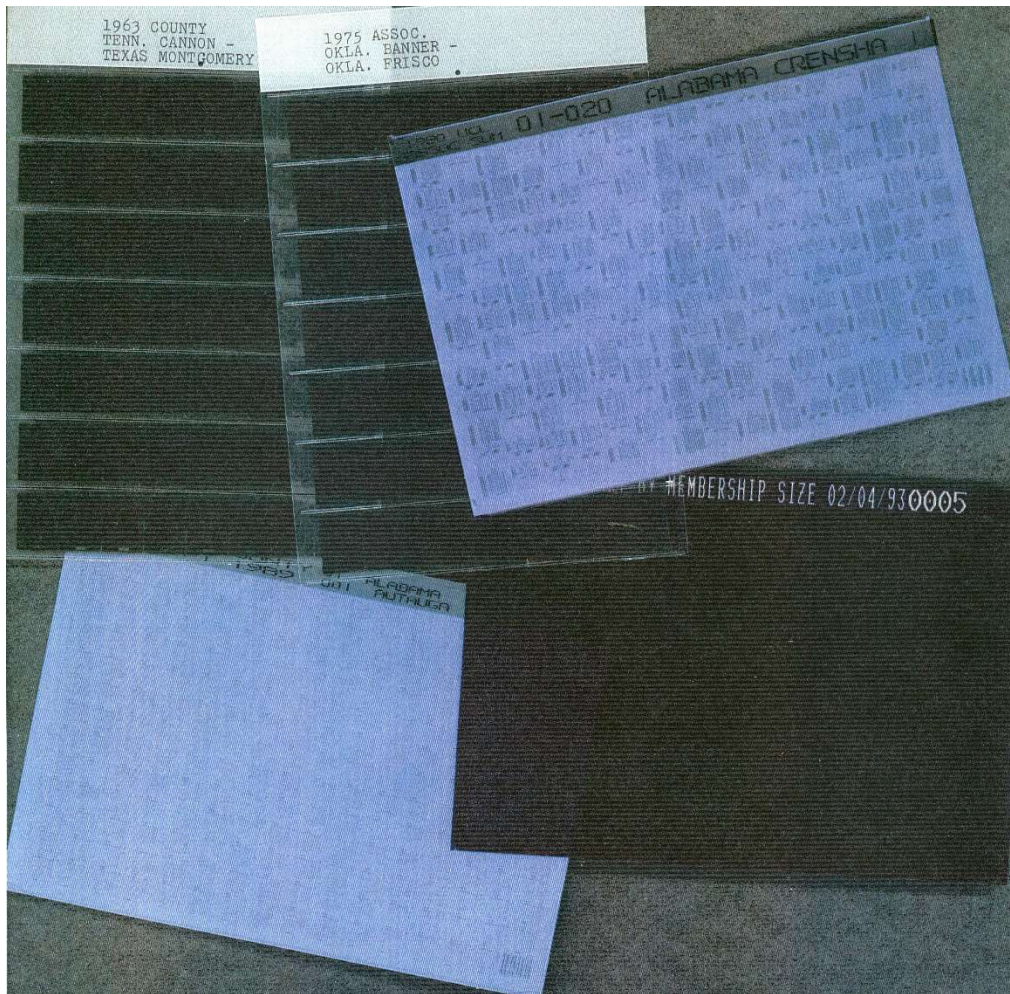


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HOME MISSION BOARD  
UNIFORM CHURCH LETTER  
MICROFICHE COLLECTION**

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## **Uniform Church Letter Microfiche Collection**

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#### **Summary**

Main Entry: Uniform Church Letter Microfiche Collection

Date Span: 1962 – 1993

Abstract: Collection consists of microfiche of Uniform Church Letter data maintained by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Uniform Church Letter, renamed the Annual Church Profile, was used by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to collect statistical data from Southern Baptist related churches. This data was shared with the Home Mission Board. The Uniform Church Letter was initiated in 1922 by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board. Microfiche includes Uniform Church Letter reports sorted by county, association, state, and membership size and spans years 1962-1993.

Size: 1.5 linear ft. (1 records center box)

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#### **Historical Sketch**

The Uniform Church Letter, later renamed the Annual Church Profile, was used by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to collect statistical data from Southern Baptist related churches. The stated objective of the church letter was to provide a practical and uniform plan whereby the churches may report on their progress annually and to assist churches to share information with others. The Uniform Church Letter was initiated in 1922 by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in the Atlanta, Georgia area, was responsible for convention wide programs of ministry, missions, and assistance, primarily in the United States.

#### **Scope and Content Note**

The data found in the summaries usually includes the following information gathered from the Uniform Church Letter completed by churches. The summaries include the state, local association, church name, pastor, number of services held each month, baptisms, other additions, total membership, and enrollments in Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Choir, Royal Ambassadors, and Vacation Bible School. The summaries also include

financial data including pastor's salary, value of church property, debt, total receipts, and total mission giving. Some years, different data was provided. Microfiche includes Uniform Church Letter reports sorted by county, association, state, and membership size. Additional and similar information is found in the *Southern Baptist Handbook* and the statistical tables in Baptist state convention annuals. Microfiche sheets are stored in protective sleeves in 5 notebooks.

**Arrangement**

Arranged in chronological order.

**Provenance**

Donated by the North American Mission Board, 2015.

**Preferred Citation**

Uniform Church Letter Microfiche Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Baptists – Membership

Baptists – Statistics

Church Membership

Southern Baptist Convention – Statistics

Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board.

**Related Materials**

Louisiana Baptist Convention – Uniform Church Letters, 1980-2003. MF# 6815 (69 microfilm reels).

May, Lynn E. History of the Uniform Church Letter (Inter-Agency Council, SBC, 1972). ER 076 / Pam 6223.

SBC Uniform Church Letters Summaries, 1946-1993. MF# 7870. (83 16mm microfilm Negative reels; 4 35mm microfilm Negative reels).

SBC State Baptist Convention Annuals (statistical tables).

*Southern Baptist Handbook*, 1922-1993.

**Container List**

Notebook 1: 1962-1972

Notebook 2: 1972-1975

Notebook 3: 1975-1980

Notebook 4: 1980-1987

Notebook 5: 1987-1993