General Meeting of Correspondence in 1799,<sup>35</sup> which held its first meeting May 1800 at Lyle's Meeting-house, Fluvanna County, with delegates "from several Associations."<sup>36</sup>

"The great jealousy which had been expressed by the Association respecting the General Committee, put the Convention so much upon their guard that in forming the Constitution they almost gave themselves nothing to do."<sup>37</sup> They were unable to draw up a Constitution that met with the approval of all of the Associations and the meetings of the committee were so poorly attended that the organization was discontinued on June 7, 1823.<sup>38</sup>

### B. The Baptist General Association of Virginia

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29. See footnote 26.

30. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 4; Semple, History, pp. 90-91.

31. Footnote 26.

32. Semple, History, pp. 91-92.

33. Ibid., p. 92.

34. Ibid., p. 94.

35. McFarland, "A Century of Church Growth", p. 18; Minutes . . . Baptist General Association of Virginia . . . Nov. 9-11, 1937, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1937, p. 1.

36. Semple, History, p. 114.

37. Ibid., p. 114.

38. Ibid., p. 117.

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in the Second Baptist Church, Richmond (entry 14).<sup>39</sup> This Association developed from a recommendation of the General Meeting of Correspondence, when that committee met June 1, 1822 in the First Baptist Church, Richmond. At that time it was proposed to form "the General Association of Baptists in Virginia, for the supply of vacant churches, and for the further spread of the gospel throughout the State." It was also proposed that this General Association "be composed of representatives from the several Associations in the State who may choose to unite, each Association being entitled to four representatives."<sup>40</sup>

In June 1824, the Baptist General Association adopted a constitution which provided that the Association "shall be composed of representatives from the several Associations in the State, who may choose to unite; each Association being entitled to four representatives; also, of representatives from Baptist Missionary Societies within the State, each of which shall be entitled to one representative, on provision that each Society pay the sum of twenty dollars annually into the fund of this Association; and each Society contributing fifty dollars annually or upwards, shall be entitled to two representatives, but no representative shall be entitled to more than one vote."<sup>41</sup>

The basis of membership in the Association has changed from time to time. In 1829 it seemed advisable to change the requirements for membership in order that the Association might amount to something, as it was not being well attended. The rule adopted at this time provided that: "any person contributing ten dollars annually to the funds of this Association shall be a member; and shall have the privilege of appointing a representative to this body. And any person contributing thirty dollars or upwards shall be a member of this body for life, with the privilege of appointing a representative as above. And every Association, church, or missionary society, contributing ten dollars shall be entitled to one representative, and another for every additional ten dollars."<sup>42</sup>

By 1840 most of the delegates were sent by the churches as they are today. In 1897 it was decided to retain as life members all who were already life members, but future delegates were to be appointed by the churches.<sup>43</sup>

At present a church is entitled to representation in proportion to its contribution to the Association but no church may have more than fifteen delegates. The membership of the Association also includes: officers of the Association, the standing committees and the ex-officio members who are those appointed to some special service.<sup>44</sup>

39. Semple, History, p. 117.

40. Minutes of the Virginia Baptist General Meeting of Correspondence . . . June 1-3, 1822, Richmond, Shepherd & Pollard, Printers, 1822, p. 6.

41. Minutes of the General Association of Virginia . . . 1824, with the Constitution, Richmond, Shepherd & Pollard, Printers, 1824, p. 7.

42. T. S. Dunaway, "Our General Association", in Religious Herald, June 15, 1922, p. 8, col. 2.

43. Ibid., p. 8; Minutes . . . of the Baptist General Association of Virginia . . . Nov. 19-23, 1897, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1897, p. 5.

44. Minutes . . . Baptist General Association of Virginia, 1937, p. 4.



## Historical Sketch - Southern Baptist Convention

The first president of the Association was Robert Baylor Semple, 1823-25; the first secretary was William Todd, 1823.<sup>45</sup>

The present officers are: President, Rev. Ralph Aubrey Williams, D. D.; Vice-Presidents, Worth Bagley Shuman, David Nathaniel Davidson, Henry P. Glasgow, Rev. Frank B. Handley; Recording Secretary, Kenneth E. Burke; Statistical Secretary, Judson Starke Bosher; Treasurer, Frank Thomas Crump; Auditor, Jesse Fleming Wood.<sup>46</sup>

Minutes (including constitution, members), 1823-26 (bound with 1827-33), (including constitution, members, finances, reports), 1827-1930, 13 vols., bound; 1931-- , 8 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society, University of Richmond. A duplicate file of these minutes is in custody of Judson Starke Bosher, statistical secretary, Richmond, Virginia. Frank Thomas Crump, treasurer, Richmond, Virginia has duplicate minutes, 1871-- , 25 vols.; also Receipts and Disbursements, 1920-- , 28 steel files and 67 cardboard files; Correspondence, 1920-- , 14 steel files; District Association Minutes, 1905-- , 48 vols. (1905-26, includes a yearly copy of the Baptist General Association Minutes).

### C. Southern Baptist Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845 when "messengers from missionary societies, churches, and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States met . . . for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination."<sup>47</sup>

The constitution states that: "the Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention." The number of delegates a church may send to the convention depends upon the amount of money the church contributes to the Convention.<sup>48</sup>

Prior to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention a number of Southern states had affiliated with the General Missionary Convention of America for Foreign Missions. That Convention was organized in Philadelphia May 18, 1814 with thirty-six messengers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and the District of Columbia. This meeting was instigated by the visits of Luther Rice to different Baptist bodies in the

45. Ibid., p. 167.

46. "Notes From the General Associations" in Religious Herald, Nov. 23, 1939, pp. 3, 15, 18, col. 2.

47. Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . May 17-21, 1939. intended and distributed by the Executive Committee, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, n. d. p. 11.

48. Ibid., p. 11.

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United States.<sup>49</sup>

Luther Rice was trying to obtain support for the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Adoniram Judson who had set out for Calcutta, Feb. 19, 1812 under the patronage of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church. During the voyage these missionaries changed their views of the ordinance of baptism. They were baptized in the Baptist Chapel in Calcutta by Rev. William Ward, an English Missionary. This severed their relation with the board that sent them to India; hence, they were in a strange land without any means of support. After much prayer they decided that Mr. and Mrs. Judson should remain in Rangoon and Luther Rice return to America to secure, if possible, support from the Baptists.<sup>50</sup>

The Baptist welcomed this opportunity for enlarged service and formed the General Missionary Convention of America for Foreign Missions. This convention was also called The Baptist General Convention for Foreign Missions and was often referred to as the "Triennial Convention" as it met every three years. In the interim between meetings the business was transacted by the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States which was appointed by the Convention.<sup>51</sup>

Dr. Richard Furman of South Carolina was unanimously elected the first president of the Triennial Convention in 1814, Dr. Thomas Baldwin of Massachusetts, secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Judson were adopted as its first missionaries.<sup>52</sup>

The Triennial Convention continued to grow and when it met at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, April 24-30, 1844, there were 486 delegates from 21 states and the District of Columbia.<sup>53</sup>

Up to this time the Convention had made no difference in its constitution or in its practice between slaveholders and non-slaveholders. When slaveholding became a subject of discussion on the floor of the convention in 1844 the following resolution was placed on record: "That in co-operating together as members of this Convention, in the work of foreign missions, we disclaim all sanction, either expressed or implied whether of slavery or anti-slavery." Yet, before the end of the first year of the triennial period, the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions for the United States adopted the rule that they could not appoint as a missionary any one who had slaves and insisted on retaining them.<sup>54</sup>

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49. I. M. Allen, . . . The United States Baptist Annual Register for 1832: Philadelphia, Printed by T. W. Ustick, No. 4 Franklin Place, 1833, [hereinafter cited as Allen, Register], pp. 1-2; Thomas Armitage, A History of the Baptists . . . , from the time of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the Present . . ., New York: Bryan, Taylor and Co., 1890, [hereinafter cited as Armitage, History], p. 814.
  50. Allen, Register, p. 2; Armitage, History, p. 814.
  51. Allen, Register, p. 1; Armitage, History, p. 814.
  52. Ibid., The Baptist Encyclopaedia . . ., Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts, 1881, pp. 63-64, 426-427.
  53. Almanac and Baptist Register . . . 1845 . . ., Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, King and Baird, Printers, 1845, p. 33.
  54. Proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Augusta, Georgia, May 8-12, 1845, Richmond, H. K. Elliyson, Printer, 176 West Main Street, 1845, pp. 17-18.



## Historical Sketch - Dover Baptist Association

This resulted in the withdrawal of the Southern States from the Triennial Convention and the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention.<sup>55</sup>

The first president of the Southern Baptist Convention was William B. Johnson of South Carolina, 1845-50. The secretaries were: Jesse Hartwell of Alabama, 1845-48; James C. Crane of Virginia, 1845-48.<sup>56</sup>

The present officers are: President, Lee Rutland Scarborough of Texas; first Vice-President, Rupert F. Naney of Oklahoma; second Vice-President, Aquila Chamlee of Georgia; and Secretaries, Hight C. Moore of Tennessee, and Joseph Henry Burnett of North Carolina.<sup>57</sup>

Minutes of the Triennial Convention, 1814-22, 1824-31, 1833-37, 1839-40, 1842-43, 1845-46, 27 vols. (1814 in the United States Baptist Annual Register for 1832; duplicate 1835 in the Triennial Baptist Register for 1836). Minutes for the Southern Baptist Convention (including constitution, members, reports, finances), 1845-- , 26 vols., bound, in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1922-24, 1926-30, 1936-- , 12 vols. in custody of Frank Thomas Crump, treasurer of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

### D. Dover Baptist Association

Organized in 1783 as the Lower District, the result of the vote cast for the division into four districts of the General Association of Virginia when that Association met in 1782 at the Dover Meeting-house (entry 2).<sup>58</sup>

The following churches composed the Lower District: Black Creek Baptist Church (entry 3), Boar Swamp Baptist Church (now Antioch Baptist Church, entry 5), Charles City Baptist Church (now Emmaus Baptist Church, entry 6), Chicahominy Baptist Church (now Winn's Baptist Church, entry 7), Dover Baptist Church (entry 2), City of Richmond Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church, Richmond, (entry 8) Four Mile Creek Baptist Church (entry 9), Goochland Baptist Church (entry 1), Upper College Baptist Church (now Sharon Baptist Church, entry 4); Licking-Hole Baptist Church (now Smyrna Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association); Reeds Baptist Church (now Mount Horeb Baptist Church), Tuckahoe Baptist Church (now Upper Zion Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Hermon Baptist Association); Grafton Baptist Church, and James City Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Peninsula Baptist Association); Axel Swamp Baptist Church (later Exol Baptist Church), Glebelanding Baptist Church, Kingston Baptist Church (now Matthews Baptist Church), Lower King and Queen Baptist Church, Morattico Baptist Church, Piscatawa Baptist Church (now Mount Zion Baptist Church), Upper Essex Baptist Church, and Upper King and Queen Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Rappahannock Baptist Association).<sup>59</sup>

55. Ibid., pp. 13, 17-20; Jeremiah Bell Jeter, The Recollections of A Long Life . . ., Richmond, Va., The Religious Herald Co., 1891, p. 235.

56. Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . 1939, p. 567.

57. Ibid., p. 3.

58. Burrows, Dover Association, Va., p. 4; Ryland, "The Dover Association", pp. 1-2; Semple, History, pp. 91-92.

59. Ryland, "The Dover Association", p. 2; Semple, History, p. 118.

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The first meeting of the Lower District was held jointly with the Upper District in 1783 at Upper Essex Meeting-house (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Rappahannock Association). The Association held its first separate meeting at the same place the following year. They continued to hold separate meetings in the spring, and to meet jointly in the fall with the Upper District until 1788. At that time the Lower District took the name Dover, probably as a compliment to its moderator who was then pastor of the Dover Baptist Church (entry 2).<sup>60</sup>

In 1820 the constitution provided that the Dover Baptist Association be "composed of not more than three delegates from each church, who are required to produce letters of recommendation."<sup>61</sup> Article 1 of the present constitution provides that "each church may send all of its ordained ministers and four additional delegates, who have been duly elected by the church or otherwise authoritatively appointed." Article 2 states that "the officers of the Association and the members of the Executive Committee are ex-officio members of the body; also by virtue of their appointments those members who are appointed to make reports at the next succeeding meeting."<sup>62</sup>

The Dover Baptist Association was composed of 71 churches by 1842.<sup>63</sup> At this time, 34 of them were dismissed to constitute the Rappahannock Baptist Association.<sup>64</sup> Since then many churches have been dismissed to unite with other Associations;<sup>65</sup> but the net gain since 1842 has been 33, making the present total number of churches 70.<sup>66</sup>

Of the original churches in the Association, only two, James City Baptist Church and Exol Baptist Church (formerly Axel Swamp Baptist Church) have entirely disappeared. James City Baptist Church appears for the last time in the Minutes of the Peninsula Baptist Association in 1914,<sup>67</sup> and was largely absorbed by the Williamsburg Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Peninsula Baptist Association). Exol Baptist Church appears for the last time in the Minutes of the Rappahannock

60. Ibid., p. 2.

61. Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association, . . . October 14-16, 1820, Richmond, Printed by Shepherd and Pollard, 1820, p. 19.

62. Minutes . . . of the Dover Association, Apr. 11-12, 1939, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1939, p. 7.

63. Minutes . . . of the Dover Baptist Association, Virginia . . . 1842, Richmond, Printed by Henry K. Ellyson, office of the Virginia Tee-Totaler, 1842, pp. 3-4.

64. Minutes of the First Session of the Rappahannock Baptist Association . . . 1843, Portsmouth, Va., Printed by D. D. Fiske, 1843, p. 4.

65. Minutes of the First Annual Session of the Peninsular Baptist Association . . . Aug. 23-25, 1904, Richmond, Clyde W. Saunders, Printers, 1904, p. 37; Minutes, Baptist General Association of Virginia . . . 1937, p. 189.

66. Minutes . . . of the Dover Baptist Association . . . 1939, pp. 68-69.

67. Minutes . . . of the Peninsula Baptist Association . . . 1914, Richmond, Va., Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1914, p. 38; Minutes . . . of the Peninsula Baptist Association . . . 1915, n. p., 1915, p. 40.

68. Oral statement of Dr. Garnett Ryland, Librarian, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, September 1939.



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Baptist Association in 1931.<sup>69</sup>

The first Moderator of the Association was Rev. William Webber 1783-1806.<sup>70</sup> He was born Aug. 15, 1747, baptized June 1770, by Rev. John Waller.<sup>71</sup> The first clerk of the Association was John Waller.<sup>72</sup>

The present officers are: Moderator, Jesse Mabrey Johnson; Vice-Moderator, Wilford Roy Carner; Clerk, William Thorburn Clark; Treasurer, William Lee Tyler; Registrar, Judson Starke Boshier.<sup>73</sup>

Original Minutes (including circular letter to churches), 1790-99, 1 vol., hdw. (including list of churches), 1828-29, 1 vol. hdw. (including list of churches, delegates, pastors, reports on state of the churches, report of Sunday Schools, report of finance committee, report of foreign missions), 1839-49, 3 vols. hdw.; minutes (including constitution, financial reports of churches), 1790-91, 1793--, ptd., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Duplicate file of Minutes, 1790-91, 1793--, in custody of Judson Starke Boshier, registrar. Duplicate file of Minutes, 1905--, 48 vols. (bound with minutes of other District Associations) in custody of Frank Thomas Crump, treasurer of the baptist General Association of Virginia. Receipts and Disbursements, 1918--, 2 vols., hdw., kept by treasurer in safe at 24 N. 8th Street. Correspondence, 1938--, 1 file in custody of the moderator.

Incomplete sets of these Minutes may be found at the Henry Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., and at the Library of Congress.

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69. Minutes . . . of the Rappahannock Baptist Association . . . July 29-30, 1931 . . ., Richmond, Va., Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, n. d. p. 74;  
Minutes . . . of the Rappahannock Baptist Association . . . July 27-28, 1932, Richmond, Va., Richmond Press, Inc., Printers n. d. pp. 70-81.
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## BAPTIST CHURCHES DISMISSED FROM THE DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO UNITE WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Organized <sup>1</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>2</sup>	Churches	Location (county)	Last in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>3</sup>	Transferred to Association <sup>4</sup>
1772	1790, p.3	Glebe Landing	Middlesex	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1772	1791, p.3	Lower King & Queen	King & Queen	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1772	1790, p.3	Upper Essex	Essex	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1773	1791, p.3	James City	James City	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1773	1790, p.3	Reeds (Mt. Horeb)	Caroline	1902, p.22	Hermon
1774	1790, p.3	Piscataway (Mt. Zion)	Essex	1842, p.4	Rappahannock

1. Minutes of the . . . Accomac Baptist Association . . . August 12, 13, and 14, 1891 . . . , Baltimore, Baptist Publishing Co., 10 E. Fayette St., 1891, p. 16; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . the 10th, 11th and 12th of October 1829, n. p. [1829], pp. 4-5; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . 9th, 10th and 11th of October 1830, n. p. [1830], pp. 3-4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . October 13th-15th, 1832, n. p. [1832], p. 3; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 22, 23, 24, 1902 . . . , Richmond, J. L. Hill Printing Company, 1902, pp. 38-39; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association July 24, 25 and 26, 1906, Richmond, Clyde W. Saunders, Printer, 1906, p. 36; Minutes of the Goshen Baptist Association . . . Sep. 7-8, 1920 . . . , n. p. [1920], p. 34; Minutes of the Peninsula Baptist Association . . . August 23, 24 and 25, 1904, Richmond, Clyde W. Saunders, Printer, 1904, p. 33; Minutes . . . of the Rappahannock Baptist Association July 14-26, 1869, Richmond, Steam Printing Presses, 1869, pp. 18-19; Semple, History, pp. 118-119.
2. Minutes . . . of the Dover Baptist Association for the respective years and pages cited in the chart.
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4. Minutes of the . . . Accomac Baptist Association . . . August 18, 19 & 20, 1887 . . . , Baltimore, J. F. Weishampel, Printer and Bookseller, No. 6 North Greene Street, 1887, pp. 2-3; Minutes of the . . . Hermon Baptist Association . . . October 7, 1902 . . . , n. p. , Caroline News Print, 1902, p. 6; Minutes of the Peninsula Baptist Association . . . August 23, 24 and 25, 1904, Richmond, Clyde W. Saunders, Printer, 1904, pp. 33, 35; Minutes of the . . . Peninsula Baptist Association . . . Aug. 13th, 14th, 15th, 1907, Hampton, Va. [1907], p. 13; Minutes . . . of the Rappahannock Baptist Association . . . Aug. 5, 6 & 7, 1843, Portsmouth, Va., Printed by D. D. Fiske, 1843, p. 4; Semple, History, p. 213.



