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Independence Baptist Church Records. 1873-1918

Summary Information
Creator
Independence Baptist Church
Extent (quantity/size)
1 folder.
Language
English
Abstract
The Independence Baptist Church Records contains one bound minute book that describes church activities, finances, and disciplinary issues from 1873-1918 and also includes a condensed history of the church from 1839-1873.

Subjects
Baptists -- Texas -- History. / Baylor University (Independence, Tex.) -- History. / Independence (Tex.) -- History -- Societies, etc. / Independence Baptist Church (Independence, Tex.)

Administrative Information
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Processing Information
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Scope and Content
The Independence Baptist Church Records begins in 1873 and ends in 1918. The records from 1839 to 1873 were destroyed in a fire; this collection therefore contains a condensed history of those early years, and includes transcriptions of church meeting minutes from 1873 to 1918. There are no minutes from 1890, 1897, 1899-1901, 1912-1915, and 1917. Minutes deal with finances, disciplinary issues, and occasional memorials to deceased church members. Also included are lists of church officers and ministers and a seventeen-article statement of faith.

Administrative/Biographical History
Independence Baptist Church in Washington County, Texas, is one of the oldest Baptist churches in Texas. Eight charter members created the church on 1839 August 31, just four years after the village of Independence was founded. The church had close ties with Baylor University, which was founded in 1845 and until 1886 also located at Independence. Independence Baptist Church occasionally offered its sanctuary as a venue for Baylor commencement exercises and reserved seats for Baylor students in the church. A number of pastors of Independence Baptist, such as Rufus Burleson and William Carey Crane, also served as presidents of Baylor. Independence Baptist Church continues to function today as a gathering point and bearer of the Gospel for the Independence area.

Related Resources
Related records in other Archive collections
Records BU Records: Baylor at Independence, Inclusive 1846-2012, undated, Bulk 1883-2010
Papers William Carey Crane Papers, 1809-1944, undated

Related citations

Archival Arrangement
The Independence Baptist Church Records were organized prior to this finding aid, with two inventories, an accession worksheet and a finding aid. Currently the Independence Baptist Church Records are arranged in a single series: I. Minutes.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Minute Book, 1873-1918