Old School Baptist Church records  
3.0 linear feet; 1 manuscript box, 2 half-manuscript boxes, 1 drop-top box  
1701-2008, bulk 1885-1945

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Snow Hill Baptist Church collection, 2010.079

Separated Materials: Library materials have been housed with the Nabb Research Center’s rare book collection.
Administrative History: The Old School Baptist churches, also called Hard Shell Baptists or Primitive Baptist churches, adopted the first century church’s doctrine and practice. The name “Primitive” or “Old School” was adopted after a disagreement arose in the 1820s and 30s in the Baptist sect over the use of Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools and Theological Seminaries. Up until that time, almost all Baptist churches were identical in faith and practice. The Primitive or Old School Baptists did not believe in the above practices, as they believed it was the church and the Bible that leads faith, not other overarching authorities.

Scope and Content Note: The Old School Baptist Church records document the practices and faith of the Old School Baptist Churches on the Eastern Shore from 1701-2012, with the bulk of the records dating from 1885 to 1945. Information pertains to the history of the Welsh Tract Baptist Church, as well as Little Creek and Broad Creek, Forest Grove, Snow Hill, Salisbury Congregational, Rewastico, and Nassaongo Old School Baptist Churches. Records include meeting minutes and correspondence, volumes of Signs of the Times, and photographs of church members.

Arrangement Statement: The Old School Baptist Church records are arranged into two series ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS and CHURCH PERIODICALS. Administrative records document the administrative and faith-based activities of the Old School Baptist Churches on Delmarva through meeting minutes and other church records. Church periodicals document the activities of various Old School Baptist churches from 1875-2012 through the journal “Signs of the Times.”

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms
  Baptism
  Church membership
  Hard Shell Baptists
  Primitive Baptists
  Religion

Corporate Names
  Broad Creek Old School Baptist Church
  Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church
  Little Creek Old School Baptist Church
  Nassaongo Old School Baptist Church
  Old School Baptist Church
  Primitive Baptist Home
  Rewastico Old School Baptist Church
  Salisbury Congregation Old School Baptist Church
  Signs of the Times
  Snow Hill Old School Baptist Church
  Warwick Old School Baptist Church
  Welsh Tract Baptist Church

Personal Names
  Cook, Richard
  Holloway, Archer
  Holloway, Laurence
  Holloway, Martha
  Marshall, Deanna Asplen
Series I: Church Records
Box 1

1. Meeting Minutes, Salisbury Old School Baptist Association, 1880-1947
2. Records of Incorporation and Meeting Minutes, Primitive Baptist Home, 1898-1978
3. Property Deed, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1970 September 25
4. Property Agreement, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1893 December 11
5. Cemetery Book, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1900-1910
6. Correspondence, From Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church to the Churches of Salisbury Association, 1983 July 18
7. Receipts, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, undated
8. Position Statement, Laurence S. Holloway, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, undated
9. Meeting Minutes, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1907-1926
10. Record Book, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1886-1910
11. Record Book, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1911-1969
12. Record Book, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1967-1997
13. Record Book, Loose Pages, Forest Grove Old School Baptist Church, 1970-2006
14. Membership List, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1819-1968
15. Membership and Tithe Lists, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1894-1954
16. Correspondence, From the Elders to the Members of Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1901-1983
17. Congregation Records, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1819-2004
18. Meeting Minutes, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1819-1939, 1845-1897
19. Meeting Minutes, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1945-1946
20. Meeting Minutes, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1961-1969
21. Meeting Minutes, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1966-1975
22. Meeting Minutes, Little Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1978-1984
23. Meeting Minutes, Broad Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1815-1859
24. Meeting Minutes, Broad Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1860-1947
25. Meeting Minutes, Broad Creek Old School Baptist Church, 1948-1966
26. Meeting Minutes, Salisbury Congregation Old School Baptist Church, 1799-1982
27. Meeting Minutes, Salisbury Congregation Old School Baptist Church, 1965-1982
28. Meeting Minutes, Salisbury Congregation Old School Baptist Church, 1980-1999
29. Meeting Minutes, Salisbury Congregation Old School Baptist Church, 1985-1998
30. Church Records, Fishing Creek Old School Baptist Church, Woolford, Md., 1790-1889
31. Church Records, Warwick Old School Baptist Association, 1897 June 9-11
32. Church Records, Rewastico Old School Baptist Church, 1815-1953
33. Church Records, Old School Baptist Church at Nassaongo, 1841-1972
34. Church Records, Snow Hill Old School Baptist Church, Martha Holloway, 1945-1949
35. History, Welsh Tract Baptist Church, Vol. 1, 1701-1901
36. History, Early and Later Delaware Baptists, Rev. Richard B. Cook, 1880
38. Ephemera, What We Believe and Why, 1969
39. Newspaper Clippings, Indiantown Baptist Church Association, 1901 October 26
41. Photographs, Old School Baptist Church Members, 1875-1900

Series II: Church Periodicals
42. Digital Compact Disc, Journal, Signs of the Times, 1832-2012
43. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 43, 1875
44. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 65, 1897
45. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 66, 1898
46. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 67, 1899

Box 2
1. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 68, 1900
2. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 69, 1901
3. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 70, 1902
5. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 72, 1904
6. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 73, 1905
8. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 75, 1907
13. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 80, 1912
14. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 81, 1913
15. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 82, 1914
18. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 86, 1918

Box 3
1. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 89, 1921
2. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 90, 1922
4. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 92, 1924
5. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 93, 1925
7. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 95, 1927
8. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol.96, 1928
10. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 98, 1930

Box 4
1. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 45-45, 1876-1877
3. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 50, 1882
5. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 52, 1884
6. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 54, 1886
7. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 55, 1887
10. Journal, Signs of the Times, Vol. 61, 1893
13. Church Records, Rewastico Old School Baptist Church, 1814-1954

Library Materials
1. History of the Church of God, From Creation to A.D. 1885, Elder Sylvester Hassell, 1886

Artifact
1. Stamp, Marking, 2008.067.001