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Organized <sup>5</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>6</sup>	Churches	Location (county)	Last in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>7</sup>	Transferred to Associations <sup>8</sup>
1774	1790, p.3	Upper King & Queen	King & Queen	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1774	1790, p.3	Tuckahoe (Upper Zion)	Caroline	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1775	1790, p.3	Axel Swamp (Exol)	King & Queen	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1775	1790, p.4	Kingston (Mathews)	Mathews	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1776	1790, p.3	Licking Hole (Smyrna)	Goochland	1798, p.5	Goshen
1777	1812, p.4	Tender Branch (Grafton)	York	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1778	1790, p.4	Morattico	Lancaster-	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1784	1834, p.4	Warwick (Denbeigh)	Warwick	1906, p.36	Peninsula
1786	1790, p.4	Nomony (Nomini)	Westmoreland	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1789	1790, p.4	Hanover	King George	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1789	1790, p.4	Hermitage	Middlesex	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1790	1790, p.4	Bruington Swamp (Bruington)	King & Queen	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1790	1797, p.2	Gloucester (Pettsworth)	Gloucester	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1791	1796, p.2	Hampton	Elizabeth City	1887, p.25	Accomac
1801	1801, p.4	Abingdon (Union)	Gloucester	1842, p.4	Rappahannock

5. See footnote 1.

6. See footnote 2.

7. See footnote 3.

8. See footnote 4.

BAPTIST CHURCHES DISMISSED FROM THE DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO UNITE WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS (continued)

Organized <sup>9</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>10</sup>	Churches	Location (county)	Last in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>11</sup>	Transferred to Associations <sup>12</sup>
1802	1804, p.3	Salem	Caroline	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1804	1805, p.4	Wicomico (Coan)	Northumberland	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1807	1807, p.3	Pocorone (Poroporone)	King & Queen	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1808	1809, p.4	Zoar	Middlesex	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1812	1812, p.4	Eulah	King William	1902, p.22	Hermon
1812	1812, p.4	Pope's Creek	Westmoreland	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1820	1820, p.4	Enon	Essex	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1820	1821, p.4	Round Hill	King George	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1826	1826, p.5	Ebenezer	Gloucester	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1828	1829, p.4	Mattaponi	King & Queen	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1828	1829, p.2	Williamsburg	James City	1903, p.3	Peninsula
1829	1878, p.15	Emmaus	York	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1829	1829, p.3	Emmaus	Mathews	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1830	1830, p.3	Liberty	New Kent	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1832	1832, p.3	Good Hope	Charles Co., Md.	1840, p.7	Md. Union

9. See footnote 1.  
 10. See footnote 2.  
 11. See footnote 3.  
 12. See footnote 4.



BAPTIST CHURCHES DISMISSED FROM THE DOVER ASSOCIATION TO UNITE WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS (continued)

Organized <sup>13</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>14</sup>	Churches	Location (county)	Last in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>15</sup>	Transferred to Associations <sup>16</sup>
1832	1832, p.2	Jerusalem	Richmond	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1837	1841, p.4	East Zoar (Menokin)	Richmond	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1839	1840, p.4	Providence	Caroline	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1839	1839, p.4	Rappahannock	Richmond	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1840	1840, p.3	Bethel	York	1904, p.19	Peninsula
1840	1842, p.3	Gibeon	Northumberland	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1841	1841, p.3	Concord	Caroline	1902, p.22	Hermon
1841	1841, p.3	Lebanon	Lancaster	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1842	1842, p.3	Clark's Neck (Saluda)	Middlesex	1842, p.3	Rappahannock
1842	1842, p.4	Olivet	King & Queen	1842, p.4	Rappahannock
1877	1878, p.15	Corinth	New Kent	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1883	1884, p.25	First Baptist	Newport News (City)	1904, p.19	Peninsula
1887	1897, p.30	Good Hope	New Kent	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1894	1895, p.35	Second Baptist	Newport News (City)	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1899	1900, p.45	Lafayette Avenue	Newport News (City)	1903, p.21	Peninsula

13. See footnote 1.  
 14. See footnote 2.  
 15. See footnote 3.  
 16. See footnote 4.

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Organized <sup>17</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>18</sup>	Churches	Location (county)	Last in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>19</sup>	Transferred to Associations <sup>20</sup>
1900	1900, p.44	Liberty	Elizabeth City	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1900	1900, p.44	Tabernacle	Newport News (City)	1903, p.21	Peninsula
1903	1903, p.40	Memorial	Hampton (City)	1904, p.19	Peninsula

17. See footnote 1.

18. See footnote 2.

19. See footnote 3.

20. See footnote 4.



## COLORED BAPTIST CHURCHES THAT WITHDREW FROM THE DOVER ASSOCIATION

Organized <sup>1</sup>	First in Dover Minutes (year-page) <sup>2</sup>	Colored Churches	Location (city)	Last in Dover Minutes <sup>3</sup>	Transferred to Shiloh Baptist Association <sup>4</sup> (colored)
1813	1813, p.5	Elam	Charles City (County)	1860	1865
1841	1841, p.4	First African	Richmond	1860	1865
1843	1843, p.4	African	Williamsburg	1860	1865
1846	1846, p.5	Second African	Richmond	1860	1865
1858	1858, p.7	Third African (Ebenezer)	Richmond	1860	1865
1859	1859, p.18	Chickahominy (Chickahominy)	James City (County)	1860	1865
1859	1859, p.18	Fourth African	Richmond	1860	1865

1. Minutes . . . of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sept. 18th, 19th & 20th, 1860, Richmond, H. K. Ellyson, Printers . . ., 1860, pp. 24, 27-28.
2. Minutes . . . of the Dover Baptist Association for the respective years and pages cited in the chart.
3. See footnote 1.
4. Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . 1862, 1863, 1834, 1865, and 1866 . . ., Richmond, Laughton & Fore, Printers, 1866, p. 25; Journal of Proceedings of the Colored Shiloh Baptist Association of Virginia . . . at its Third Annual Session . . . 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of Aug., 1868 . . ., Richmond, V. L. Fore, Printer, 1315 Main Street, 1868, p. 17.

1. GOOCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1771--, near Centerville on Highway 621, Goochland County.

Organized Dec. 23, 1771, with 97 members from the Lower Spotsylvania Baptist Church, now Waller's Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association). It was the first Baptist Church planted in all the territory now covered by the Dover, Rappahannock, Hermon, Peninsula and Accomac Associations. The church was sometimes called "Nuckols' Meeting House", probably because Pouncey, John, Benjamin and Samuel Nuckols were prominent members. They had two meeting houses, one at Manakin, which in 1773 became the Dover Baptist Church (entry 2), the other, built in 1771 on land given by John Webber, retained the original name. It was enlarged during the pastorate of Rev. Archar Benjamin Smith, 1849-64. A Sunday School building was erected under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Charles A. Morgan. The church at first had no ordained ministers, but six exhorters: William Farrar, Philip Webber, William Webber, Rueben Ford, Augustin Eastin and Joseph Anthony.

This church is a mother of churches. Members were dismissed to organize in 1773 Dover Baptist Church; in 1776, Licking Hole Baptist Church, now Smyrna Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association); and Chicahominy Baptist Church, now Winn's Baptist Church (entry 7); in 1790 Hungry Baptist Church, now Deep Run Baptist Church (entry 12); and in 1807 Hopeful Baptist Church (entry 15).

First pastor, Rev. Rueben Ford, 1771-1821. He was born about 1742, converted when 20 years old, under the preaching of George Whitfield, baptized and ordained about 7 years later. He served as clerk of the Dover Baptist Association from 1786 to 1820, with the exception of 1790-92, 1811, and 1816. James B. Taylor says of him, "Though his talents, as a preacher, were not brilliant, yet his simplicity, affection, and faithfulness, obtained the attention of all who heard him." He was clerk of the General Committee and of the Meeting of Correspondence of Virginia Baptists, 1784-1820. He was one of a committee of five on the north side of the James River selected to set forward the business of a "Seminary of learning." This was the first step toward founding the University of Richmond.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott and Co., 1859, 1st Series, pp. 56-59; Minutes of Dover Baptist Association, Oct. 11-13, 1817 . . ., Richmond, Ritchie, Trueheart and Duval, 1817, p. 4; Minutes of Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 10, 11, 12, 1818, Richmond, Shepherd and Pollard, 1818, p. 3; "Goochland Baptist Church as Related to Virginia Baptists through one hundred and fifty years, 1771-1921", typescript, 1921, 4 pp., in custody of Rev. Charles A. Morgan, Rockville; Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson, Publishers, [1894], pp. 24 118, 140, 213; Garnett Ryland, "History of Goochland Church", in Minutes of the 154th Annual Session of the Dover Baptist Association . . . 1936, Richmond, Richmond Press Inc. Printers, 1936, pp. 81-85.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1877-1909, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Baptist Young People's Union, organized in 1927, and Woman's Missionary Society organized in 1930. No other records available.

2. DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1773--, Manakin, Goochland County.

Organized in 1773, with 45 members from Goochland Baptist Church (entry 1) led by Rev. Samuel Harris, Rev. James Read, and Rev. John Waller. They first



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worshipped in a frame building opposite the present site, erected in 1771, as one of the meeting houses of Goochland Baptist Church. The building was abandoned when they entered the present frame church which was dedicated Oct. 18, 1855.

The windows are of clear glass except the stained glass window, at the back of the pulpit, which is a memorial to Miss Annie Eliza Bowles and Miss Mary Louisa Bowles. The pulpit furniture is walnut with upholstered chairs; the pews are stained mahogany.

First pastor, Rev. William Webber 1774-1808. He was born Aug. 15, 1747. At the age of 23 he became concerned about his spiritual welfare, was baptized by Rev. John Waller, united with Lower Spotsylvania Baptist Church, now Waller's Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association), and soon afterwards was ordained. A few months after he was ordained, he and Rev. Joseph Anthony were arrested in Chesterfield County for preaching. He was in jail three months and preached to the crowds that assembled around him. He was a member of the first meeting of the General Association in 1771, Moderator of the Dover Baptist Association 1783-1806.

See: James B. Taylor, Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers . . ., Richmond, Yale & Wyatt, 1838, 2nd. ed., pp. 146-150; Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson Publishers, [1894], pp. 24, 118, 471; article in Richmond News Leader Sept. 1, 1923, p. 4, cols. 4-5.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1850-60, 1864-72, 1874-83, 1896-97, 1 vol. in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1900--, 1 vol., in custody of the church clerk, L. C. Clarke. Sunday School, 1891--, kept at the church.

3. BLACK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1775--, near Old Cold Harbor, on Highway 628, Hanover County.

Organized in 1775, with 12 members. Entered present frame building in 1885.

First pastor, Thomas Courtney, 1790 to unknown date.

See: Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson Publishers, [1894], p. 118; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association holden at the Kingston Meeting House, Matthews County, Virginia, Oct. 1791, Matthews County, Printed by John Dixon, 1791, 8 pp.

Minutes (including members, deaths), 1920--, 1 vol., in the home of the church clerk, E. J. Barker, Richmond, R. F. D. 3. Sunday School, 1920--, 15 vols.

4. SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1775-1833, 1834--, Central Garage, King William County.

Organized in 1775, as Upper College Baptist Church. In 1833, this congregation was excluded from the Dover Baptist Association for following the teachings of Rev. Alexander Campbell and for having embraced the "views called Reformation."

In 1834, they reorganized, and were readmitted to the Dover Baptist Association as Rehoboth Baptist Church. At this time they worshipped in the Cat Tail Meeting House, which was a chapel of the Church of England, near the present church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Churches). Cat Tail Meeting House is now occupied by Mt.

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Zion Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Colored Baptist Churches).

In 1845, they built a brick church on the present site and changed their name to Sharon Baptist Church. The building was burned and rebuilt in 1854. The entire building was formerly located on the east side of 11th St. between Main and Cary Sts., Richmond, and was occupied by the Second Baptist Church, Richmond (entry 18), from April 1822 until May 1841. The original square pews and the boxed gallery, which runs the full length on both sides and across the front of the building, are still in use.

First pastor, Rev. John Courtney, 1775 to an unknown date. He was born in King and Queen County about 1744, the eldest son of an old English family, and a carpenter before he became a preacher. He died Dec. 18, 1824.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1859, 1st Series, p. 96.

Minutes (members, baptisms, deaths), 1926-- , 1 vol. Sunday School (members), 1849-50, 1853, 1855, 1870-73, 1 vol., in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society; (members, collections), 1891-1901, 1927-28, 1930-- , 1 vol.

5. ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1776-- , on Highway 60, near Boar Swamp Bridge, Henrico County.

Organized in 1776 as Boar Swamp Baptist Church. The name was changed to Antioch Baptist Church in 1846. The church developed from the efforts of Rev. Elijah Baker, who about 1773 began to travel extensively, and went into the lower end of Henrico County.

The first building, on the present site, was a chapel of ease of the Church of England. The Boar Swamp Baptist Church obtained the deserted building. It is not known where they worshiped before that time. The building was occupied by the soldiers of the Northern army during the War Between the States and was badly damaged. In 1870, it was destroyed by fire and a new building erected. In the interim, services were held under the trees.

Frame building, belfry, exterior painted white, red tin roof, interior woodwork cream, walls sand finished plaster, pulpit stained dark, old hand made pews of heart of pine, folding chairs for the choir, lower part of the windows are purple stained glass, upper part of windows yellow stained glass, oak floor laid in 1937. Sunday School annex built in 1935. The bell in the belfry was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifford Chase. It was rung for the first time on Sunday Feb. 18, 1917. There is a new graveyard to the side of the church. Out of this church grew the First Baptist Church of Richmond (entry 8).

First pastor, Rev. Archibald Austin, 1776-90.

See: Letter to A. B. Clarke from S. S. Fassett, M. D., manuscript, Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1877, 2 pp., in front of Minute book of 1787-1828 in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 19, 20 & 21, 1870, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Power Press, 1870, p. 9; Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson Publishers, [1894], p. 393.

Minutes (including members), 1787, 1791-1828, 1 vol.; (members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1893-97, 1901-2, 1907, 1912-13, 1915, 2 vols. The Minute book 1787-1828 was carried to Lockport, N. Y., during the War Between the States and returned in 1877. "Declaration of Faith and Church Covenant", manuscript, 18 pp., n. d., in Minute book 1893-1915. All of the above records are kept in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Minutes (members, deaths), 1915-- , 1 vol., in the home of the present clerk, Walter Clifford Chase, R. F. D. 1, Sandston. Sunday School (members), 1884-87, 1913-16, 1934-- , 9 vols. Baptist Young People's Union (minutes), 1930-31, 1 vol.



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### 6. EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1776-- , near Talleyville, New Kent County.

Organized in 1776 as Charles City Baptist Church in Charles City County. It developed from the preaching of Rev. Elijah Baker who came from Lunenburg County. The church was located near Nance's shop. In 1834, they moved to the present grounds and changed the name to Emmaus Baptist Church. The first church on the present grounds was a frame building. This building stood for sometime after they entered the present building which was dedicated in 1852.

The bricks for the building were made near the church. Shingle roof, interior walls white plaster, slaves gallery, heart of pine pews, pulpit furniture walnut.

There are two marble slabs on the wall. One is inscribed, "Wm. Clopton, Clerk, Deacon, Pastor, 1776-1816. His son James Clopton, Pastor 1818-1849. His son Samuel C. Clopton born 1816, died in China 1847. First missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . ." The other tablet is inscribed, "Erected by C. Belle Clopton in affectionate remembrance of her father, mother, sister and brother, Lieut. Wm. Edward Clopton 1820-1887, Ellen Hill Clopton 1832-1886, Nannie Bacon Clopton 1853-1865, Wm. Bacon Clopton 1863-1878. All buried at the home (Oakland) New Kent Co., Va. Mary Elizabeth Pierce Clopton 1851-1884. Buried at Salem Church, Charles City Co., Va."

Four prominent men in the church at the time the present building was erected were: John Thomas Harris, John Henry Christian, Grandison Pearson and Albert Parkinson.

First pastor, Rev. William Clopton, 1808-16. He was born in 1761 in New Kent County. His education was greatly neglected. He was baptized by Elder Elijah Baker near the close of the Revolutionary War and became a member of Charles City Baptist Church.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott and Co., 1859, 1st Series, pp. 273-274; Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Pitt and Dickinson Publishers [1894], p. 118.

Minutes (including members), 1792-1841, 1856-63, 1866-71, 2 vols., in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1900-- (members, baptisms, deaths), 1 vol. in custody of the church clerk, Mrs. James Crump Talley, Roxbury. Sunday School, 1893-1904, 1928-- , 10 vols.

### 7. WINN'S BAPTIST CHURCH, 1776-- , near Elmont, on Highway 660, Hanover County.

Organized in 1776 as the Chickahominy Baptist Church with 50 members, many of whom were from Goochland Baptist Church (entry 1). In 1833, the name was changed to Bethlehem Baptist Church, and Aug. 14, 1869, it was changed to Winn's Baptist Church, in memory of Capt. John Winn who gave the church grounds. This was the only church, except Black Creek Baptist Church (entry 3), reported in Hanover County in the 1810 Dover Baptist Association Minutes. The meeting house erected in 1776 was the first house of worship built by Baptists in Hanover County. An addition of 40 feet by 12 feet was made in 1856. Other alterations were made in 1910. Frame building, interior woodwork varnished pine, oak finished pews and pulpit furniture. The lighting system is a memorial to James Henry Holman.

First pastor, Rev. John Clay, 1780-83, father of Henry Clay, the distinguished statesman. He probably professed religion in 1776. "His talents were of the plain order . . . . He was faithful, beloved and useful." He died about 1783.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B.

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Lippincott and Co., 1859, 1st Series, pp. 91-92; Joseph Robert Garlich, Sermon, Historical and Memorial of Winn's Baptist Church, Hanover County, Va. . . ., EW-print from the Religious Herald, 1901, 16 pp., (Religious Herald, Dec. 12th, 19th, 26th, 1901); George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1915, 5th Series, pp. 345-347; article in Richmond News Leader, Oct. 31, 1939, p. 10, col. 4.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1854-75, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1901-- , 2 vols., in custody of George T. Woodson, Glen Allen. Sunday School (members, finances), 1879-- , 6 vols., in custody of Carlton Brooks, Glen Allen. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members, finances), 1912-- , 7 vols., kept in different homes.

8. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1780-- , S. E. corner of Boulevard and Monument Ave., Richmond.

Organized in 1780 as the City of Richmond Baptist Church with 14 members, at the home of Mr. Franklin on Union Hill (corner of Carrington and Pink Sts.). Services were also held in the home of Mrs. Martha Miller near 18th and Veneable Sts.; later they worshiped in a hall over the Market House at 17th St. The first church was a frame building, one story, erected on Cary St. between 2nd and 3rd Sts., prior to 1798.

In 1803 they erected a brick building at the N. E. corner of Broad and College Sts. Additions to the building in 1803, and 1827, made it cruciform in shape. In 1820, at the time the Second Baptist Church was organized (entry 18), this congregation changed its name to First Baptist Church. In 1841, this building was sold to the colored members of the church, numbering 1708, who constituted the First African Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, The Colored Baptist Churches of Richmond). At the same time the white members, numbering 387, moved into a brick building which they had erected at the N. W. corner of 12th and Broad Sts. This building was dedicated Oct. 17, 1841. Additions were made in 1858, by adding 13 feet to the rear; in 1868, by making room for a new organ; and in 1870, by building a room known as a Side Chapel.

On Dec. 8, 1928, the congregation moved into the present building, dedicated Dec. 11, 1938. Brick building, Grecian architecture, Doric columns in front, Colonnade with Ionic columns joins the main building with a wing of the Sunday School. Woodwork and furniture are mahogany, gallery on two sides and at rear of auditorium.

Among the memorials are: the Vesper Gardens which are enclosed by the Ionic Colonnade, and which were dedicated in 1928 to the memory of Turner Ashby Miller, a deacon of the church; two pedestal lights in front of the church dedicated in 1930 to the memory of Dr. Robert Semple Bosher, Jr.; the balustrade on Monument Ave. and the Boulevard in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Dillard Patterson, wife of Archibald Williams Patterson; the bell tower at the N. E. corner of the wing of the Sunday School is in memory of James Thomas, Jr., a gift from his daughter, Mrs. Laura Thomas Rutherford. The bell was in the steeple of the church at 12th and Broad Sts., on Sunday, Apr. 6, 1862; the members of the church unanimously offered it to the Confederate Government to be moulded into cannon if needed. Mr. Thomas redeemed the bell by paying an amount in gold to the Secretary of War of the Confederacy.

In the vestibule are four bronze tablets, one stating that the lot upon which the church stands was donated by Whitemell Stallings Forbes in memory of his mother, Jane Christian Boyd Forbes, and his wife, Anna Blanchard Forbes; one in memory of Henrietta Hall Shuck and J. Lewis Shuck, husband and wife, who were dedicated to missionary service Sept. 10, 1835, in the First



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Baptist Church located at 14th (formerly College St.) and Broad Sts.; one in memory of pastors who served the church from the organization until removal to present site; the fourth in memory of members of the church and Sunday School who served in the World War. There is a memorial window over the baptistry to the memory of Dr. George White McDaniel, pastor 1905-27.

In April 1820, 17 members were dismissed from the church to organize the Second Baptist Church (entry 18). In 1842, 12 were dismissed to organize Fourth Baptist Church (entry 29). In 192, 298 members from Calvary Baptist Church (entry 51) formed the West End Branch of First Baptist Church, worshipping in a temporary structure on the present site until 1928, when the entire membership moved into the new building.

First pastor, Rev. Joshua Morris, 1780-86. His mother and father were preachers.

See: Article in Richmond Daily Dispatch, May 21, 1853, p. 2, cols. 4 & 5; Committee of the church, First Century of First Baptist Church, Richmond, the church, 1880, 360 pp.; William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 143; Committee of the church, The Sesqui-Centennial, First Baptist Church, 1880-1930, Richmond, the church, 1930, 128 pp.

Minutes (including financial reports), 1826--, 10 vols. First 7 vols. handwritten, bound in buckram and leather; vols. 8 and 9 typewritten on loose leaves and bound in cloth. Register (baptisms, members, deaths), 1780--, 1 vol. loose leaf. The records of 1780-1826 were received from different sources and written into the Register. Financial records, 1902--, 12 vols. Sunday School was organized in 1831. Sunday School, 1834--, 104 vols., the last 10 vols. loose leaf. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes), 1894--, 10 vols. Baptist Young People's Union organized Feb. 11, 1894; no mention in church Minutes after 1900 until 1905 when the union was reorganized; again suspended, reorganized on a very strong basis in 1907. Annual reports made to the church and included in the church Minutes are the only records preserved.

### 9. FOUR MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1781--, near Varina, Henrico County.

Organized Aug. 5, 1781, at Clayton Springs, as the "Baptist Church of Christ on the Four Mile Creek." It developed from the ministerial efforts of Rev. Elijah Baker who came into Henrico County from Lunenburg County. He also founded Boar Swamp Baptist Church (now Antioch Baptist Church, entry 5) in 1776, and Charles City Baptist Church (now Emmaus Baptist Church, entry 6) in 1776.

From 1811 to 1821, the church was without a minister. The congregation dwindled to four men and a few women. They selected Miles Turpin, a member of their own congregation, as minister. In three years the membership increased to 140, 76 white and 64 colored. Six of the colored were free men who were required to attend the monthly business meetings.

About 1828, the meeting house was moved four miles westward to the present location. This building was completely destroyed during the War Between the States, even the stately oaks surrounding the building were cut down. Members of the congregation were left destitute as the Northern army swept up the Peninsula.

After the war, the Executive Board of the Dover Baptist Association asked Rev. Robert Ryland to gather the congregation together again. He received \$200 from friends in Kentucky. He doled this out, \$2 and \$5 to a family.

Laurel Hill Methodist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Methodist Churches) loaned its building to Rev. Robert Ryland and he preached there two Sundays a month. Laurel Hill Methodist Church was not destroyed during the war as it was in the Confederate lines. Sunday

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Schools were organized there under a shed belonging to John K. Fussell until a meeting house was built in 1891 on the old site. Frame building, painted white, tin roof, interior walls cream, wainscoting and woodwork white, oak chairs, walnut pulpit furniture.

This church has been closely connected with the University of Richmond (formerly Richmond College). Among the pastors of the church were: Rev. Robert Ryland, the first president of the college; Rev. Edmund Harrison, a professor of Latin; and eight alumni: Revs. John O. Turpin, 1836-41; Harvey Hatcher, 1858 to unknown date; Allen F. Hardy, 1890 to unknown date; Melton J. Hoover; G. H. Sheriff, 1902-8; Joel T. Tucker, 1911-15; Lew H. Northern, 1917-24; J. Ernest Wrenn, 1925--; nine students: Revs. J. E. L. Holmes, 1868-71; Adoniram Judson Reamy in 1881; George C. Abbitt; James W. Reynolds; William C. Hall; John Thomas Betts; Arthur Jackson Hall; George Thomas Lumpkin; John Bunyan Hill.

First pastor, Rev. John Lindsey, 1781-1811.

See: Garnett Ryland, History of Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, Richmond, the church, [1937], 4 pp.

Minutes, 1825-46, 1848-61, 1868-1924, 6 vols., and Register (members), 1913-14, 1 vol. in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Minutes (including members, deaths), 1932--, 1 vol., kept in church.

### 10. CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1784-95. Defunct. Lancaster County.

Organized in 1784, appeared in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1790, and appeared the last time in 1795. No pastor was mentioned.

See: Judson Starke Bosher, "History of the Dover Baptist Association", mimeographed, n. d., p. 4, in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . October 1790, Richmond, Printed by Thomas Nicolson, n. d., p. 3; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 10, 1795, Richmond, Printed by Thomas Nicolson, 1795, p. 4.

No records of this church were found.

### 11. YEOCOMICO BAPTIST CHURCH, 1789-98, 1812-33. Defunct. Westmoreland County.

Organized in 1789, appeared in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1790, and disappeared after 1798, reappeared in 1812, and appeared for the last time in 1833.

The first pastor was not mentioned. Rev. William Hazard was listed as pastor in 1828; no pastor was listed after that date.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . October 1790, Richmond, Printed by Thomas Nicolson, n. d., p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 13, 1798, Richmond, Virginia, Printed by Samuel Pleasants, n. d., p. 2; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 10-12, 1812, Richmond, Printed by Blagrove and Trueheart, n. d., p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 11-13, 1828, Richmond, Printed at the office of the Religious Herald, 1828, p. 3; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sept. 24-26, 1833, Richmond, Printed at the office of the Religious Herald, 1833, p. 4.

No records of this church were found.

### 12. DEEP RUN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1790--, on Three Chopt Road, Highway 197 between Short Pump and Ridge, Henrico County.

Organized in 1790, as Hungry Baptist Church; changed name to Deep Run Baptist Church in 1818. Present frame building was erected by Henrico Parish



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as Deep Run Chapel in 1743. It is described as 48 feet in length and 24 feet in breadth, "weatherboarded with Fetheredge planck and covered with hart shingles, nailed on, to have three Pews, Reading Desks, Pulpit and Gallery." It was located on the hill above Deep Run on the main road on land purchased from John Shoemaker. This building came into the possession of the Deep Run Baptist Church after it had been abandoned by the Episcopalians. The building was dedicated in 1888.

First pastor, Rev. Peter Cottrell, 1791-96.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 11, 12 & 13, 1817, Richmond, Ritchie, Trueheart and Duval, 1817, p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 10, 11 & 12, 1818, Richmond, Shepherd and Pollard, 1818, p. 3; R. A. Brock, "The Vestry Book of Henrico Parish, Virginia 1730-1773 . . .", in Lewis W. Burton, Annals of Henrico Parish, Diocese of Virginia and especially of St. John's Church . . ., Richmond, Va., Williams Printing Company, 1904, pp. 64-65, 90, 197, 160; oral statements of Rev. G. MacLaren Brydon, D. D., Treasurer of the Diocese of Virginia, and of Dr. Garnett Ryland, Librarian, Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

Minutes, 1873--, 2 vols. Register (members, deaths), 1873--, 2 vols., in the home of the church clerk, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Glen Allen, Sunday School, 1849-72, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1925--, 10 vols., kept in the church.

### 13. COLOSSE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1791--, King William Court House, King William County.

Organized in 1791, as Lower College Baptist Church. Early membership included Pamunkey Indians and Negroes. For a number of years meetings were held in two other places, Acqinton Meeting House and the old West Point Meeting House, which was used by several denominations.

The original frame building of Lower College was replaced in 1852 by the present brick building, dedicated in 1858. The bricks for the church were made near the church and burned by the slaves of Dr. John S. Lewis who was instrumental in erecting the building. The interior woodwork and furniture are pine, oak, and mahogany. In 1853 the name was changed to Colosse Baptist Church.

First pastor, Rev. Robert Baylor Semple, 1791-96. Educated in private schools, first with a Mr. Taylor and later with Rev. Peter Nelson who offered him free tuition and board in his academy at Old Fork Church, in Hanover County (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Churches). At the age of 16 he was a competent assistant teacher in the academy. Later he taught in a private family and studied law. He was converted and baptized December 1789. In 1810, he published: A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia. In 1814, an M. A. was conferred upon him by Brown University. He declined for conscientious reasons the D. D. degrees offered to him by Brown University in 1824, and William and Mary College in 1826.

See: William B. Sprague, Annals of the American Pulpit . . ., New York, Robert Carter & Brothers, 530 Broadway, 1877, vol. 6, pp. 305-311.

Minutes (1814-34 including members, 1863-70 including members, finances, baptisms, deaths), 1814-70, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; (including members, deaths), 1870--, 1 vol., in custody of the church clerk, W. T. Martin, Falls. Sunday School organized in 1829; the only records which exist are 1926--, 1 vol.

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14. ELIZABETH CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1791-95. Defunct. Elizabeth City County.

Organized in 1791. Appeared in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1793 and was listed the last time in 1795. There is no record of a pastor.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 12, 1793, Richmond, Printed by T. Nicolson, 1793, p. 3; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 10, 1795, Richmond, Printed by Thomas Nicolson, 1795, p. 3.

No records of this church were found.

15. HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1807-- , on Highway 610, six miles west of Montpelier, Hanover County.

Organized in 1807 by some members from Goochland Baptist Church (entry 1). The first meeting house was a frame structure located about two hundred yards north of the present building. Worshipped there until 1844, when they moved into the present building. The old building no longer stands. A Sunday School annex was built in 1930.

Brick building, interior walls cream color, white woodwork, mahogany pulpit furniture, pews mahogany finish. Back of the pulpit is an imitation of a painted window with a picture of the cross and crown and a quotation, Matt. 11:28. The pulpit furniture was presented by Archer Anderson in memory of Lucy Barbara and Patsy Tanner Anderson. The Baptistry is in memory of William Joseph Waldrop, church treasurer, gift of his wife. One stained glass window in memory of Charles S. Cocke, born Aug. 29, 1840, died Mar. 8, 1913. The Ladies Bible Class room is in memory of Archer Hart Anderson, and Katherine Nassue Anderson, presented by their surviving children: Archer Anderson, Thomas Lewis Anderson, Mathew McGregor Anderson, Dr. Joseph J. Anderson, Herman Hart Anderson, and Mrs. Patsie Callis Shipley. The Berean Bible Class room is in memory of Thomas C. and Ann J. Anderson, by Mollie Anderson. The Fidelis Bible Class room is in memory of Thomas Franklin and Eudora Josephine Waldrop, by Edgar Allen Waldrop, Sr., Herbert Franklin Waldrop, William Joseph Waldrop, and Nelson Richard Waldrop. The Radiant Bible Class room is in memory of Martin Alfus and Willanna Woodson Waldrop, gift of Thomas Martin Waldrop; Eagle Bible Class room, gift of the Duggins family, is in memory of William Flemming Duggins and wife, William Jr. and Joseph Duggins. The Junior Department room is in memory of Mollie and Matthew H. Lloyd, by their children.

First pastor, Rev. Rueben Ford, 1807-19. He was born about 1742, converted at the age of 20 under the preaching of George Whitefield, baptized when he was 27 years old and ordained shortly afterwards. He became the first pastor of Goochland Baptist Church (entry 1), 1771, and was the pastor when some members were dismissed to organize this church.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott and Co., 1859, 1st Series, pp. 56-59.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1815-55, 2 vols., in custody of Rev. Leland Hubert Waters, 5611 Bloomingdale Ave., Richmond; 1855-1900, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1925-- , 1 vol., in custody of W. Carl Rigsby, church clerk, Bumpass. Financial records (receipts, disbursements), 1925-- , 15 vols., in custody of Thomas Martin Waldrop, Beaver Dam, R. F. D. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members, finances), 1925-- , 3 vols., in custody of Mrs. John Robert Hollins, Bumpass. Baptist Young People's Union (minutes), 1928-- , 1 vol.; (members, finances), 1928-- , 6 vols. Sunday School (minutes), 1928-- , 1 vol.; (members, finances), 1928-- , 6 vols.



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16. MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH, 1815--, Holdcroft, on Highway 615, Charles City County.

Organized in 1815. Entered present frame building in 1880. First pastor, Rev. Robert Tisdale, 1815-19. No other information available.

17. QUEEN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1820-33. Defunct. York County.

Organized in 1820, appeared in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1820, last appeared as Queen Creek Baptist Church in 1825; in 1826 the name was changed to "Chese Kayke", later changed to Cheese Cake. It was dropped from the Association in 1833.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 14-16, 1820, Richmond, Printed by Shepherd & Pollard, 1820, p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . October 1825, Richmond, Printed by Thomas W. White, 1826, p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . October 1826, Richmond, Printed by Thomas W. White, 1826, p. 4; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sep. 24-26, 1833, Richmond, Printed at the office of the Religious Herald, 1833, p. 8.

No records of this church were found.

18. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1820-- , S. E. corner Franklin and Adams Sts., Richmond.

Organized May 5, 1820, by 17 members from First Baptist Church (entry 8) and a few others. Developed from a meeting held April 4, 1820, in the home of Rev. David Roper with seven men and two women, who decided to organize a church. Rev. David Roper and William Crane, a merchant, had been conducting a Sunday School in the second story of a shoe store on the South side of Broad St. between 8th and 9th Sts. Among those taught were Lott Carey, pioneer to Liberia, Collin Teagle and his son, Hill Teagle.

In April 1822, they laid the foundation of their first house of worship. This was located on the east side of 11th St. between Main and Cary Sts. It was dedicated October 1822, and Rev. Robert Baylor Semple preached the dedicatory sermon.

A meeting was held in this building at 5 A. M. on June 8, 1822, which resulted in the founding of Richmond College (now University of Richmond). In June 1823, the Baptist General Association of Virginia was organized in this building. In 1824, the first colored members were admitted. In 1827, the Religious Herald, the first Baptist weekly paper in Virginia, was founded by William Crane, one of the founders of this church. The Religious Herald was preceded for a year by the Evangelical Inquirer, a monthly paper, edited by Henry Keeling.

They held their first religious revival in 1831, and increased their membership by nearly 200. About half of them were colored. In 1833, 14 members were dismissed to organize Third Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist Church, entry 21).

In May 1841, they entered a brick building which they had erected at the S. W. corner of 6th and Main Sts., dedicated Jan. 16, 1842. Feb. 1, 1846, 57 colored members left to form Second African Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, the Colored Baptist Churches of Richmond). In 1847, a large number of white members were dismissed to form "the church in Manchester" now Bainbridge Street Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Middle District Baptist Association). On July 16, 1904, they laid the corner-stone of the present building.

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The church was completed in 1906. Brick building, Renaissance architecture, interior woodwork white, solid mahogany furniture, rostrum of Corinthian architecture. The chimes are a memorial to James Dodson Crump. There is a bronze tablet in memory of members who served in the World War, 1917-18. In the Educational building, which was constructed in 1926 at 7 W. Franklin St. two doors east of the church, are two tablets, one in memory of William Ellyson, the other in memory of Thomas Starke.

First pastor, Rev. David Roper, 1820-26, who served without remuneration while employed as a clerk in the city. The first pastor paid for his services was Rev. James Bennett Taylor, Ph.D., LL.D., 1824-40. He was born in England and came to New York in 1805. Two years later he joined Buffalo Baptist Church, Mecklenburg County (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Concord Association). Later he assisted William Crane, founder of the Religious Herald.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, pp. 143-495; Douglas Southall Freeman, "Historical Sketch of the first fifty years of the Second Baptist Church", in The Ideal. Richmond, the church, vol. 5, May 1921, pp. 4-11.

