

# CHEROKEE BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS

Accession Number 7

1795-1879 (typescript copy)

1 volume

**Provenance:** The typescript of the original church minutes were donated to the archives by Betty Jane Hylton, Johnson City, Tenn., on January 17, 2017. This is a copy of the original transcription made by the Baptist Society of Historical Research in 1938.

**Access Note:** The collection is available for research use.

**Historical Note:** Cherokee Baptist Church established in the Cherokee Creek community of Washington County in 1783 is one of the earliest of Tennessee churches. Some believe it may have begun services as early as 1780, though the first recorded meeting is April 2, 1783. Reverend William Murphy was installed as the pastor at that time. In 1786, Cherokee and six other area Baptist churches, meeting at the Cherokee church, formed the Holston Baptist Association, the oldest in Tennessee.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of a spiral-bound typed transcription of the original church minutes of Cherokee Baptist Church from the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Earlier church minutes are apparently lost. The minutes document the history of the church for nearly 100 years, covering many aspects of church business and functions. Among information included are membership lists, records of births, deaths, and baptisms, appointments and election of church officials, licensures to preach, bills of indictment for covenant breaking, etc. The last portion of the volume contains a listing of tombstone inscriptions recorded from the adjoining church cemetery. The minutes are arranged in chronological order. There is an index to the minutes.

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