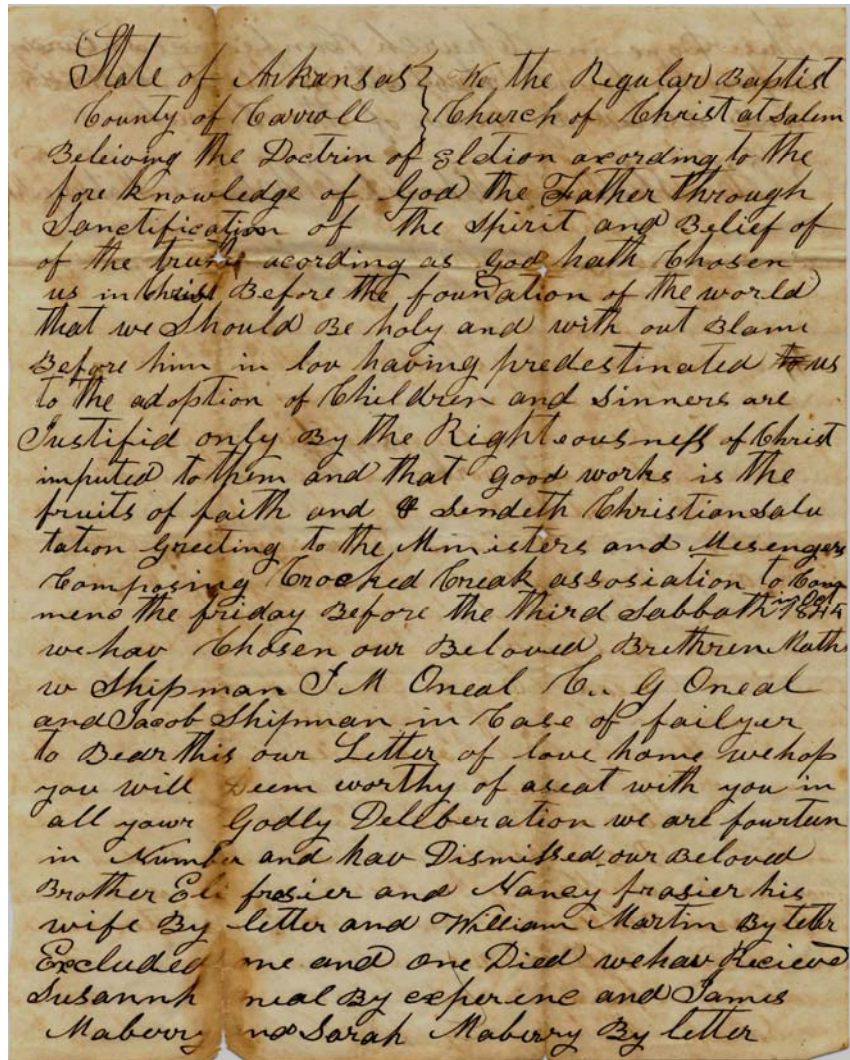


# JOHN KLEPPER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST COLLECTION

AR 207



State of Arkansas } to the Regular Baptist  
County of Carroll } Church of Christ at Salem  
Believing the Doctrin of election according to the  
fore knowledge of God the Father through  
Sanctification of the Spirit and Belief of  
of the truth according as God hath chosen  
us in Christ before the foundation of the world  
that we should be holy and with out blame  
before him in love having predestinated ~~us~~  
to the adoption of Children and sinners are  
Justified only by the Righteousness of Christ  
imputed to them and that good works is the  
fruits of faith and sendeth Christians salu  
tation greeting to the Ministers and Messengers  
composing Crooked Creek association to com  
mence the Friday before the third Sabbath ~~1844~~  
we have chosen our beloved Brethren Nath  
w Shipman J M Oneal Br G Oneal  
and Jacob Shipman in case of failyer  
to bear this our Letter of love home we hope  
you will seem worthy of aeat with you in  
all your Godly Deliberation we are fourteen  
in Number and have Dismissed our beloved  
Brother El. Frazier and Nancy Frazier his  
wife by letter and William Martin by letter  
Excluded one and one Died we have received  
Subannh neal by experene and James  
Mabery no Sarah Mabery by letter

Letter to Crooked Creek Association from  
Regular Baptist Church of Salem, October, 1844

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# **John Klepper Primitive Baptist Collection**

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## **Summary**

Main Entry: John Klepper Primitive Baptist Collection

Date Span: 1828 – 1922

Abstract: John Klepper was a 19<sup>th</sup> century Primitive Baptist pastor and associational leader. His collection includes Arkansas Primitive Baptist materials such as church letters, associational minutes, and land deeds. There is also a booklet on Missionary and Landmark Baptists in Arkansas.