Minutes (including baptisms, members; and financial records 1913--), 1820--, 9 vols.; and 1 card file, 1926--. Financial, 1855-1903, 1907-12, 2 vols. The Ideal published monthly except July, August, and September 1909-35, 11 bound vols.; 1936--, published annually, 1 bound vol. contains: list of members, reports of officers, annual reports of the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. All records kept in a safe in the secretary's office at 7 W. Franklin St. No records of marriages or deaths except personal records of each pastor.

### 19. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1825--, Mangohick, King William County.

Organized in 1825 as Mangohick Baptist Church. They first worshiped in a brick building which was occupied by the Church of England until after the Revolutionary War. This was Upper Church, in St. David's Parish (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Churches). The building is now occupied by the Mangohick Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Colored Baptist Churches).

In 1832, the name was changed to Union Mangohick Baptist Church. In 1854, they moved into the present building and changed the name to Hebron Baptist Church. Brick building, Colonial architecture. A portico with four columns was given the church in 1925 by Rueben Volcony Atkins.

First pastor, Rev. Andrew Broadus, 1827-34. He was reared by his parents for the Episcopal clergy. He read all the religious books available and decided to unite with the Baptist Church, much against the wishes of his parents. His father was a rigid adherent of the Episcopal Church and opposed his baptism May 28, 1789, when he became a member of Upper King and Queen Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Rappahannock Baptist Association). He was ordained in the same church Oct. 16, 1791. He died Dec. 1, 1848.

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers . . ., Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1859, 2nd Series, pp. 238-277; William Cathcart, The Baptist Encyclopaedia A Dictionary of the Doctrines . . . of the Baptist Denomination in All Lands, Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts, 1881, p. 138; Sally Gwathmey Gravett Fox (Mrs. William Elliot Fox), Centennial Service, 1825-1925, Mangohick October 1925, Richmond, the church, 1925, 12 pp.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1882-1931, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1932--, 1 vol., in custody of Herbert Dabney, R. F. D. 1, Hanover. Sunday School (members, finances),



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1932--, 1 vol., kept in the church.

20. NORTH RUN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1832--, on Hungary Road, two miles from Solomon's Store, Henrico County.

Organized in 1832 as Brook Baptist Church and in that year erected a frame building on the present church grounds. The name was changed to North Run Union Baptist Church in 1840. "Union" was later dropped from the name. The present meeting house was built in 1884, a basement was built under the church in 1918, a wing added to the building in 1903, enlarging the auditorium, and another annex was completed in 1932.

Frame building, tin roof painted red, clear glass windows, white figured paper on the ceiling and tan figured paper on the walls, mahogany stained woodwork and pews. The mahogany pulpit furniture is the gift of Miss Ida Cauthorne in memory of her father and mother: William Rufus Cauthorne, born July 4, 1812, died Feb. 14, 1892, and Mrs. Margaret Ellen Lucas Cauthorne, born June 20, 1832, died Sept. 30, 1885.

First pastor, Rev. Eli Ball, 1832-40. Born Nov. 2, 1786. Baptized in 1805, preached his first sermon in Boston, December 1807, licensed to preach July 1808, studied theology under the direction of Rev. Caleb Blood, pastor of the Third Baptist Church in Boston (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Massachusetts).

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott and Co., 1859, 2nd Series, pp. 334-348.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1919--, 2 vols., in custody of Willis Levern Smith, 3120 Lamb Ave., Richmond. Financial (receipts, disbursements), 1919--, 21 vols., in custody of Edward Marion King, Dumbarton. Sunday School (minutes, officers, attendance, collections), 1923--, 5 vols. Baptist Young People's Union (record of weekly meetings, contributions, some minutes), 1921, 1924, 1926-28, 1930-32, 1935, 1938--, 11 vols. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members, finances), 1938--, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. Eula Carmel Cross, Dumbarton.

21. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1833--, S. E. corner Boulevard and Grove Ave., Richmond.

Organized Dec. 2, 1833, as Third Baptist Church in the home of John Weisiger on Duval St. with 14 members from Second Baptist Church (entry 18), and four from other churches. They built a plain brick chapel on the N. W. corner of Marshall and 2nd Sts. which they entered in 1834.

In 1845, they moved into a large brick church, Colonial architecture on the N. E. corner of Grace and Foushee Sts., and changed their name to Grace Street Baptist Church. The upper part of the church was opened for services May 10, 1846. They added a Grecian portico and other improvements during the pastorate of Rev. Jeremiah Bell Jeter 1852-70. In 1890 they started building a larger church of brick and brownstone, Gothic architecture, on the same site. While building they worshiped in a temporary tabernacle, corner of Pine and Grace Sts.

In the fall of 1891, they moved into the basement of the new church until the main auditorium was completed. Church was dedicated Mar. 25, 1894 and destroyed by fire Feb. 25, 1896. While rebuilding on the same site they worshiped in: Beth Ahabah Synagogue, now occupied by Sir Moses Montefiore Congregation, east side of 11th St. north of Marshall St. (see forthcoming Inventory of Archives of Virginia, Jewish Congregations); the Academy of Music on 8th St. between Franklin and Grace Sts.; and with other churches until a temporary

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tabernacle was erected on Belvedere and Grace Sts., where they remained until Jan. 6, 1901, when they moved into and dedicated the new stone church of Gothic architecture.

In 1923, they bought their present building from Calvary Baptist Church (entry 51), and sold their old property for a business site. The present church is brick, Gothic architecture. The church was dedicated March 1923, and the congregation changed the name to Grace Baptist Church. In the vestibule is a bronze tablet with the names of the men who served in the World War. A spacious Sunday School annex adjoins the main building.

First pastor, Rev. Henry Keeling, 1833-37. He was formerly assistant pastor of First Baptist Church (entry 8) and first editor of the Religious Herald.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, pp. 155, 437, 451, 475; Religious Herald, Jan. 11, 1828, title page; Herbert E. Cox, Historical Address Delivered at Centennial of Grace Baptist Church . . ., Richmond, the church, 1933, 8 pp.; Hundredth Anniversary 1833-1933 . . . Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, the church, 1933, 9 pp.

Minutes (including scattered records of baptisms, membership, deaths), 1880--, 5 vols. Register (members, marriages), 1927--, 1 vol. Financial, 1929--, 5 vols. Sunday School (members, attendance), 1896--, 2 vols. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes), 1902--, 7 vols. Most of the church records were burned in the fire of 1896. All records are kept at the church in custody of the secretary, Miss Ida Orell.

### 22. GROUND SQUIRREL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1833-37. Defunct. Hanover County.

Organized in 1833, appeared in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1833 and the last time in 1837.

First pastor, Rev. M. L. Jones, listed as the pastor in the 1833 Minutes.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sep. 24-26, 1833, Richmond, Printed at the office of the Religious Herald, 1833, pp. 3, 5-11; Minutes of the Dover Association . . . Oct. 7-9, 1837, Richmond, Printed by William Sands, at the Herald office, 1837, p. 3.

No records of this church were found.

### 23. NEW BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1834--, Highland Springs, Henrico County.

Organized in 1834. First worshiped in a frame building on the present site. This building was moved and a second frame church was erected to the front which was used as a hospital during the War Between the States. The present church was built in 1924 and dedicated in 1938. Brick building, Grecian architecture, four Doric columns, slate roof, stained glass windows, interior ivory, mahogany pews and pulpit furniture.

First pastor, Rev. Joseph Starke, 1835-42. He was highly educated. Baptized June 5, 1831, and united with the First Baptist Church of Richmond (entry 8). He was ordained in September 1831, and served different churches in the neighborhood of Richmond. The last year of his life he was pastor of the Black Creek Baptist Church (entry 3). He died July 25, 1853.

See: Article in Religious Herald, Aug. 11, 1853, p. 4, col. 2.

Minutes, 1920--, 1 vol. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1920--, 1 vol, in the home of the church clerk, Frank L. Davis, R. F. D. 3. Sunday School, 1926--, 10 vols.



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24. WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1834-60. Defunct. Goochland County.

Organized in 1834, appeared in Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1835, and last appeared in 1860. The Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association from 1861-65 do not contain the names of the churches and during that time Webster Church became defunct.

First pastor, Rev. Isaac S. Tinsley, 1835.

Last pastor, Rev. A. B. Smith, listed in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1860.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sep. 29 & 30, 1835, Richmond, William Sands, Printer, 1835, pp. 4 & 12; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sep. 18-29, 1860, Richmond, H. K. Ellyson, Printers, 1860, p. 27.

No records of this church were found.

25. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1838-- , Penick Road, Dumbarton, Henrico County.

Organized May 31, 1838, with nine members from Chickahominy Baptist Church (now Winn's Baptist Church, entry 7). Tradition says it developed from a Sunday School organized in 1828, in a little log schoolhouse on Old Bethlehem road, about two miles from the present site, where they continued to worship until their first church was erected on ground donated by Frank Staples. Building dedicated May 31, 1839. The building was used as a First Aid Hospital during part of the War Between the States. In 1869 or 1870, the building was destroyed by fire. A new church was erected and still stands, having been converted into a dwelling after the congregation moved to the present site in 1909.

On Sept. 25, 1898, during the pastorate of Rev. Alfred Bagby, the church was completely disbanded and reorganized in a more efficient manner, all in one day. A building on the present site was dedicated July 25, 1909. This was totally destroyed by fire Nov. 3, 1920. While the church was being rebuilt, services were held in the Dumbarton Schoolhouse on the adjoining lot. A much larger and better equipped building was erected on the site of the former church. The Sunday School department was opened for service Nov. 6, 1921, and the church auditorium was completed in 1924.

Stucco building, Gothic architecture, slate roof, inside woodwork stained mahogany, pulpit furniture and pews are oak. Stained glass windows in the church auditorium, Florentine glass windows in the Sunday School building which has 20 class rooms, 5 assembly rooms, Superintendent's and Secretary's offices, social hall and kitchen. Two outside lights are memorials to Mrs. Marie Louise Powell and Mrs. William Edward Watson.

First pastor, Rev. Elias Dodson, May 1839-November 1839. Elementary education.

See: [Joseph R. Johnson], Historical Sketch of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Henrico County, Virginia, Richmond, the church, n. d., 42 pp.; "Bethlehem Church, New and Old", in Religious Herald, July 29, 1909, p. 5, cols. 1 & 2; "Bethlehem Baptist Church", in "Minutes of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1902-23", pp. 11-12.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1902-23, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances, quarterly and annual reports of Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Woman's Missionary Society), 1929-- , 2 vols., in custody of Rev. Robert Ernest Brown, Lakeside. Finances (receipts, disbursements), 1929-- , 11 vols. Sunday School (members, grades, promotions, church affiliation), 1929-- , 1 file. Previous records destroyed by fire.

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26. WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1841--, on Highway 156 near Mechanicsville, Hanover County.

Organized May 10, 1841 as Bethesda Baptist Church with 28 members. They held services in a brick meeting house, dedicated in 1842, on the main road from Old Church to Richmond, occupying the building jointly with a Campbellite Congregation later known as Gethsemane Christian Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Christian Churches). In November 1843, the Baptists moved to Meadow Farm Schoolhouse where they continued to worshiped until March 1845. May 10, 1845, they offered to buy the interest of the Campbellites in the building or to sell their own, and when the proposition was declined, they decided in June 1845 to build for themselves; but did not relinquish their right in the old building.

While the church was being erected, they worshiped in a grove near Edward Garland Sydnor's gate. The congregation met at different times in Bethesda Meeting House as late as Aug. 25, 1861 in order to retain their legal right to an interest in the building. The building was burned by an incendiary in 1868, and the land was sold to P. Hughes for \$51. A highway historical marker on Richmond-Tappahannock highway near Battle Park High School has the inscription: "This is the site of the Bethesda Church. Here on May 30, 1864, a part of Warren's (Fifth) Corps of Grant's Army, advancing southward, was attacked by Early. On June 2, 1864, Early here attacked Burnside's (Ninth) Corps."

The new church, located on the land of Edward Garland Sydnor about two and a half miles from Mechanicsville on the road to Cold Harbor, was opened and dedicated June 14, 1846, the congregation having changed their name to Walnut Grove Baptist Church May 23, 1846. A vestibule was added to the front and two rooms to the rear of the building. A wing was built on each side in 1923.

Frame building, cruciform in shape, Gothic architecture, tin roof painted red, interior woodwork and pews are stained light oak, pulpit furniture oak, walls and ceiling are covered with light tan paper, clear glass windows except the two memorial stained glass windows; one to the memory of William Barrett Sydnor, 1806-62, Sarah Thomas Sydnor, 1812-79; and one to Robert Reynolds Horne, 1806-55, Mary Gunter Horne, 1809-53. The pulpit is a memorial to Rev. Charles Hill Ryland, pastor from Aug. 1, 1880-Jan. 1, 1888, and from Jan. 1, 1891-Aug. 2, 1908, 25 years in all. This building was used as a First Aid Hospital during the battle of Cold Harbor. The Battle Field Markers Association placed a marker in front of the church with the following inscription: "Walnut Grove Church. Here on the morning of June 27, 1862 as he was directing the pursuit of McClellan's right wing - Robert E. Lee met Stonewall Jackson whose army of the Valley arrived to join the attack on the Federals the same afternoon."

First pastor, Rev. William F. Nelson, 1841-42.

See: Charles Hill Ryland, "Walnut Grove Church History", notes from which address was delivered Aug. 16, 1909, in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; Virginia Conservation Commission, State Historical Markers of Virginia . . . , Richmond, Division of Purchase and Printing, 1937, 4th Series, p. 103.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1841-1901, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; (including annual reports of Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, finances of Woman's Missionary Society), 1900-- , 10 file boxes. Register (members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1841-- , 4 vols. The Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union make annual reports to the church which are preserved in the Minutes; the other records are not preserved. Woman's Missionary Society and Ladies Aid Society, 1910-- , 1 vol.



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27. TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1841--, Taylorsville, Hanover County.

Organized Oct. 9, 1841 in the new frame meeting house in Taylorsville. The original membership consisted of nine persons baptized Sept. 27, 1841, as a result of a protracted meeting held at Taylorsville, three persons previously baptized, five members from Burruss Baptist Church (now Carmel Baptist Church), one from Reeds Baptist Church (now Mount Horeb Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Hermon Baptist Association), and one from First Baptist Church, Richmond (entry 8).

In 1856, they erected a brick building on the same site. They sold the frame structure to a society which was holding a Sunday School. This was organized soon afterwards as the Elon Baptist Church (entry 37). While building, they met at Fork Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Churches), Sept. 28, 1856 and November 1856, and at the residence of Edmund Winston, Nov. 9, 1856. The congregation met in their own building Apr. 11, 1857.

In 1936, they built a Sunday School annex consisting of 10 class rooms and 4 assembly rooms at the rear of the building. In 1908, they bought some land adjoining the church property on which they built a frame parsonage in 1910.

Red brick building with extensions at the rear, tin roof painted red, clear glass windows. Interior woodwork white, balcony supported by Doric columns in the rear of the auditorium, walnut pulpit furniture, pews stained oak. One class room is a memorial to Eleanor Gwathmey, and one assembly room is a memorial to Edward Garlick Gwathmey.

First pastor, Rev. Samuel S. Sumner, Nov. 14, 1841-45.

See: Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson, Publishers [1894], p. 153.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1841-61, 1868-1921, 3 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1841-61, 1868-92, 2 vols., (including finances), 1892-1921, 1926-28, 2 vols., (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1921-34, 1 vol. in the church; (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1935--, 1 vol., in custody of Willard Winston Mallory, Ashland. Roll of members, 1874-1921, 3 vols. Finances (receipts, disbursements), 1934-35, 1939--, 1 vol., in custody of Thomas Frank Flipppo, Doswell; 1935-38, 1 vol., in custody of Laurence Dabney Binns, Doswell. Financial Secretary's record (receipts for current expenses), 1929-33, 5 vols., (receipts for current expenses of church, Sunday School, missions, and Young People's work), 1934, 1 vol., (receipts for current expenses of church, Sunday School, missions), 1935--, 5 vols., in custody of Miss Eleanor Dyson, Ashland, R. F. D. Sunday School (attendance, finances), 1919-21, 1 vol., (members, offerings), 1921-25, 3 vols., 1931-33, 3 vols., (members), 1934-37, 3 vols., (class reports), 1938--, 2 vols., (intermediate members, offerings), 1927-30, 1 vol., in the church. Baptist Young People's Union (members, offering), 1935, 1 vol., in church; (attendance, finances), April 1939--, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Ella Flipppo, Doswell. Woman's Missionary Society, organized June 1885; (minutes, members, finances), 1919--, 3 vols., in custody of Miss Susie Lumpkin Baker, Doswell, R. F. D.

28. AQUINTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1842-66. Defunct. King William County.

Organized in 1842. Appeared first in the Dover Baptist Association Minutes in 1842 and appeared the last time in 1866.

First pastor, Rev. John O. Turpin, 1843. No mention of last pastor.

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See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 8-10, 1842, Richmond, Printed by Henry K. Ellyson, 1842, pp. 3, 5; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 7-9, 1843, Richmond, H. K. Ellyson's Press, 1843, p. 3; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . 1862-66, Richmond, Laughton & Fore, Printers, 1866, p. 38.

No records of this church were found.

### 29. FOURTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1842-50. Defunct. 23rd and Franklin Sts., Richmond.

Organized May 12, 1842, with 12 members from First Baptist Church (entry 8), at Union Schoolhouse near 23rd and Franklin Sts. When the church dissolved of its own accord in 1850, the members went back to First Baptist Church.

First pastor, Rev. A. B. Smith, 1842-46, graduate of Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

See: Judson Starke Boshier, "Historical Sketch of Fourth Baptist Church", typescript, 1939, 1 p., in the custody of Mr. Boshier, 301 E. Brookland Park Boulevard.

### 30. HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1842--, Tunstall, New Kent County.

Organized in 1842. Developed from services conducted by Dr. William Rabineau, in a log cabin in a field belonging to Joseph Parsley in Hanover County just a little over the New Kent County line. It was near the site of the present store which is owned by Charles Franklin Parsley. Dr. Rabineau was a member of the medical profession. He came to this country from France. He was taken prisoner during the War Between the States and died of yellow fever.

About 1856, the congregation erected a small frame church on the grounds of the present building. They worshiped here until they moved into their new building. This building was dedicated about 1907.

Frame building, painted gray, tin roof, small steeple, interior walls white, pine woodwork, sloping floor, old pews are pine painted gray with dark trim, some additional pews are poplar and circular design, pulpit furniture walnut. Rev. James Fendall Parkinson, a graduate of Richmond College (now University of Richmond) was probably the first pastor of the church after it was moved to the present location. The minutes show that he was there in January 1869 and in May 1873, but it is not known when his tenure started or when it ended. He thought the most useful part of his ministry was given to this church and to Black Creek Baptist Church (entry 3).

