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Minutes, Central NJ Baptist Association,

# **Identity Statement:**

Title: Minutes of the Central New Jersey Baptist Association

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# Scope & Content / Abstract:

This Collection is comprised of the published minutes of the annual conference of the Central New Jersey Baptist Association from 1873-1922. The minutes typically include such items as the constitution and by-laws, agenda, minutes of the convention, committee reports, digests of church letters, lists of deaths in memoriam, lists of member churches, and statistical reports for charitable ministries and sunday schools. This collection would interest those researching Baptist Churches in Central New Jersey, Baptist Church History, and Church reports, including Baptist churches in Hunterdon County, NJ.

### **Context:**

Dates of accumulation: 1858-1922

Administrative / Biographical history: The Central New Jersey Baptist Association was formed by incorporation in the State of New Jersey in 1869, although it had begun meeting even before that, in 1838. The organization was comprised of churches from Hunterdon, Warren, Middlesex, and Northern Mercer Counties. Each church sent a number of delegates, including the pastoral representative, to an annual convention on the Wednesday of the last full in September of each year.

At this convention, the churches presented their letters, statistics, information on their religious state, names of delegates, and the monies for the functions of the Association. The Association was not meant to be an ecclestiastical disciplinary board, it was meant as an association in which the member churches couold pool monies for the funding of various ministries and supplies, and as a place by which the othodoxy of practice of member churches could be observed.

Typically, the meeting published the minutes of its conventions in sections including rules, constitution and by-laws, officers, staff, and that of member churches, agendas, minutes, committee reports, letters, notices, and death notices, a historical sketch of a member church, and statistical reports from the various churches.

#### **Structure:**

System of Arrangement: Chronological

**Disposition: Disposition date:** 

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