Size: .5 linear ft. (one box)

Collection #: AR 207

## **Biographical Sketch**

John Klepper, nineteenth-century Primitive Baptist pastor and associational leader, was from Watkins, Arkansas. Klepper was a delegate at Crooked Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Arkansas and active in the Buffalo Association of Primitive Baptists. He maintained records and minutes of proceedings and events that took place in the association. In 1897, he was appointed treasurer for the Buffalo Association of Primitive Baptists.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The John Klepper Primitive Baptist Collection includes one linear foot of material contained in one document box. It is arranged alphabetically by folder title. The collection was donated in 1968 to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by Mrs. J. R. Huddlestun. Mrs. Huddlestun gained possession of the collection from F.W. Klepper, her father, who was the son of John Klepper.

The collection is mostly hand-written from Primitive Baptist material, including church letters of membership issued to individuals who were received into the fellowship of the Crooked Creek Church, Organ Flat Church, and Bellfonte Church, all in Arkansas. There are also hand-written church communications and church records for Crooked Creek Primitive Baptist Church and Rocky Mount Church of Christ.

The collection includes hand-written Baptist associational minutes as well as printed Primitive Baptist associational minutes. A hand-written letter between associations is included, in addition to hand-written deeds to land. There is also a booklet on Missionary and Landmark Baptists in Arkansas. The collection focuses on the Baptist history of Arkansas in the second half of the nineteenth century.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by folder

**Provenance**

Donated to the Southern Baptist Historical Commission (Southern Baptist Historical Library & Archives) in 1968 by Mrs. J. R. Huddleston, granddaughter of John Klepper.

**Preferred Citation**

John Klepper Primitive Baptist Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Baptists – Arkansas

Landmarkism

Primitive Baptists

**Container List****Box 1**

- 1.1 Associational Minutes – Buffalo Association of Primitive Baptists, 1844  
Hand-written minutes from the Buffalo Association of United Baptists meeting.
- 1.2 Associational Minutes – Primitive Baptists, Washington Association (Arkansas), 1896;  
Buffalo Association (Arkansas), 1880, 1890.
- 1.3 Associational Minutes – Couknoon Association (Arkansas), 1846
- 1.4 Associational-to-Associational Letters, 1845 – 1859  
Buffalo Association from Salem Association and Point Remove Association with the  
Buffalo Association.
- 1.5 Booklet on Missionary and Landmark Baptists in Arkansas
- 1.6 Church Letters, 1828 – 1834  
Hand-written letters – transfer of membership, dismissing membership – Tennessee, Illinois,  
Alabama, Missouri
- 1.7 Church Letters, 1835 – 1839  
Hand-written letters – transfer of membership, dismissing membership – Arkansas, Illinois,  
Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama
- 1.8 Church Letters, 1840 – 1849  
Hand-written letters – transfer of membership – Arkansas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri
- 1.9 Church Letters, 1851–1922  
Hand-written letters –transfer of membership – Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama
- 1.10 Church Letters to the Associations of Salem (1846) and Crooked Creek (1845)  
Hand-written letters from Salem Baptist Church

- 1.11 Church Letters to the Buffalo Association, 1845 – 1846  
Mount Gilled Church, First Baptist Church of Mount Pleasant, Wareagle Baptist Church of Christ, Sardis Baptist Church of Christ, and United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Zion Hill.
- 1.12 Church Letters to the Buffalo Association, 1858  
Regular Baptist Church of Christ on Crooked Creek, Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Asage, United Baptist Church of Christ at Salem, United Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, Zion Hill Church, Liberty Baptist Church of Christ, Mount Gilled Church, Kerr Hope Church, and Enou Church.
- 1.13 Church Letters to the Buffalo Association, 1859  
United Baptist Church of Christ on Crooked Creek, United Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, Mount Gilled Church, United Baptist Church at Asage, United Baptist Church at Zion Hill, Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Enou, and Liberty Baptist Church of Christ.
- 1.14 Church Letters to the Buffalo Association, 1865 – 1897  
New Hope Church, Mount Gilled Church, and Primitive Baptist Church at Crooked Creek.
- 1.15 Church Letters to Crooked Creek Baptist Church of Christ, 1842 – 1858  
Mount Pleasant Church, Big Creek Church, Zion Hill United Baptist Church, and Liberty Baptist Church.
- 1.16 Church Records – Crooked Creek Baptist Church, 1834 – 1838  
Hand-written bound book – minutes on naming the church and church establishment.
- 1.17 Church Records – Crooked Creek Baptist Church, 1839 – 1878  
List of deacons and elders
- 1.18 Church Records – Rocky Mount Church of Christ, 1844 – 1846  
Seven meetings
- 1.19 Deeds, 1881  
Hand-written deed – land sold by George W. Cole and Tabitha A. Cole to William P. Potts
- 1.20 Deeds, 1891  
J.F. Edmonson and G.W. Edmonson – land sold to M.A. Boyd and M.H. Boyd.
- 1.21 Miscellaneous Associational Letters, 1842, 1858  
Fragments of hand-written associational letters, including Gilled Church.
- 1.22 Miscellaneous Documents and Fragments  
Book of telephone numbers, names, times and dates – constitution dates for several churches, land deeds, fragments of church letters, associational letters, and church records.