

R Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church, Record Book, 1841-1850
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INTRODUCTION

The Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church minutes book contains minutes from monthly meetings 1841-1850. This church record book contains 65 pages of minutes from the monthly meetings held by Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church, Pulaski County, August 1841 to January 1850.

DONOR INFORMATION

This Mount Zion Regular Baptist church minute record book was donated to The State Historical Society of Missouri by Eugenia A. Stevenson, granddaughter of Walter Bradford—a Minister in the Primitive Baptist Church on 2 June 2016 (Accession No. RA1625).

INSTITUTION SKETCH

The church originally organized as Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on Aug 6, 1841. In September, the name Union was added and then the church was quickly renamed Little Piney Union Regular Baptist to distinguish it from another Union Baptist church. On October 22, 1841, the church name changed to Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

The Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church recorded minutes from monthly meetings that opened with Praise and Prayer followed by the business meeting. A moderator and clerk were chosen to run the meeting and record the minutes. Isaac Brown and David Lenox were early moderators. Squire L. Case and Isaac Wright were early clerks. Starting in 1844 through the end of the book, moderator was typically Isaac Brown and clerk was generally James Brown. The congregation of this church lived in the southern portion of Pulaski and Phelps County with the Smith, Browns, Hudgens, McCloud, and Case families as active members.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This church record book contains 65 pages of minutes from the monthly meetings held by Mount Zion Regular Baptist Church, Pulaski County August 1841 to January 1850. Monthly minutes were recorded with the exception of December 1848 and November 1849. The meeting was held on the fourth Saturday except mid-summer when one special meeting was held over three days, to include church association business. Commonly found in the minutes are instances of a member's misbehavior and how the church dealt with it, amount in the treasury, and amount to send to the Little Piney Association of Regular Predestinarian Baptist for printing minutes. Also mentioned in the minutes are brethren who were selected to write a letter or carry a letter, to visit members or neighboring churches, or to attend the annual association meeting; including

the names of Squire L. Case (1816-1843), Isaac N[eely] Brown 1800-1864, George Salley (1798-1855), James F. McCloud (1798-1860), and James F. Brown (1858-1951). Trials and tribulations seem to follow Robert Hudgen/s (1816-1864) and John Smith (1801-1874) families.

Minutes are nicely detailed, but become minimal the last two years. Articles of Faith, a Constitution, and Rules of Decorum were stated at the beginning of the book. Found at the back of the book are itemized lists that include names and dates of members who died, those who were excluded by the church or dismissed by letter, and those who joined by 'experience' or by letter. There is a Total Number of membership shown for each year 1841-1854 and a partial index at the end.

See also: R1353, Little Piney Association of Regular Predestinarian Baptist, minute book

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