First pastor, Rev. William Hatchett, 1844. He is mentioned in connection with Beulah Baptist Church, Reedy-Mills Baptist Church (now Mt. Horeb Baptist Church) and Concord Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Hermon Baptist Association), Black Creek Baptist Church (entry 3).

See: James B. Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1859, 2nd Series, pp. 362-363; Robert Baylor Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia . . ., Richmond, Va., Pitt and Dickinson, Publishers, [1894], p. 153; George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company Inc., 1912, 3rd Series, pp. 293-296, 425-436.

Minutes (members, deaths), January 1869-May 1873, April 1895-July 1922, 1928--, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. James Thomas Tunstall, Tunstall. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol. kept in the church.



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31. PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1843-66, 1879--, Darbytown Road, Henrico County.

Organized in 1843. The congregation first worshiped in a schoolhouse near the present church grounds. Later they entered a frame church on the present site. This building was destroyed during the War Between the States. In 1866 the church was officially reported destroyed and disorganized. They reorganized in 1879, and entered the present frame building which was dedicated in 1897.

First pastor, Rev. John W. Fussell, 1843-58.

Minutes (including members, deaths, finances), 1926--, 1 vol., in custody of the church clerk, George B. Britton, Richmond, R. F. D. 6. Sunday School, 1911--, 14 vols. All other records lost.

32. BEREIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1846--, Hylas, Hanover County.

Organized Jan. 22, 1846--, as Mount Fork Baptist Church with seven members in the home of John Snead. On Sept. 20, 1846 the name was changed to Berea Baptist Church. They entered the present building in 1894. Frame building, Colonial architecture, with clear glass windows. The interior woodwork, including the ceiling, is stained oak; oak pews, pulpit and pulpit furniture walnut. Ten Sunday School rooms were added to the building under the leadership of Rev. Charles A. Morgan.

First pastor, Rev. Joseph Hay, 1846.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1846-1930, 4 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1900--, 2 file boxes. Register (members, deaths), 1846--, 6 vols. Sunday School, 1916--, 1 vol.

33. MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1847--, near Negrofoot, on Highway 671, Hanover County.

Organized Oct. 22, 1847, with 34 members, in the Bethlehem Meeting House, about four miles south of the present building. Worshiped there until present building was completed and dedicated Mar. 18, 1849.

Brick building, bricks said to have been made on the grounds, interior woodwork white and some stained mahogany, furniture mahogany finish.

First pastor, Rev. Martin T. Sumner, D. D., August 1849-December 1853.

See: History of Mount Olivet 1847-1927, n. p., n. d., pp. 1-3.

Minutes (including membership, baptisms, deaths), 1847-91, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; typescript copy of 1847-91, 1 vol., (including members, 1891-1927, quarterly reports of Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society), 1891--, 1 vol., in the church. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1928--, 1 vol., in custody of the church clerk, Mrs. Forrest Mallory, Ashland. Sunday School (members, finances), 1930--, 9 vols.

34. MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1849-60. Defunct. York County.

Organized in 1849, appeared first in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1849 and appeared the last time in 1860. It is not mentioned in the 1866 Minutes, so it probably became defunct some time between 1860 and 1866.

First pastor, Rev. Scervant Jones, 1849. Last pastor, Rev. W. A. Crandoll, 1860.

See: Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Oct. 13-15, 1849, Richmond, H. K. Ellyson, 1849, pp. 4, 6; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . Sept. 18-20, 1860, Richmond, H. K. Ellyson, Printers, 1860,

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p. 25; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . 1862-66, Richmond, Laughton & Fore, Printers, 1866, p. 27.

No records of this church were found.

35. LEIGH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1854--, S. E. corner 25th and Leigh Sts., Richmond.

Organized July 20, 1854, in the present building by some members of First Baptist Church (entry 8), Second Baptist Church (entry 18), and Grace Street Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist Church, entry 21). They met in a hall on 26th and N. Sts. for the purpose of considering the erection of a building on the present site. The first service was held in the basement of the church Dec. 25, 1854. Sunday School annex built in 1911, and other additions in 1930.

Stucco building, Colonial architecture, interior woodwork white, mahogany furniture, circular balcony in rear of the auditorium, supported by Doric columns, two large Doric columns on the rostrum at the sides of the alcove in which is the choir loft. Pipe organ, memorial to Jennie Martin Parrish; brass lectern in memory of Lula Longan Hitt; another lectern is the image of an angel supporting the book rest. Near the alcove is a bronze memorial tablet to William J. Westwood, deacon for 25 years, and Kate Westwood. In the vestibule, two marble tablets, one to the memory of pastors of the church, the other to the memory of those who have gone into the ministry from the church. Nine bronze memorial tablets in Sunday School auditorium.

First pastor, Rev. Reuben Ford, 1854-56. Ordained 1840. Pastor of Goochland Baptist church (entry 1), Dover Baptist Church (entry 2), Deep Run Baptist Church (entry 12), and Winn's Baptist Church (entry 7), 1840-46; Hepzibah Baptist Church (now Branch's Baptist Church), and Spring Creek Baptist Church (now Bethlehem Baptist Church) in Chesterfield County, 1846-52 (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Middle District Baptist Association). In 1852 he was called to a mission on Church Hill, Richmond, from which the present church developed.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 180; George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1912, 3rd Series, pp. 54-55.

Minutes (including quarterly and annual financial reports), 1854--, 3 vols., in custody of Earl Sibley, 314 Chimboraza Boulevard. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1854--, 6 vols. Finances, 1911-20, 2 vols., 1921--, loose leaves, in envelopes, reports made to church and preserved in minutes. Reports for improvements, 1914-16, not bound. Minutes of Men's Christian Club (including Treasurer's report), 1903-8, 1 vol. Sunday School (including minutes of Workers Council, finances), 1891-92, 1900-1936, 5 vols., card file, 1913--. Woman's Missionary Society (including minutes, membership, finances), 1922--, 4 vols., in custody of Mrs. Carroll Overton Alley, 2111 Barton Ave. The society is a combination of Missionary, Ladies' Aid, and Dorcas Societies, dating back to about 1898, the exact dates of organization and merger not preserved.

36. PINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1855--, S. W. corner of Pine and Albe-marle Sts., Richmond.

Organized May 6, 1855, as Belvedere Hill Baptist Church with 69 members. Developed from a mission which started Feb. 3, 1850, and was sponsored by the Baptist State Mission Board. Rev. J. M. Butler was the first missionary pastor to the mission which was then known as the Colony. Services were held



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in the home of Bailey Martin on Church St., and later conducted by Rev. Joshua Brown Hutson in the home of Hutson Bethel on Belvedere St. In 1855, they rented a church on the N. E. corner of Rowe and Church Sts., where they worshiped until 1870, when they moved into the new frame church N. W. corner of Pine and Spring Sts. On Mar. 26, 1871, they changed their name to Pine Street Baptist Church. In 1882, they moved into the basement of the present building which was completed and dedicated in 1888. Two annexes were added, and in 1927 were replaced by the present annex. Brick building, Gothic architecture, interior woodwork cream, dark oak furniture. Memorial tablets to Joshua Brown Hutson, and to members who fought in the World War.

First pastor, Rev. Henry W. Watkins, 1855-57, converted 1831, ordained 1832. He was with this congregation five years as he served as missionary pastor before the church was organized.

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1912, 3rd Series, p. 165; Manual of the Pine Street Baptist Church, 1872-89, Richmond, the church, 1889, 60 pp.; Forty-fifth Anniversary of Pastor Hutson, Richmond, the church, Nov. 4, 1917, 4 pp., in custody of Miss Annie Hill, 414 S. Pine St.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, finances, marriages, deaths; annual reports of Baptist Young People's Union, and Woman's Missionary Society from 1894--), 1855--, 4 vols., in custody of the church clerk, Mitford Sims, 212 N. Meadow St. Register (marriages, deaths), 1875-79, 1883-91, 2 vols., in custody of Mr. Sims. Sunday School (minutes and members), 1905-21, 1 vol., 1922--, not bound; also some records of scattered dates before 1905, in custody of John Broadus Wiltshire, 617 Lancaster Road.

### 37. ELON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1857--, Hewlett, Hanover County.

Organized Aug. 16, 1857, in the Elon Meeting House on the present site, with three members from County Line Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association), two from Mount Olivet Baptist Church (entry 33), and two from Mount Carmel Baptist Church (now Carmel Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Hermon Baptist Association). It developed from a weekly prayer meeting started in 1854 at Little Eagle Hall, Hanover County, about three quarters of a mile east of the present site of the church. Later they moved to the Old Beaver Dam Meeting House on the road from Terrell's Old Tavern to Taylorsville, the present site of the church. Dr. Lynn Boarheare Anderson negotiated the purchase of the frame building of Taylorsville Baptist Church (entry 27), which was being replaced with a brick building. The material of this building was used to erect another building on the site of the Old Beaver Dam Meeting House. It was dedicated Aug. 31, 1856, and named Elon Meeting House. This building was torn down and the present building erected on the same site. It was used for the first time Mar. 7, 1922, dedicated June 18, 1922. While they were erecting their new church, the congregation worshiped in St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church one half mile away (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Methodist Churches).

Brick building, interior walls white, pine woodwork stained cherry, pine pews painted dark brown, pulpit furniture mahogany finish and upholstered in leather, oak finish pulpit. Stained glass window back of the pulpit, in memory of Emma Duke, Bettis Duke, and Alfred Duke.

First pastor, Rev. Edward Granville Baptist, Jan. 24, 1858-October 1863, ordained about 1852 and served several churches in Alabama. He became pastor of Wallers Baptist Church, and Mine Road Baptist Church, in 1856 (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Goshen Baptist Association).

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See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc. 1913, 4th Series, pp. 290-291.

Minutes (including members, finances), 1857-1929, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of Joseph Fowler, Doswell, R. F. D. Finances, 1936--, 2 vols., in custody of Miss Elizabeth Jackson, Hewlett. Sunday School (including members, finances), 1930--, 9 vols., in the church. Woman's Missionary Union (minutes, members, finances), 1928-33, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. William Thomas Anderson, Noel; 1933--, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Edith Hart Hewlett.

38. ASHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1858--, Railroad Ave., Ashland, Hanover County.

Organized Aug. 20, 1858, in the Union Meeting House on the North side of the Court House Road (now England St.), with 15 members from Winn's Baptist Church (entry 7), Walnut Grove Baptist Church (entry 26), and Taylorsville Baptist Church (entry 27). Moved into present building in 1860.

Frame building, Greek Colonial architecture, portico with four Doric columns, perpendicular siding, interior woodwork white, doors and pews dark brown finish, pulpit dark oak. Gallery and steps to gallery removed in 1902 when the building was remodeled. Sunday School annex built to rear of church in 1913.

The building was used as a hospital during the War Between the States. In 1892 members living at Gwathmey withdrew and organized the Gwathmey Baptist Church (entry 49).

First pastor, Rev. Alfred Elijah Dickinson, 1858-60. Graduated 1852, Richmond College (now University of Richmond); 1854-55 attended University of Virginia.

See: History of the Ashland Baptist Church, Ashland, Virginia, 1858-1908 [Ashland?], Hanover Herald Print, 1908, pp. 5-15; George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc. 1915, 5th Series, 1902-14, pp. 166-176.

Minutes (including members, monthly and annual reports of Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, Ladies' Aid Society, Baptist Young People's Society), 1909-30, 2 vols., 1930--, 5 folders, in custody of George Macdull Weems, Ashland. Sunday School (attendance, contributions), 1926--, 10 vols. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members, finances), 1893-1902, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. James Ward Vaughan, Ashland; 1920--, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. James Patterson Melton, Ashland. Woman's Missionary Society (finances), 1928--, 1 vol., Ladies' Aid Society (members, finances), Feb. 15, 1879-September 1879, 1911-25, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. James Ward Vaughan, Ashland; 1925--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Carey Judson Spicer, Sr., Ashland, R. F. D.

39. MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1860--, Short Pump on Broad Street Road, near intersection of Skipwith and Parham Roads, about six miles from Richmond, Henrico County.

Organized in 1860. The first building was frame near the present site. The early records are lost and the date of lapse is unknown.

A Sunday School was organized in the spring of 1893 at the home of Drury Wood Bowles. Services were held in the Old Mount Vernon Meeting House and the church reorganized July 28, 1894. A new building was dedicated July 14, 1895 on the same lot. Fire destroyed both the old and new buildings Dec. 14, 1895. A meeting was held the next day in the home of R. H. Anderson and steps taken to rebuild. They met on June 2, 1896 at the residence of Drury



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Wood Bowles. Other meetings were held in unrecorded places while the church was being erected. The new church was dedicated May 31, 1896.

Frame building, clear glass windows, a large circular stained glass window over the front entrance. A wing was added to the building during the pastorate of Rev. Walter Dunnette Bremner who resigned in 1937.

First pastor, Rev. Henry Satterwhite, 1875 to unknown date. Born in Goochland County in 1816, was baptized in early manhood. He was a constituent member of the Berea Baptist Church (entry 32), served there as deacon and clerk, was ordained during the War Between the States.

See: "Minutes of Berea Baptist Church 1846"; Minutes of the 93rd Annual Session of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 18, 19, 20, 1876, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1876, p. 14; H. D. Ragland and A. B. Clarke, "Elder Henry Satterwhite", in Minutes of the 95th Annual Session of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 24, 25, 26, 1878, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1878, p. 20.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1894-1925, 1 vol., in custody of Lewis Coleman Taurman, 4104 Kensington Ave., Richmond. Ladies' Aid Society organized April 1894. Sunday School, 1925-36, 10 vols. No other records available.

### 40. CLAY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1861-65. Defunct. Richmond.

This church was admitted to the Dover Baptist Association in 1861 and disappeared from the Minutes of the Association about 1865. It was a German Baptist Church.

First pastor, Rev. John Blenner, 1861.

See: Judson Starke Boshier, "History of the Dover Baptist Association", mimeographed, n. d., p. 16, in Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

No records of this church were found.

### 41. PAMUNKEY BAPTIST CHURCH (Indian), 1865--, Lester Manor, King William County.

Organized in 1865 by some Indians who were members of Colosse Baptist Church (entry 13). The present frame building was erected in 1865.

First pastor, Rev. Isaiah T. Wallace, 1866-67. Graduate of Richmond College (now University of Richmond), 1857. He was born Feb. 27, 1829, served as Chaplain of the 41st Virginia Regiment.

See: Minutes of the 68th Annual Session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia held with the First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., Nov. 10-13, 1891, Richmond, the church, 1891, p. 53.

Minutes are kept in the tribal record book by Chief W. S. Bradby, Lester Manor. Sunday School, 1866--, 4 vols., kept in the home of the present secretary, Carol Stewart, Lester Manor.

### 42. GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1868--, Glen Allen, Henrico County.

Organized Feb. 23, 1868, in the home of Mrs. John Cussons, 300 yards from the present church, with 20 members from churches in Hanover County, Caroline County, and the City of Richmond. Developed from a Sunday School organized early in the spring of 1865, by James Upsher Carneal and Luther Barnes, and conducted under an arbor erected near the Station House at Glen Allen.

The congregation worshiped in the home of Mrs. John Cussons until they entered the frame building on the present site. This building was prac-

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tically completed by the winter of 1868. They remained there until the present building was erected, which was opened for worship Jan. 29, 1893 and dedicated June 25, 1893. They held services on the church grounds while the building was being erected. Fortunately they had very little inclement weather at the time of services. In 1896, an infant class room was added to the building. Eight class rooms were added in 1914. In the spring of 1935 another annex was added on the west side of the building. This increased the seating capacity of the auditorium and gave two more class rooms.

Frame building, Gothic architecture, slate roof, bell in the steeple over the main entrance. Interior walls cream, with lower part brown, woodwork dark oak finish, and benches with iron supports, pulpit furniture dark oak. The church has a steam heating plant and electric lights. There is a large stained glass window in the front of the church, and a round stained glass window in memory of Percy J. Montague, high in the alcove back of the pulpit. There is a marble tablet back of the pulpit in memory of Rev. Alexander Hamilton Sands and another marble tablet in memory of Isabella Virginia Winston, one of the constituent members of this church, who died Aug. 22, 1887.

First pastor, Rev. Alexander Hamilton Sands, 1868-84. He attended William and Mary College, Williamsburg. On May 23, 1842 he started reading law in the office of his brother, William Gilliat Sands, who was Clerk of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Richmond. He was admitted to the Bar Apr. 23, 1849. He practiced law and gave his ministerial services to this church. He turned over to missions any contributions the church gave him. "A man of guileless life, ripe learning, and cultured tastes. A preacher of sound doctrine, abundant in pastoral labors, and eminently beloved." Born May 2, 1828, died Dec. 22, 1887.

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc. 1913, 4th Series, pp. 38-43; Manual of the Glen Allen Baptist Church, Richmond, the church, n. d., 22 pp.; [Mrs. John Edward Broadbuss, Sr., Mrs. Howard McKim Fleet and Miss Maude Frances Trevett], "History of Glen Allen Baptist Church", in Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Annual Session of the Dover Baptist Association held with Glen Allen Baptist Church, Henrico County, Virginia, Apr. 11 & 12, 1939, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1939, pp. 85-89.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1896-1928, (minutes only), 1933-37, 3 vols., in custody of Mrs. Howard McKim Fleet, Glen Allen, R. F. D.; (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1936--, 1 vol. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1868-1937, 1 vol. Annual reports of Treasurer, Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Woman's Missionary Society, 1933--, 7 folders, in custody of Charles Howerton Parsons, Glen Allen. Finances, 1890-1905, 2 vols., Minutes of Finance Committee, 1913-23, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Howard McKim Fleet, Glen Allen. Finances (receipts and disbursements), 1937--, 1 vol., in custody of John Wesley Melton, Jr., Glen Allen. Sunday School (minutes, members, contributions), 1905-6, 1909-31, 31 vols. Philathea Class (minutes, members), March 1914-February 1918, 1 vol. Beginners' Register, June 7, 1931-Aug. 9, 1931, 1 vol. Library Record (list of books), 2 vols. Baptist Young People's Union (minutes, members, officers), 1920-24, 4 vols., (members, finances), January 1926-July 1926, 1 vol., (Junior Members), 1934-35, 2 vols., in the church. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members, contributions), 1874-85, 1929--, 3 vols., in custody of Mrs. John Edward Broadbuss, St., Glen Allen.

