Davie County Public Library
Mocksville, NC

Church Records
In
Genealogy & Family History Studies

1) North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection

Located on the 2nd floor of the Z Smith Reynolds Library on the campus of Wake Forest University, this collection includes microfilmed church minutes for hundreds of North Carolina Baptist Churches. They also have histories and minutes of the many various Baptist associations for our state, as well as hundreds of files for individual pastors. Many other materials are available as well. Lists of available church minutes and records are available online. Call for an appointment to schedule your research. Their website & contact information:

https://zsr.wfu.edu/special/collections/nc-baptist-historical-collection/

Director: Tonya Zanish-Bellcher
Hours: Monday-Friday 9-5
336-758-6175
Email: archives@wfu.edu

2) Explore the various association histories and church information at the North Carolina rooms in the county being researched. Many church minutes have been transcribed into books. In addition, numerous histories have been written for Baptist associations and churches that are available in book form.

3) Baptist Associations – Contact the headquarters of the Baptist Association which the church you are researching was a member of. These associations are a repository for their historical records and are generally very helpful to the researcher.

4) Contact the church and meet with the pastor or historian! While Wake Forest has an enormous amount of records, they do not have all available information for every church. Many churches have records and written histories they are happy to share with researchers.

REPOSITORIES FOR CHURCH RECORDS

in NORTH CAROLINA

Remember, it is usually desirable to make an appointment

when visiting most of these collections. Sometimes, a donation would also be appreciated.

EPISCOPAL: *no fixed collection; each active parish maintains its own records; inactive parish materials are retired to the appropriate diocesan archive. Each diocese has its own historiographer.*

Diocesan House, North Carolina

200 West Morgan St., Suite 300

Raleigh, NC 27601

Historiographer: Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner history@episdionc.org

Project Archivist: Lynn Hoke lynn.hoke@episdionc.org

Diocese of Western North Carolina

900-B Central Park Dr

Asheville, NC 28805

Historiographer: Rev. Scott Oxford soxford@stjameswnc.org

Diocese of East Carolina

705 Doctors Drive

P. O. Box 1336

Kingston, NC 28503

Historiographer: Mamre Marsh Wilson mamre@ec.rr.com

BAPTIST:

N. C. Baptist Historical Collection

Z. Smith Reynolds Library

Wake Forest University

P. O. Box 7777

Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7777

(336) 758-6175

https://wakespace.lib.wfu.edu/handle/10339/33589

archives@wfu.edu

Free Will Baptist Historical Collection

Moye Library, University of Mount Olive

634 Henderson St.

Mount Olive, NC 28365-1699

https://www.umo.edu/library/freewillbaptist

gbarefoot@moc.edu

(919) 658-7827

T-Th 10 am to 4 pm and by appointment

Primitive Baptist Library

4023 Highway 87 North

Elon, NC 27244

(336) 584-8390

Contact: Glen Berry familyproviders@live.com

CHURCH OF CHRIST:

United Church of Christ Archives

700 Prospect Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 736-2111

http://www.ucc.org/about-us_archives

cadee@ucc.org

Some records of the Church of Christ have also been collected by:

Archives and Special Collections

Carol Grotnes Belk Library

Room 204

Elon University

O'Kelly Avenue

Elon, NC 27244

http://www.elon.edu/e-web/library/libraryinfo/collections.xhtml

belkarchives@elon.edu

M-F, 8 am to 5 pm

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST:

Discipliana Collection

Hackney Library

P. O. Box 5000

Barton College

Wilson, NC 27893-7000

(252) 399-6500

http://lib.barton.edu/#

FRIENDS (QUAKERS): *(Many original images of meeting records available on-line through Ancestry.com, as well.)*

Friends Historical Collection

Guilford College

5800 W Friendly Ave

Greensboro, NC 27410

http://library.guilford.edu/fhc

archives@guilford.edu

LUTHERAN AND REFORMED (the latter, pre-1831):

James R. Crumley Archives (Lutheran) – *Records transferred from Salisbury Synod House; many were damaged in Salisbury because of a plumbing issue.*

Lineberger Library

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

4201 N. Main Street

Columbia, SC 29203

(803) 461-3234

M, W 9 am to 4 pm

T, Th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

F 10 am to 2 pm

http://www.crumleyarchives.org/

"Records of the Classis of NC" collection formerly housed at Catawba College now at:

Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

2nd Floor, Schaff Library

Lancaster Seminary

555 W James St

Lancaster, PA 17603

(717) 290-8734

http://erhs.info/

erhs@lancasterseminary.edu

METHODIST: (*Except for defunct churches with no successors, you should contact the church historian in individual congregations. For specific churches that have disappeared with no successors, the Conference Archives is the correct place to make inquiries. The General Commission holds broader materials and those related to ministers and missionaries.*)

General Commission on Archives and History

United Methodist Church

36 Madison Ave

P. O. Box 127

Madison, NJ 07940

(973) 408-3189

gcah@gcah.org

http://www.gcah.org/

North Carolina Annual Conference of the UMC, Conference Archives

700 Waterfield Ridge Place

Garner, NC 27529

https://nccumc.org/history/

archives-history@nccumc.org

Western NC Annual Conference of the UMC, Conference Archives

United Methodist Center

P. O. Box 18005

3400 Shamrock Dr

Charlotte, NC 28218

704-535-2269

T (9:30 am to 3:30 pm) and Wed (9:30 am to 12 pm)

http://wnccumc.org/wncc-archives/

archives@wnccumc.org

MORAVIAN:

Moravian Archives

457 S Church St

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

(336) 722-1742

M-F 9:30 am to 12 pm, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

http://moravianarchives.org/

moravianarchives@mcsp.org

PRESBYTERIAN:

Records of individual churches formerly housed at Montreat now at:

Presbyterian Historical Society

Presbyterian Church, USA

425 Lombard St

Philadelphia, PA 19147-1516

(215) 627-1852

M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

http://www.history.pcusa.org/

refdesk@history.pcusa.org

Presbyterian Heritage Center

Spence Hall

Intersection of Assembly Drive and Georgia Terrace

P. O. Box 207

Montreat, NC 28757

(828) 669-6556

Hours vary by season.

http://www.phcmontreat.org/index.htm

collections@phcmontreat.org

And always remember that many church records are still in the hands of congregations or individuals. Some may be located in the State Archives of North Carolina or one of the major research libraries associated with North Carolina's universities.

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