### 43. GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1868--, 1015 Grove Ave., Richmond.

Organized May 3, 1868 as Sidney Baptist Church, later known as Main Street Baptist Church. Started as a mission by First Baptist Church (entry 8),



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Second Baptist Church (entry 18), Grace Baptist Church (entry 21), and Pine Street Baptist Church (entry 36). Services were first held in a small frame building on Robinson and Cary Sts., and later in Sidney Chapel on Main and Harrison Sts., where the church was organized.

They remained here until 1889 when they moved into the new building on the present site. The corner-stone of the building was laid Oct. 3, 1889, dedicated 1890, and the name was changed to Grove Avenue Baptist Church. This building was destroyed by fire Oct. 20, 1900, and again in 1926, and rebuilt each time in Gothic architecture.

The present building is cream colored brick and stone, with a tall spire and deep arched portico at the front. Interior is finished in walnut; individual seats. The pulpit is a memorial to Miss Betty Duke, given by her neice, Miss Laura Stokes Duke. The Communion table was given by Captain Alley Jacob in memory of his wife, Ella Virginia Jacob. In the Sunday School auditorium are two marble tablets, one in memory of Fleming Phillips, 1816-99, Robert Crump, 1823-1904, Caleb Jacob, 1822-1904, and the other in memory of Mrs. William S. Leake, by the Philathea Class. Two bronze tablets in memory of: Alonzo Phillips, 1842-1909, and Telemarchur Ellett, 1842-1913, and his wife, Fannie Ellett, 1843-1905.

First pastor, Rev. John Mason Pilcher, 1868-70. He also served as Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School and Bible Board.

See: William Asbury Christian, D. D., Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, pp. 412-473; John Mason Pilcher, "The History of the Organization and Growth of the Grove Avenue Church", typescript, Mar. 3, 1918, 16 pp., in the church office.

Minutes, 1883-1902, 1906--, 3 vols. Register (members, marriage and death record complete), 1925--, 10 vols. Financial, 1924--, 14 vols. Sunday School, 1927--, card system in custody of the secretary, Miss Josephine Norwood. Baptist Young People's Union, 1927--, card system, in custody of the secretary, Miss Josephine Norwood. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes), kept by the secretary of each group as far back as 1927.

### 44. MANOAH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1869-1935. Defunct. Charles City County.

Organized Dec. 19, 1869 by 12 members who were dismissed Oct. 23, 1869 by letter from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (entry 16). On Jan. 16, 1870 three members were received by letter from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and two were received by letter from Walnut Grove Baptist Church (entry 26). On Jan. 30, 1870 four more members were received by letter from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The Manoaah Baptist Church went into the Peninsula Baptist Association in 1904, and came back into the Dover Baptist Association in 1919. It appeared the last time in the Minutes of 1934.

First pastor, Rev. John Moody Lamb, 1869-78. Last pastor, Rev. J. L. Waldrop, 1934.

See: Minutes of the Peninsula Baptist Association . . . August 23-25, 1904, Richmond Clyde W. Saunders, Printer, 1904, p. 34; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 22-24, 1919, Richmond, Va., Appeals Press, Printers, p. 6; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . April 10, 11, 1934, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1934, p. 5.

Minutes (including members, Church Covenant, bylaws, finances and Ladies Aid Society finances), 1869-98, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

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45. COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, 1870--, Atlee, Hanover County.

Organized Apr. 24, 1870, with 41 members, mostly from Walnut Grove Baptist Church (entry 26). Present building was erected in 1872. Three class rooms were built on the rear of the church in 1894, and five more in 1900. Two wings were added in 1922, enlarging the auditorium and increasing the class rooms to 10. In 1930, the auditorium was renovated; the old plaster and the old floors were replaced.

Frame building, Gothic architecture, belfry with bell over the front entrance, tin roof painted red, interior walls white, ceiled with tongue and grooved boards painted white; pulpit furniture, pews, and woodwork stained mahogany; clear glass windows. They bought a lot adjoining the church property and built a parsonage in 1909.

First pastor, Rev. Newton Short, M. D., 1870-71.

See: Manual of the Cool Spring Baptist Church, Atlee, Hanover County, Va., Richmond, the church, n. d., 22 pp.; Minutes . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 19-21, 1870 . . ., Richmond, Dispatch Steam Power Press, 1870, pp. 12-13.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances, annual reports of Sunday School), 1914--, 2 vols., in custody of Elwood Preston Reese, Atlee. Finances (receipts, disbursements, also finances of Woman's Missionary Society), 1923--, 16 vols., in custody of Miss Viola Young, Ellerson, R. F. D. Woman's Missionary Society (finances), 1917-27, 1 vol., (minutes, finances), 1935--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Mary Estelle Reese, Atlee.

46. FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1870--, S. E. corner Nicholson and Fulton Sts., Richmond.

Organized in 1870 by some members from Leigh Street Baptist Church (entry 35). Held services in a frame church where a dwelling now stands, directly opposite present site, until 1894, when they moved into Sunday School auditorium of present building, which was completed and dedicated 1896. Red brick building, Romanesque architecture, church auditorium on second floor. Interior woodwork and furniture oak.

First pastor, William Abraham Pearson, 1870-71, student at Richmond College (now University of Richmond). Attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Greenville, S. C. Ordained 1873.

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1935, 6th Series, pp. 75-77.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, and annual reports of Baptist Young People's Society, 1909--), 1883-93, 1909--, 2 vols., in custody of Harvey Lee Robinson, 5304 Parker St. Register (baptisms, members and deaths), 1879-98, 1 vol. Financial, 1929--, 9 vols. (1934, 1936-37, 3 vols. in the church; other 6 vols., in custody of James Archibald Black, treasurer, 4715 Williamsburg Ave.). Sunday School (members, financial records), 1901-3, 1911-16, 1935--, 6 vols., in custody of Henry Coleman Leonard, 1016 Louisiana St. Woman's Missionary Society (membership, Minutes of meetings and financial reports), 1911-36, 2 vols. in the church; 1936--, in custody of Mrs. Henry Coleman Leonard, 1016 Louisiana St. Ladies' Aid Society (members, finances, business of meetings), 1913-14, 2 vols., in the church; 1915--, in custody of Mrs. Frank Mayer, Richmond, R. F. D. 6.



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47. NEW BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873-- , near intersection of Highways 634 and 360, Hanover County.

Organized in 1873. Entered present building in 1875. Frame building, painted white.

First pastor, Rev. William E. Talley, 1875-78. Born in Hanover County; studied at Bethany College, W. Va.; licensed to preach Mar. 1, 1873; ordained July 1875, at New Bethesda Baptist Church, Hanover County, Va.

See: George W. Lasher, The Ministerial Directory of the Baptist Churches in the United States of America . . ., Oxford, Ohio, [Press of the Oxford News Co., 1899], p. 715; Charles Henry Ambler, A History of West Virginia . . ., New York, Prentiss-Hall, Inc., 1933, p. 517.

Minutes (including names), 1918-- , 1 vol. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1918-- , 1 vol. No other records available.

48. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873-- , West Point, King William County.

Organized Dec. 21, 1873 with 13 members. They met in the homes of Mrs. Bettie Anderson, Mrs. Martha Starke, Mrs. Mary Dansey, Mrs. Frances Mount, Mrs. Lavinia Whiting, Mrs. Mary S. Williams, Mrs. Susan Davis, B. W. Spencer, and T. R. Watlington, until May 1875, when they started holding meetings in the West Point Methodist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Methodist Churches).

The West Point Land and Development Company gave this church their present site, consisting of two lots, which formerly constituted the churchyard and cemetery of a chapel of the Church of England. This chapel was the oldest church structure in Pamunkey Necke, now King William County; services were held here prior to 1680. It was the first church of St. John's Parish which was organized about 1690. The cemetery was used by the people of the parish and the old Delaware Town which was established in 1704. There are a number of graves and markers, but only one marker is intact.

On July 4, 1875 they laid, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner-stone of a frame building which they entered Oct. 15, 1876. In 1926, they sold this building for \$500 to J. T. Tokarz who used the material in erecting a dwelling at Port Richmond.

The present building was dedicated in 1927. Brick building, with a bell from the old church. In preparing the foundation for the basement of this church, about 40 graves were interrupted. The bones were taken up and re-buried under the left wing as you enter the church.

First pastor, Rev. Alfred Bagby, Feb. 14, 1874-Nov. 21, 1880. Attended Stevensville Academy (now defunct), Stevensville; 1847 Columbian College (now George Washington University), to which later conferred the A. B. and D. D. degrees upon him; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1850-51. Ordained Jan. 2, 1853.

See: Alfred Bagby, King and Queen County, Virginia, New York and Washington, The Neale Publishing Company, 1908, frontispiece, p. 117; George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1935, 6th Series, pp. 195-198.

Minutes (including members, finances, baptisms, deaths), 1873-98, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1914-- , 2 vols., kept in the church. Sunday School (members, attendance, collections), 1906-31, 12 vols., 1931-- , card system. Woman's Missionary Society, 1884-- , 10 vols.

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49. VENABLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1874--, S. E. corner of Venable and 21st Sts., Richmond.

Organized Apr. 12, 1874, by members from First Baptist Church (entry 8), and Leigh Street Baptist Church (entry 35), in a frame building, Venable Street Baptist Chapel, N. W. corner of Buchanan St. facing Venable St. This chapel was built by the mission, from which the church developed, before Rev. George Franklin Williams took charge of the mission November 1873. The mission started about 1871 in the second story room of a frame house at Rock Alley and 17th St.

In 1885 the church purchased the present site, and started building in 1887, during the pastorate of Dr. Robert Healy Pitt. They sold the frame chapel December 1886 but continued to worship there until they entered the basement of the present building Feb. 5, 1888. The auditorium was completed and church dedicated Feb. 1, 1891. In 1910, or 1911, the Sunday School was added. In 1920 they purchased a two story brick house, 2110 Venable St., for the parsonage.

Gray brick building, Romanesque architecture, cruciform plan. Ceiling and upper woodwork ivory, other woodwork and furniture mahogany finish, stained glass windows. A marble tablet, memorial to Emmett Clifton Gills, teacher of the Blue Star Bible Class, 1910-36. Two marble tablets in Sunday School auditorium, one to Benjamin Franklin Cooke, born May 2, 1841, died July 22, 1900, and one to John Henry Tignor, born Jan. 28, 1870, died May 11, 1920.

First pastor, Rev. George Franklin Williams, who took charge of the mission November 1873, became pastor April 1874, when the church was organized, and continued until March 1880. B. A., 1860, Rochester College; attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Confederate Army, 1862-65.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 423; "Anniversary of Venable Street", in Richmond News Leader, Mar. 8, 1924, p. 13; Mary Virginia Jones, "Historical Sketch", in Programme Fiftieth Anniversary Venable Street Baptist Church, Mar. 9-14, 1924, Richmond, the church, 1924, pp. 5-7, in church safe; J. Oliver Williams, A Genealogy, of Williams Families . . ., Rutland, Vermont, Tuttle Publishing Co., Inc., 1938, pp. 189-190.

Minutes (including finances to 1920, annual reports of Sunday School attendance and finances), 1874--, 6 vols. Baptisms, 1927--, 1 vol. Financial loose leaves in binder, 1920--, 1 vol., in custody of the treasurer, Charles Porter Cooke, 716 Chimborazo Boulevard. Sunday School (minutes of Worker's Council, members, finances), loose leaves, 1900-1936, 1 vol. in church office; 1937--, 1 vol., in custody of William Franklin Cooke, 716 N. 34th St. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, finances, members to 1934), 1891--, 5 vols. Register (members), 1934--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Lillian Gregory, 3117 Fourth Ave. Baptist Young People's Union, organized 1915 (minutes, members), 1928-31, 3 vols., 1934--, 6 vols.

50. SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1876-86. Defunct. Charles City County.

Organized in 1876. It appeared first in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1876, and the last time in 1887.

First pastor, Rev. James H. Barnes, 1876-81. Last pastor, Rev. S. H. Evans, 1884-86.

See: Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 18-20, 1876, Richmond, Steam Printing House, 1876, pp. 5, 14; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 20-22, 1881 . . ., Richmond, Dispatch



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Steam Printing House, 1881, p. 28; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 23-25, 1884, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1884, p. 25; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 21-23, 1886 . . ., Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1886, p. 21; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 20-22, 1887 . . ., Richmond, Dispatch Printing House, 1887, p. 24.

### 51. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1877--, Westhampton and Dooley Aves., Richmond.

Organized Apr. 22, 1877, as Clay Street Baptist Church. Developed from a Sunday School, and prayer meetings conducted by some members of Grace Street Baptist Church (entry 21), in a small frame store building on the N. side of Clay St. between Hancock and Graham Sts. Within the year, they built and dedicated a white frame church on the corner of Graham and Clay Sts.

In 1894 they sold this building to Mount Hermon Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Colored Baptist Churches), having moved into a brick church on the N. W. corner of Grace and Pine Sts., which was dedicated Dec. 17, 1893, and changed their name to Calvary Baptist Church. They sold this building in 1919 to Immanuel Baptist Church (entry 57), and moved into a larger brick church built on the S. E. corner of Boulevard and Grove Ave., dedicated Dec. 7, 1919. In March 1923 they sold this building to the Grace Street Baptist Church (later Grace Baptist Church, entry 21).

Many Calvary members joined Grace Baptist Church, First Baptist Church (entry 8), and other churches. With diminished membership, Calvary congregation bought a lot on Westhampton and Dooley Aves., and started building their present church. In the interval, March 1923-December 1923, they worshiped in Binford Junior High School; from 1923-25, they rented a building of the Lee Camp Soldiers Home group on Boulevard near Grove Ave.; from 1925-27, they used the basement of the new church. Brick building, Colonial architecture with portico and columns across the front, completed and dedicated in 1927. Interior woodwork and furniture walnut, cream walls, amber color windows.

First pastor, Rev. Samuel Cornelius Clopton, 1877-92, educated at Richmond College (now University of Richmond), 1870-73; attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 433.

Minutes (including register of baptisms, members, deaths), 1877--, 5 vols. (1877-1913, filed at The Virginia Baptist Historical Society, 1923--, at church office). Financial, 1923--, 15 vols., in the custody of John Gardner Blount, Jr., 3340 Parkwood Ave. Annual reports from Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Woman's Missionary Society, made to the church and preserved in church Minutes. Individual records are not kept.

### 52. RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1878--, Ridge, Henrico County.

Organized in 1878. Present frame church built in 1878, dedicated 1880.

First pastor, Rev. John A. Richardson, 1880-83. Attended Richmond College, (now University of Richmond), 1872-73. Ordained 1876

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1913, 4th Series, p. 363.

Minutes, 1878--, 3 vols. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1878--, 3 vols., in the custody of the church clerk, John B. Badenock, Richmond, R. F. D. 2. Sunday School records, exact dates unavailable, 14 vols., kept in

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the church.

53. SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1880--, Cardwell, Goochland County.

Organized in 1880. Entered present frame building the same year.  
First pastor, Rev. J. W. Reynolds. He served this church for about  
40 years.  
No other information available.

54. LESTER MANOR BAPTIST CHURCH, 1882-86. Defunct. King William County.

Organized in 1882, appeared first in the Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association in 1882, the last time in 1885. Frame building.

First pastor, Rev. Charles Gardner, 1882. He was not listed in the Dover Baptist Association Minutes of 1883. Last pastor, Rev. John R. Daniels, 1884.

See: Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 19-21, 1882, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1882, p. 22; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . July 18-20, 1883 . . ., Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1883, p. 23; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 23-25, 1884, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1884, p. 25; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 22-24, 1885, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1885, p. 25; Minutes of the Dover Baptist Association . . . July 21-23, 1886, Richmond, Dispatch Steam Printing House, 1886, p. 21.

55. EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH, 1887--, N. E. corner 28th and R. Sts., Richmond.

Organized Apr. 3, 1887. Developed from a mission Sunday School started by Leigh Street Baptist Church (entry 35) in a rented chapel on 30th and S. Sts., which they occupied until they moved into the present building where the church was organized. Building raised, and a basement built in 1905, Sunday School annex 1914, portico added in 1920. Stucco building, Colonial architecture, interior woodwork and furniture mahogany.

First pastor, Rev. Madison E. Parrish, July 17, 1887-88, M. A., 1888, Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1915, 5th Series, pp. 277-278; Committee of the Church, Historical Sketch 1887-1937, Richmond, the church, 1937, 11 pp., in custody of Rev. Horace Julian Parker, 1318 Oakwood Ave.

Minutes (including register of baptisms, members, deaths), 1886-1906, 1 vol., at Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1919--, 2 vols., in custody of William Carlyle Tiller, 3043 Montross Ave. Financial, 1927--, 2 vols., in custody of Augustine Stanley Bailey, 1817 Fairmount Ave. Sunday School, 1899--, 5 vols., in church office. Woman's Missionary Society, organized September 1919 (membership, financial records), 1925-34, 3 vols., in custody of Mrs. James Edwin Bagby, 608 N. 23rd St.; (minutes, reports from circle, financial reports), 1937--, in custody of Mrs. Herbert Linwood Smith, 2307 Fairmount Ave.

56. FAIRMOUNT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1889--, S. W. corner Fairmount Ave. and 21st St., Richmond.

Organized June 9, 1889 as Howard's Grove Baptist Church with 14



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members from Leigh Street Baptist Church (entry 35), in a frame chapel, 1300 Spotsylvania Ave. They moved here from the Blacksmith shop of James Chenault on the 1400 block of Mechanicsville Turnpike in which a Sunday School had been started by Mrs. Mary Catherine Wooden. Worshipped in chapel until 1902, when they completed and dedicated present building which had been started in 1892; changed name to Fairmount Avenue Baptist Church in 1902.

Stucco building, Gothic architecture. Bulletin board in front of the church erected to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Edmonia Tuck. Interior woodwork white, dark oak furniture.

First pastor, Richard L. Motley, 1889-90, student at Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, finances, annual reports of Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union), 1889-98, 1 vol., in custody of Rev. Arthur William Rich, Jr., 2011 Fairmount Ave.; 1898-1932, lost; 1933--, 1 vol., in custody of church clerk, Mrs. Bessie Powell, 1117 N. 22nd St. Financial, 1912--, 14 vols., in custody of Mrs. Sydney Glen Vick, 1524 N. 23rd St. Sunday School (minutes of Workers Council, membership, finances), 1922--, 4 vols., in church. Woman's Missionary Society (including minutes, membership, finances), 1926--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Sydney Glen Vick, 1524 N. 23rd St.

### 57. IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1890--, N. W. corner of Grace and Pine Sts., Richmond.

Organized Mar. 20, 1890, as Fourth Street Baptist Church. Developed from Fourth Street Mission which was started by 49 members from First Baptist Church (entry 8), Grace Street Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist Church, entry 21), and Pine Street Baptist Church (entry 36).

They built a small frame church of 4th and Duval Sts. The front of this building was on the level of the street; the rear over a ravine was supported by long piles. These piles were undermined and the building damaged and condemned when the James River reached the flood stage. In the interim of building a new frame chapel of 5th St. near Leigh St., they worshiped first at the Howitzer's Armory and then at Leo Camp Hall. On Aug. 22, 1894 they changed their name to Immanuel Baptist Church, and on October 21 they moved into the new chapel. Sept. 26, 1903 they laid the corner-stone of a large brick church, Gothic architecture, on the N. E. corner of 5th and Leigh Sts.

In 1919, this building was sold to Fifth Street Methodist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Colored Methodist Churches), and the Immanuel congregation bought their present building from Calvary Baptist Church (entry 51). Cream brick building, Gothic architecture, three large stained glass windows. The church was dedicated May 19, 1919.

First pastor, Rev. Herbert Franklin Williams, Sept. 21, 1890-91, M. A. Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 490; article in Richmond News Leader, Mar. 5, 1927, p. 16, col. 7.

Minutes (including members, finances 1919-24), 1919-24, 1932--, 8 vols. Register, 1932--, 3 vols., in custody of the church clerk, Waverly Marino Kidd, 3001 Floyd Ave. A register of letters of dismissal, 1917-34, was kept by Martin Drury Avent, 4209 Grove Ave. Financial, 1898-1931, 14 vols., in custody of Mrs. Alexina Pemberton, 1910 Hanover Ave.; 1931--, 4 vols., in custody of William Luther Harbaugh.

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58. TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891--, S. E. corner Grove Ave. and Meadow St., Richmond.

Organized Jan. 28, 1891 as West View Baptist Church. Developed from Reservoir Baptist Mission Sunday School which was started May 15, 1887, at Taylor and Meadow Sts., by two members of Grace Street Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist Church, entry 21). The name was changed to West View Baptist Mission Sunday School on Jan. 19, 1890, and on May 11, 1890 they moved to an incomplete house on the S. W. corner of Cary and Meadow Sts. Services were conducted and pastoral work was performed for the Mission Sunday School by Rev. John J. Wicker and Rev. John Hart until the congregation was organized as the West View Baptist Church, Jan. 28, 1891.

On Dec. 31, 1899 they decided to move their frame building to the N. E. corner of Meadow St. and Grove Ave. It was opened for service Jan. 20, 1901. On Jan. 6, 1906 they changed their name to Tabernacle Baptist Church. On Nov. 26, 1911 they moved into their Sunday School building, which had just been completed, on Meadow St., south of Grove Ave. They worshiped in this building until the completion of the church auditorium in 1923. White brick building, Colonial architecture, Corinthian pillars with high stone foundation, walnut woodwork throughout.

First pastor, Rev. W. P. Hines, 1891-94.

See: William Asbury Christian, Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond, Va., Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, 1912, p. 475; Robert Marsh Smith, "History of the Tabernacle Baptist Church and Bible School in Tableau and Song", typescript, May 11, 1937, 7 pp., kept in the church.

Minutes (including baptisms and members prior to 1931), 1891--, 5 vols. Register (members, baptisms), 1931--, 1 file kardex system. No record of deaths and marriages. Financial, 1891--, 6 vols. Sunday School (members), 1887--, 4 vols. In 1888 a Ladies' Aid Society was organized; in 1896 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized. In March 1922 the two united as the Woman's Auxiliary, 1922--, file system. Annual reports from the Missionary Society and the Baptist Young People's Union made to the church and filed in kardex system, 1931--. A directory called: Footsteps of the Flock . . . has been published annually by the church since 1921. It contains names and addresses of members and annual reports of the church. This publication is filed in the church office, 1921--.

59. BARTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891--, S. W. corner Hanes and Norwood Ave., Richmond.

Organized November 1891. Held services in the community center building, a small frame structure on Barton Ave. and Roberts St. known as the "Wigwam", until the second Sunday in June 1892, when they moved into a small frame church which they had built on S. E. corner of Virginia Ave. (now Rose Ave.) and Wickham St. This building served the church until 1913 when the basement was dug, equipped, and class rooms and the pastor's study added to the enlarged building was dedicated December 1913. On Nov. 16, 1921, the cornerstone of the present building was laid, and the building was opened for worship Sept. 18, 1922. Light brick building of Colonial architecture; interior woodwork finished in mahogany and white; a circular balcony. The church and educational building are combined; basement under the entire building. A stuccoed dwelling on the church lot, bought in 1919, is now used as a Cradle Roll Annex.

First pastor, Robert Edward Chambers, April 1892-September 1892, a Student at Richmond College (now University of Richmond).



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See: Jesse Hinton Binford, "History of the Barton Heights Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia", in Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Dover Baptist Association . . ., Richmond, Richmond Press Inc., Printers, 1938, pp. 81-87; Mrs. Robert Hugh Rudd, "History of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Barton Heights Baptist Church, 1893-1938" (preserved in vol. 4, Minutes of the Society).

Minutes (including members), 1910--, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, members, deaths), 1910--, 29 vols. Card index of members (including baptisms), 1910--, 1 file in church office. Financial, 1910--, 4 vols. Records of Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, and Young People's Union kept by secretaries, and reports made to the church in quarterly business meetings. Preserved in minutes since 1910. Beginning with 1939, books will be preserved. Current records and card index file are kept in church office; all others are in Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

60. PARK VIEW BPATIST CHURCH, 1892--, 2604 Idlewood Ave., Richmond.

Organized Feb. 8, 1892 as Randolph Street Baptist Church in a school-house on Jacqueline St. Developed from a Sunday School which was organized Sept. 20, 1891, as the result of meetings held by the City Missionary Society in a tent on Dance St. in 1891.

In June 1892, the congregation moved into a frame church which they had built on the N. W. corner of Randolph and Beverly Sts. In 1923, they replaced this frame building with a three story brick building, which they later sold to Clay Street Baptist Church (now Mosby Memorial Baptist Church, see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Colored Baptist Churches of Richmond). They moved into their present building which they dedicated Dec. 2, 1928, and changed their name to Park View Baptist Church. Brick building, Colonial architecture, interior woodwork cream, dark oak furniture.

First pastor, Rev. William Thomas Jolly, Sept. 4, 1892-98.

See: Otis J. Thompson, Historical Sketch Randolph Street Baptist Church . . ., Richmond, the church, 1896, 29 pp.

Minutes, 1891--, 3 vols. Financial, 1907--, 4 vols. Register (members, baptisms, marriages, deaths), 1892--, 6 vols. Sunday School (members, attendance), 1891--, 4 vols. Sewing Circle, 1913-21, 1 vol.

61. GWATHMEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1892--, Gwathmey, Hanover County.

Organized Aug. 3, 1892, in the village of Gwathmey with seven members from Ashland Baptist Church (entry 38). Until church building was completed in 1893, meetings were held in the following homes: A. C. Sinton, Oct. 25, 1892, Charles Brown Gwathmey, Jan. 29, 1893. Meeting was held Apr. 2, 1893 at the church, and Dr. Joseph Robert Garlick was called to be the pastor.

Frame building, Colonial type of windows, with stained glass, bell in tower which joins left side front of building. Inside woodwork oak stained with dark trimmings, oak pulpit furniture and pews. Marble tablet in memory of Charles Brown Gwathmey, founder and one of the most faithful members of the church, died Aug. 10, 1894, age 64 years, an unselfish friend and humble Christian.

First pastor, Rev. Joseph Robert Garlick, Apr. 2, 1893-1901. M. A., 1846, Columbian College, Washington, D. C.; D. D., 1873, Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

See: George Braxton Taylor, Virginia Baptist Ministers, Lynchburg, Va., J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1915, 5th Series, pp. 345-347.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, finances), 1892-94,

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1900-1923, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1936--, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Eleanor Davis, Ashland, R. F. D. Financial, 1930--, 4 vols., in custody of Henry Irving Davis, Ashland. Sunday School (members, finances), 1900-1910, 1915, 1936, 1939, 7 vols., in the church. Baptist Young People's Union (members, finances), 1922, 1 vol., 2 vols., (no dates), in the church; 1937-39, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Irene Maiden, Ashland, R. F. D.

### 62. BROADUS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895--, N. E. corner 32nd and E. Broad Sts., Richmond.

Organized Aug. 12, 1895, with 48 members, in a tent at the corner of 32nd and E. Marshall Sts., where a Sunday School had been started June 30, 1895, as a result of a meeting conducted by Rev. Robert Edward Chambers, City Missionary of the Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester. Called Broadus Memorial in honor of Dr. John Albert Broadus, president Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Moved from tent into frame building erected on a borrowed lot at 32nd and E. Marshall Sts.

In 1901 they purchased a lot on N. W. corner 32nd and E. Marshall Sts., and immediately traded it for lot on N. E. corner 32nd and E. Broad Sts., where they erected the present building. Occupied Sunday School auditorium December 1901, until building was completed 1902; dedicated Apr. 11, 1915. Gray brick building, Gothic architecture, stained glass windows, interior woodwork ivory, trimmed with mahogany, furniture mahogany finish, balcony in rear of auditorium, 4 assembly rooms, 14 class rooms.

In the alcove back of the baptistry is an oil-painting, the picture of John Albert Broadus, presented by his son, Samuel Sinclair Broadus. Memorial windows to Lila Lee Childrey; Deacon Benjamin Franklin Johnson; Deacon Victor Seddon Goode; Mary William Hamilton, wife of Benjamin Franklin Hamilton; and Andrew Jackson James, a ministerial student. In 1924, church purchased frame building on 32nd St. next to church, which they use as kitchen, beginners' department and class rooms.

First pastor, Jacob Sallade, Oct. 25, 1895-96, student at Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

See: Committee on Dedication, "Sketch of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church", typescript, 1915, 8 pp., in church office.

Minutes (including annual reports of Sunday School), 1895--, 2 vols., in custody of Irvin Tenser, 3000 Libby Terrace. Register (baptisms, members, marriages, deaths), 1912--, 8 vols., in church office. Financial, 1901--, 3 forms, loose leaves, in custody of Ralph Herman Kanode, 508 N. 34th St. Sunday School (including members, financial records), 1901--, 8 vols., in custody of the Secretary, Thomas Jesse Jackson, 722 Chimborazo Blvd. Woman's Missionary Society organized Aug. 19, 1895; (members, financial records), 1929-37, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Walter Ernest Gibson, 3408 E. Broad St.; 1937--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Charles Thomas Hardwicke, Sr., 722 Chimborazo Blvd.

### 63. HARDY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895--, Varina, Henrico County.

Organized in 1895, as a new church formed from Four Mile Creek Baptist Church (entry 9). It was admitted to the Dover Baptist Association in 1896.

Services were first held in a small frame building to which they added a large addition in 1937 and remodeled the old part. They put in a furnace in 1939. The church grounds were given by James Hughes.

First pastor, Rev. Richard Benjamin Collier, 1895-98. Graduate of



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Richmond College (now University of Richmond), licensed and ordained 1872.

See: George W. Lasher, The Ministerial Directory of the Baptist Churches in the United States of America . . ., Oxford, Ohio, [Press of the Oxford News Co. 1899], p. 162.

Minutes, 1895-- , 2 vols. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1 vol., in custody of R. C. Lewis, Richmond, R. F. D. 6. Sunday School, 1925-- , 11 vols.

### 64. MONROE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1899-1901. Defunct. Richmond.

Organized in 1899 by a group of dissatisfied members from Grove Avenue Baptist Church (entry 43), who after two years dissolved and united with other churches. This church was admitted to the Dover Baptist Association in 1899 and remained in the Association until the congregation dissolved.

First pastor, Rev. T. D. Christian, 1899. The last pastor was Rev. T. D. Dalton, 1900.

The only record known to be in existence is in the possession of Judson Starke Bosher, statistical secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, 301 E. Brookland Park Boulevard.

### 65. SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH (Indian), 1901-- , near Roxbury, on Highway 601, Charles City County.

Organized in 1901 by Rev. Philip Emmett Throckmorton. For seven years they worshiped in the old Samaria Baptist Church (entry 50) near the present site. The next two years they worshiped in a schoolhouse. Entered present building in 1910. Frame building, painted white with green trimmings, metal roof, interior walls white, maple pews, pulpit furniture mahogany finished. There is a memorial picture of Rev. Philip Emmett Throckmorton, founder of the church.

First pastor, Rev. Philip Emmett Throckmorton, 1901-21. Died Feb. 22, 1939. Besides organizing this church he also organized Richmond Heights Baptist Church (entry 77).

See: Minutes of the 79th Annual Session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia held with the Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., Nov. 13-16, 1902, [Roanoke, Va., U. S. A., The Stone Printing and Mfg. Company], 1902, p. 82; Minutes of the 97th Annual Session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia held with the Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 15-18, 1921, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1921, p. 168.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1911-- , 3 vols., kept in home of church clerk, Peter Ledbetter Adkins, Roxbury, R. F. D. 1, Box 170.

### 66. NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1907-- , S. W. corner Third Ave. and Victor St., Richmond.

Organized June 16, 1907. Developed from a Sunday School organized May 1906 in Northside Public Hall by the Men's League of First Baptist Church (entry 8). They worshiped in the hall until they moved into their present building. The church was dedicated Apr. 11, 1909.

Granite building, Gothic architecture, interior finished in dark mahogany with light green walls and ceiling. The baptistry is a memorial to Davis Bottoms by his family; the chimes were given in memory of Dr. Russell Wingfield by his mother and father. The stained glass windows were donated by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The corner-stone was laid Dec. 16, 1933 for the large Educational

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building of tan brick which joins the church. They entered this building June 17, 1934.

First pastor, Charles Baker Arendall, 1907-9, student at Richmond College (now the University of Richmond), while serving as pastor of this church. After he graduated from Richmond College he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

See: Millard Raymond Buckley, "Historical Sketch of Northside Baptist Church, 1907-1932", typescript, 1932, 3 pp., preserved in the Minutes of the church.

Minutes (including baptisms, members, deaths, 1907-19), 1907--, 1 vol., loose leaf, in custody of Millard Raymond Buckley, 2206 Fourth Ave. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1920--, 3 vols. Financial, 1918--, 4 vols. Sunday School (members), 1909--, 4 vols. Woman's Missionary Society, 1907--, 6 vols., in custody of Mrs. William Olanzo Saunders, 2719 Fourth Ave.

### 67. OAK HALL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1909--, near Seven Pines, Henrico County.

Organized in 1909. Developed from a Sunday School which was started in 1903 by Caleb Graves of this community, and William Henry Martin of Hanover County. The Sunday School was conducted in a vacant building known as the Chickahominy Schoolhouse, located on Mrs. William Harper Dean's property. A room was added and several denominations worshiped here. At first they called their church Union Chapel and were served by different visiting ministers.

Later, as the Baptist members became the most powerful section of the congregation, they organized themselves, called a Baptist minister, and changed their name to Oak Hall Baptist Church. Then it became advisable to have a larger building located on a better road, so they build the present frame church which was completed about 1921. Mrs. William Harper Dean gave an acre of land for the church grounds, Albert C. Powers gave the logs which were carried to the mill by Floyd C. Hicks, Walter Graves, Archer McGhee and Howard Hicks. They were sawed free of charge by Henry Landers of Hanover County. Charles Pollard gave the colored glass windows which came from Fairmount Avenue Methodist Church, Richmond (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Methodist Churches). Interior walls white, pine woodwork, folding chairs, dark pulpit, pulpit furniture upholstered in black leather.

First pastor, Rev. Charles Dansey, from an unknown date to June 5, 1925. He was ordained at Antioch Baptist Church (entry 5).

See: Sarah Gaulding, "History of Oak Hall Baptist Church", typescript, [ca. 1937], 2 pp., in custody of the treasurer, Miss Grace Hicks, Richmond, R. F. D. 3.

Minutes, 1922--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Elinor Mantle, Sandstone, R. F. D. 1. Sunday School (members, finances), 8 vols. Financial, 1933--, 2 vols., in custody of the treasurer, Miss Grace Hicks, Richmond, R. F. D. 3.

### 68. WESTHAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1911--, N. E. corner Three Chopt and St. Christopher Roads, Westhampton, Henrico County.

Organized Apr. 2, 1911, with 29 members, in a public school building on Maple Ave. Developed from the Westhampton Baptist Sunday School which was organized the third Sunday in April 1909, in a one room schoolhouse situated on the property, now known as "The Country Club of Virginia", by a committee consisting of the pastor, Rev. William Lockhart Ball, and six members from the Tabernacle Baptist Church (entry 58). During the summer they conducted the Sunday School in a tent borrowed from the Baptist Home Mission Board, and returned to the schoolhouse in the fall. In the spring of 1910, they moved into



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a new schoolhouse on Maple Ave., facing York Road, now owned by Tuckahoe Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1914 they moved into and dedicated the new building on the present site. Red brick building, Gothic architecture, interior woodwork mahogany finish harmonizing with the dark oak furniture. Remodeled the church in 1926 and added a modern Sunday School building which they dedicated the same year.

First pastor, Rev. Charles Alexander Hall, 1914-22; graduated 1904, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

See: "Westhampton Baptist Church", in Richmond News Leader, Apr. 7, 1923, p. 2, cols. 1-5; "Westhampton Celebrates Twenty-Fifth Anniversary", in Religious Herald, May 7, 1936, p. 7, col. 1.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1911-26, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1926-- , 1 vol., in custody of John Prentiss Harwood, 104 Granite Ave. Minute Book of the Building Committee, 1925-26, 1 vol., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Financial, 1928-- , 2 vols., in custody of John Edward Dicks, treasurer, 5600 Cary St. Road. Sunday School, 1915-- , 5 vols., in Sunday School. Woman's Missionary Society organized 1911; (members, finances), 1931-35, 2 vols., in Virginia Baptist Historical Society; 1935-- , 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. Shelton Willard Davis, 2707 Kensington Ave.

### 69. RAGLAND MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1912-- , between Hadensville and Haden's Store, Goochland County.

Organized in 1912 by Rev. Hugh Davis Ragland and a few ardent church people who wished to see a Baptist church in the community. The first services were held in the public schoolhouse, where the Rev. Mr. Ragland preached every Sunday afternoon until the church was organized in 1912. These services developed from a Sunday School which he founded before 1900.

In 1910, they drew up plans to start the present building. After the church was organized in 1912, the Rev. Mr. Ragland held services in the summer in the church yard. In 1913, they entered the building, though it was far from complete. In September 1917, a revival was conducted by Rev. J. Lester Lane. The church was dedicated October 1921, and named in honor of its founder. It was erected by the labor and generosity of the members, some of whom gave the lumber, while others hauled it free.

First pastor, Rev. Hugh Davis Ragland, 1912 until his death, Mar. 5, 1914. He was born in Goochland County in 1840, received early Christian training, and at the age of 13 became a colporteur. He continued in this work until he entered Richmond College (now University of Richmond). When the War Between the States started he enlisted in Company B, 44th Virginia Infantry, and served as chaplain until the war was over. In 1866, he married Miss Araminta Mildred Perkins of Fluvanna County. He settled in Goochland County and was pastor of a wide field of churches until his death.

Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1910-- , 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. E. S. Lacy (Araminta Ragland Lacy); Sandy Hook. No other records were preserved.

### 70. SLOVAK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1913-- , Poplar Springs, Henrico County.

Organized in 1913. In 1914 they built a frame building painted gray. The pulpit furniture was made by the congregation and stained walnut. Church was dedicated in 1917. There are 83 members.

First pastor, Rev. Andrew Slabey, 1913-16. He was educated in Austria-Hungary.

Minutes (including members, 1930-- ), 1913-- , 2 vols., in home of

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the church clerk, John Mierka, Richmond, R. F. D. 4. Register (marriages, deaths), 1930--, 1 vol. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of Paul Radvany, Richmond, R. F. D. 6. Sunday School, 1913--, 16 vols.

### 71. OAKWOOD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--, N. W. corner of Oakwood Ave. at 34th St., Richmond.

Organized Jan. 16, 1916, with 104 members, 70 from First Baptist Church (entry 8), and 34 from Leigh Street Baptist Church (entry 35). Dr. George White McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, conducted a tent meeting in a field back of 1500 block Oakwood Ave. This meeting was promoted by Miss Lottie Minta Dickenson, Oakwood Cemetery. A Sunday School was organized Oct. 31, 1915, and met in three private homes until Dec. 6, 1915. The women met at the home of William Allen Dickenson (keeper's house, Oakwood Cemetery); the men met with James Kennetch McLennan, 1621 Oakwood Ave.; the children, with Raymond Argyle Buchanan, 1623 Oakwood Ave. They then used the Nathaniel Bacon school building, 33rd St. between N. and O. Sts., for Sunday services. Here the church was organized, and services held until Nov. 28, 1920, when they entered and dedicated the present building. Stucco building, Colonial architecture, interior woodwork cream, mahogany furniture.

First pastor, Rev. Henry Lewis Nicholas, 1916-21. B. A., 1918, Richmond College (now University of Richmond); died 1924. There is a tablet to his memory in the auditorium.

Minutes (including members, finances, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society), 1916, 3 vols., in custody of Norman Luther Flippen, 1003 Chimborazo Boulevard.

### 72. BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--, 2942 W. Marshall St., Richmond.

Organized Apr. 16, 1916. Developed from services held by Rev. Charles Baker Arendall in a tent at 1325 W. Clay St. under the auspices of the Baptist Council. These meetings led to the establishment of a Sunday School in a school building on Summit Ave., where the church was organized.

On July 3, 1918, they purchased the present site and erected the present building which was dedicated Dec. 7, 1919. Stucco building, the ground plan of which resembles a Greek cross.

First pastor, Rev. H. A. Hunt, 1916-17.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths and reports from Sunday School), 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Ethel Webb, Dumbarton. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of William Jackson James, 3111 W. Clay St. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, members), 1929--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Mamie Josephine Jacobs, 2927 Leigh St. Previous records destroyed.

### 73. GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--, N. E. corner Brook Road and Wilmington Ave., Richmond.

Organized Oct. 22, 1916, by the Baptist Council of Richmond, with 70 members who held services in the Lewis Ginter Community Building at the corner of Hawthorne and Walton Aves. On Oct. 16, 1921, they moved into the auditorium on the first floor of the present building which was dedicated Nov. 14, 1926.

Red brick building, Gothic architecture, heavy oak doors, and Tiffany favrial glass windows. All building material came from Grace Presbyterian Church, 4th and Grace Sts. (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Presbyterian Churches). There are two bronze tablets: one in memory of Rev. William Hedley, D. D., and the other in memory of the members who



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served in the World War. There are 17 memorial windows to: Edwin Douglas Starke, 1849-1911; William Wesley Rountree, 1848-1931; Mrs. Mattie Bagby Rountree, 1857-1923; Mrs. Nannie Ragland Fleet, 1844-1925; Christopher Bennett Fleet, 1845-1925; Frank Thompson Simpson, 1913-37; Frank Ruffin Butler, 1846-1923; Branch Rives Heinrich, 1914-25; Rueben Burton, 1851-1922; Mrs. Emma Grimes Burton, 1851-1905; Francis Johnson Duke, 1842-1905; Frank Williamson Duke, 1871-1925; Mrs. Lucy Burton Duke, 1842-1924; William Douglas Selden, 1837-1910; Mrs. Cordella Allan Word Selden, 1849-1912; Mrs. Ethney Burton Selden, 1873-1933.

In 1939 an Educational annex was built to the west side of the church. This annex is of old red brick, Gothic architecture, with heavy cyprus doors. It gives 54 additional rooms and offices.

First pastor, Rev. William Hedley, 1917 until his death in 1933. Educated at Middleborough, England; correspondence course Cambridge University; graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; D. D., 1922, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland.

See: Mrs. William Dabney Duke, "Current History of Ginter Park Baptist Church, 1916--", typscript, Aug. 1, 1939, 15 pp., in the custody of Mrs. William Dabney Duke, 3606 Seminary Ave.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1916--, 2 vols., loose leaf, typed, in private safe of church clerk, Eugene Denny Gunter, 3610 Chamberlayne Ave. Financial, 1918--, 10 vols., kept as a separate record by chairman of the finance committee; annual reports, audited and incorporated in Minutes of the church. Sunday School, 1918-35, 13 vols., 1936--, 1 file box in custody of the secretary, William Vincent Moseley, 4009 Chevy Chase, who makes quarterly reports to the church. Woman's Missionary Union (minutes), 2 vols.

### 74. HUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--, Hunton, Henrico County.

Organized in 1916 as Taylor Baptist Church with members from Winn's Baptist Church (entry 7), and Glen Allen Baptist Church (entry 42). Name changed to Hunton Baptist Church in 1930. The present building erected in 1916, 8 class rooms added in 1920, remodeled in 1937, making a total of 11 class rooms.

Frame building, bell in steeple at front of church, interior wood-work pine, light oak furniture, oak pews from Grace Street Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist Church, entry 21), bought when the congregation moved to the building on Boulevard and Grove Ave., which they bought from Calvary Baptist Church (entry 51).

First pastor, Rev. Melvin Woodson Bloxom, 1916-18. Attended Richmond College (now University of Richmond); graduated June 3, 1903, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1916--, 2 vols., in custody of Bernard Eugene Davis, Glen Allen. Financial, 1916-35, 20 vols., in church; 1936--, 4 vols., in custody of Ralph Oswald Cox, Glen Allen. Sunday School (finances, members), 1916-20, 1932--, 13 vols. Baptist Young People's Union (finances, members), 1916--, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Susie Farish, Glen Allen. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes, finances, members), 1918--, 1 vol., in custody of Miss Maude Farish, Glen Allen.

### 75. RALEIGH FORBES BAPTIST CHURCH, 1918--, Williamsburg Ave. and Darbytown Road, Richmond.

Organized Feb. 2, 1918. Developed from a Sunday School which started

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in 1917 in Griffin's Hall on Government Road (now National Cemetery Road). The lot and building were given by Whitmell Stallings Forbes as a memorial to his son, Raleigh Forbes. The church was organized after the building was completed. The building was dedicated in 1918. The congregation was composed largely of former members of Fulton Baptist Church (entry 46).

Gray brick building, red tile roof. The auditorium is almost square with nine class rooms around it. The Sunday School, built in 1925, adjoins the rear, and is of tan brick with a flat roof.

First pastor, J. Lester Lane, 1919-20, student at Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1919--, 2 vols., in custody of the church clerk, Harvey Williams, 1600 National St. No record of marriages. Financial, 1919--, 2 vols., in custody of the treasurer, James William Daniel, Williamsburg Ave., and the financial secretary, John S. Carrick, Williamsburg Ave. The Sunday School records are kept in the church but no effort is made to preserve them. Woman's Missionary Society (minutes), 1923--, 3 vols.

### 76. FORT LEE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1920--, near Byrd Air Port, Henrico County.

Organized Sept. 8, 1920. Developed from a Sunday School held in Fort Lee Public Schoolhouse. The ladies of the congregation formed the Ladies League and under the direction of Mrs. Robert Rushton Clarke, Mrs. Lewis Aigner, Sr., and Mrs. Kemper W. Baber, they gave entertainments and raised money to build the present church which was dedicated 1921. Frame building painted white, red tin roof, interior woodwork stained oak, white walls, oak pulpit, dark pews, dark wood ceiling.

First pastor, Rev. Charles Dansey, 1921-24. He was ordained at Antioch Baptist Church (entry 5).

Minutes (members, finances, baptisms, deaths), 1922--, 2 vols., in custody of church clerk, Mrs. William Nelson Bowden, Richmond, R. F. D. 6. Sunday School (members, finances), 1934-36, 1938--, 5 vols.

### 77. RICHMOND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1921--, Richmond Heights, Henrico County.

Organized Aug. 7, 1921, with 28 members, the result of two weeks of special meetings conducted by Rev. Philip Emmett Throckmorton, in a warehouse, corner of Osborne Pike and Mill Road. They worshiped here until their building was completed. The ground for the present building was broken Apr. 17, 1922, and the church was dedicated 1924.

Frame building, rectangular in shape, belfry with bell over the front entrance, front porch, tin roof painted red. Interior ceiled with tongue and grooved boards, all woodwork stained oak, plain glass windows, folding chairs stained dark oak, pulpit stained mahogany.

First pastor, Rev. Philip Emmett Throckmorton, 1921-38. He was also pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church (entry 31), and organized Samaria Baptist Church, Charles City County (entry 65). He served Pamunkey Baptist Church (entry 41) twice as pastor, the first time for 10 years and the second time for 2 years. He died Feb. 22, 1939.

See: "Officers Elected of New Church on Richmond Heights", in Richmond News Leader, Aug. 15, 1921, p. 2, col. 4; "Break Ground for Baptist Edifice", in Richmond News Leader, Apr. 18, 1922, p. 15, col. 1.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, financial reports), 1921--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Alphas Buckner Throckmorton, Richmond, R. F. D. 5.



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78. HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1922--, Dumbarton Road near Wilson Ave., Lakeside, Henrico County.

Organized Sept. 24, 1922, at the home of Frank Percival Gary, Railroad Ave., Dumbarton, with 60 members from the Bethlehem Baptist Church (entry 25). They worshiped in a hall over Lawrence's Pharmacy (now Lakeside Pharmacy), N. W. corner of Lakeside Ave. and Dumbarton Road, until 1925, when they moved into the present building which they erected by the side of the parsonage which was built in 1923. A two story Sunday School annex was erected at the rear of the main building in 1929.

Brick veneered building, Roman architecture, belfry over the front entrance, stained glass windows in the auditorium, Florentine glass windows in the Sunday School annex, slate roof on church, composition roof on Sunday School annex. Interior woodwork and walls painted ivory, oak lectern, two walnut chairs for the rostrum, walnut opera chairs.

There are five memorial windows: to William Carrington Sanders, Rosa Gary Sanders and Peacy Gary Sanders; John Alexander Barker; John Ernest Cook; Robert Raymond Scott and Rita Lynn Scott; and George Washington Lawhorn.

First pastor, Rev. John Alexander Barker, Jan. 28, 1923, until his death Feb. 27, 1923. He was licensed to preach Mar. 9, 1879; attended Richmond College (now University of Richmond), 1884; ordained June 21, 1885; attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1888.

See: George W. Lasher, The Ministerial Directory of the Baptist Churches . . ., Oxford, Ohio, [Press of the Oxford News Co., 1899], p. 49; George Francis Bernard Mullin, History of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, the church, 1932, 4 pp.

Minutes (including quarterly and annual reports of Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Woman's Missionary Society, and finances), 1922--, 8 vols. Register (members, baptisms, deaths), 1922--, 1 card file. Finances (receipts, disbursements), 1922--, 18 vols. Sunday School (minutes, members, finances), 1922-27, 1 vol. Woman's Missionary Society, organized 1922 (minutes, members, finances), 1925--, 3 vols.

79. TSENA COMMOCKO BAPTIST CHURCH (Indian), 1922--, Windsor Shades, on Highway 60, New Kent County.

Organized in 1922 by the Eastern Division of the Chickahominy Indians who formerly attended Samaria Baptist Church (entry 65), in a schoolhouse about 40 feet from the present church. They worshiped there until 1932 when they entered the present church. Frame building, tin roof, interior walls of white wall-board, pine woodwork, pine pews and pulpit furniture more than 80 years old.

The success of the Baptist cause among the Chickahominy Indians is ascribed by the Chief of the tribe, E. P. Bradby, to James Bradby whose father, he says, emigrated from England and settled in Virginia in 1720, seeking freedom of worship. He further claims that in 1793 James Bradby, having accepted the Baptist teaching, married an Indian and became fully identified with the Chickahominy tribe of Indians and was adopted by them. One of the branches of the tribe bears his name, and is said to be distinctly Baptist as a result of his faithful teaching.

First pastor, Rev. Lewis Harris Suddith, 1922--, Graduated 1884, Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

Minutes (members, baptisms, deaths), 1922--, 1 vol., in custody of John A. Bradby, Boulevard. Sunday School, 1922--, 6 vols.

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80. SANDSTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1926--, Sandston, Henrico County.

Organized in 1926, in the Sandston Public Schoolhouse where they worshiped until they entered the present building, dedicated 1931.

This building is the basement of the future church. It is brick and the plans call for a church of Colonial architecture. Interior walls stucco, folding chairs, pulpit stained dark.

First pastor, Rev. Lemuel Carlton Crump, 1926-28. He attended the University of Richmond, 1924-27, and again in 1930.

Minutes (members, deaths), 1926--, 1 vol., in custody of the clerk, Frank Burton Thompson. Sunday School, 1926--, 12 vols.

81. BILTMORE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1929--, Biltmore, Hanover County.

Organized Feb. 8, 1929, by 74 members from North Run Baptist Church (entry 20). They worshiped in the Longdale Public School until they moved into the basement of the present building. Red brick building, Roman architecture, slate roof, stained glass windows. The auditorium is not finished. The basement has eight class rooms and an assembly room where services are held. Cream color walls, white woodwork, Florentine glass windows; doors, pulpit furniture, and pews stained dark oak.

First pastor, Rev. Wilford Roy Carner, 1929--. He attended Chatham Training School, 1919; University of Richmond, 1919-24; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1926-27.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths, quarterly and annual reports of finances, Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union and Woman's Missionary Society), 1929--, 3 vols., in custody of Asbury Linwood Waldrop, 2919 Noble Ave., Richmond. Finances (receipts, disbursements), 1929--, 2 vols., in custody of Burnal Arvert Blalock, Glen Allen. Sunday School (minutes, members, contributions), 1928-37, 8 vols. in the church; 1937--, 2 vols., in custody of Luther Binford Jr., Glen Allen. Men's Bible Class (members, contributions), 1936--. Baptist Young People's Union (officers, members), 1929-33, 2 vols., in custody of Mrs. Cora Bowles, Glen Allen, R. F. D.; 1938--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Thomas Cecil Harris, Richmond, R. F. D. 2. Woman's Missionary Society (receipts, disbursements), 1929--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. Cora Bowles, Glen Allen, R. F. D.

82. BROOKLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1929-39. Defunct. 210 E. Brookland Park Boulevard, Richmond.

Organized in 1929, with 75 members who worshiped in a tent the first summer. They then rented a brick building which was formerly a store, 210 E. Brookland Park Boulevard.

First pastor, Rev. P. E. Brame, 1929-30, graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Last pastor, Harold Caleb Zicafoose, 1938-39, student at University of Richmond.

See: Judson Starke Boshier, "Historical Sketch of Brookland Park Baptist Church", typescript, 1939, 1 p. in custody of Judson Starke Boshier, 301 E. Brookland Park Boulevard; Minutes of the . . . Dover Baptist Association . . . Apr. 11-12, 1939, Richmond, Richmond Press, Inc., Printers, 1939, p. 68.

Minutes (including members, baptisms, deaths), 1929--, 1 vol. No other records available.



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83. MATTAPONI BAPTIST CHURCH (Indian), 1932--, Mattaponi Indian Reservation, King William County.

Organized June 19, 1932, with 12 charter members who presented letters from Panunkey Baptist Church (entry 41). Developed from missionary services in the Tribal schoolhouse held for four years by Rev. W. B. Tyler, pastor of Panunkey Baptist Church. He had been called about 1914 by Chief George F. Custalow who was greatly concerned about the religious welfare of his people. Other missionary preachers conducted services, 1918-29. Rev. R. C. Trimmer was missionary pastor, 1929-31. Jan. 10, 1932, Rev. A. Nicholas Reynolds was called as missionary pastor.

A committee consisting of: Rev. A. Nicholas Reynolds, Chief George F. Custalow, Assistant Chief O. T. Custalow, and S. Dewey Custalow, was appointed Mar. 27, 1932 to ask the Dover Baptist Association to assist in organizing the church and to accept it into the association. The church was organized June 19, 1932.

In 1934, they built the present frame building. Members of the congregation cut the logs and R. F. Trimmer placed a mill on the reservation to saw the logs.

The church was dedicated May 26, 1935. Rev. A. Nicholas Reynolds preached the sermon that day. Addresses were made in the afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor James Hubert Price, and Dr. Hamilton James Eckemrode.

First pastor, Rev. A. Nicholas Reynolds, 1932-33. He is self educated and has been preaching since he was 14 years old. At the age of 18 he preached at Christ Church, Richmond (see forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia, Protestant Episcopal Churches) and was ordained at Mattaponi Baptist Church.

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84. BONNIE BRAE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1938--, Greendale, Henrico County.

Organized Jan. 16, 1938, with 30 members from Mount Vernon Baptist Church (entry 39), in the home of Rev. Walter Dunette Bremner, Greendale, where they still worship.

First pastor, Rev. Walter Dunette Bremner, 1938--, attended Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., 1901-2; B. A. 1906, Richmond College (now University of Richmond).

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