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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Cumberland County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

Digital images; 2 volumes.

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Cumberland Baptist Church Record Book, 1856-1896, is digitized and available through [Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative Digital Collection](#) on the Library of Virginia website. Please use digital images.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

The Cumberland Baptist Church Record book came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Cumberland County in 2005 under the accession number 41989.

The Modern Woodmen of America Cash Account Book came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Cumberland County under an undated accession.

Processing Information

Prior to 2025, the various organization records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large organization record for the locality. Since 2025, these records additionally include identified but not processed records.

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Alternative Form Available

Cumberland Baptist Church Record Book, 1856-1896 is available as microfilm Cumberland County (Va.) Reel 88.

Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

See also: Cumberland Baptist Church Minute Book, 1836-1856, at the Library of Virginia under the accession number 24200 [negative photostats] and accession number 43813 [original volume].

See also: [Cumberland County \(Va.\) Free and Enslaved Records, 1753-1865](#)

Records related to free and enslaved people of Cumberland County (Va.) and other localities are available through the [Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative Digital Collection](#) on the Library of Virginia website.

Additional Cumberland County (Va.) court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

Context for Record Type: Organization Records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These organization records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safe keeping by business owners. In other cases, organization records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These organization record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

Locality History: Cumberland County was named for William Augustus, duke of Cumberland, third son of King George II. It was formed from Goochland County in 1749. The county seat is Cumberland.

Scope and Content

Cumberland County (Va.) Organization Records, 1856-1914 is comprised of various records created by groups in Cumberland County. These records consist of a record book and a cash account book.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

- Series I: Cumberland Baptist Church Records, 1856-1896
- Series II: Modern Woodmen of America Local 13195 Records, 1908-1914

Contents List

Series I: Cumberland Baptist Church Minute Book, 1856-1896

Extent

Digital images; 1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Cumberland Baptist Church was founded in 1810 by Joseph Jenkins. The church first met in a log building. Members of Cumberland Baptist church met alternately at Booker's Meeting House and Tar Wallet Meeting House between 1836 and 1843 when the congregation divided. The members living near Tar Wallet formed a separate church and the remaining members constituted Cumberland Baptist Church. The congregation met at Booker's Meeting House from 1856 until 1858 when the congregation began meeting at Jenkins' Meeting House.

Scope and Content: Cumberland Baptist Church Record Book, 1856-1896, kept by various members of the church, consists of 286 pages and largely records the church's monthly and quarterly meetings and additional church business.

Church business activities documented in the volume includes: date and location of meetings; names of members attending meetings; election of church officers; reports of church officers; reports to James River Association providing the number of both white and Black members; resolutions passed by church membership; and decisions made by the church membership related to the activities of the church such as excommunication of members, reconciliation of church members, and baptism of new church members.

The church's membership included Black and multiracial individuals, most of whom were enslaved by white church members. The record book lists the names of enslaved individuals baptized and their enslaver. The volume also records the withdrawal of Black and multiracial members from the church in 1866 for the purpose of forming a Baptist church for the Black community.

The record book includes an index that lists in alphabetical order the names of church members. The index includes additional information such as the year the individual joined the church, the year they were removed from the membership roll, and the reason for their removal (excommunication, death, transfer of membership, etc.)

Families indicated as members of Cumberland Baptist Church include: Jenkins family, Anderson family, Reynolds family, Dowdy family, Dunkum family, Meador family, Nunnally family, Parker family, Sanderson family, and Talley family.

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Barcode number 1177638: Cumberland Baptist Church record book, 1856-1896

Series II: Modern Woodmen of America Local 13195 Records, 1908-1914

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Scope and Content: The records of the Modern Woodmen of America Local 13195 consists of a cash account book. The volume records in chronological order amount received from the camp's clerk to go into camp's benefit and general funds and the amount paid from both funds.

Historical Information: Modern Woodmen of America was a fraternal organization founded in 1883 by Joseph Cullen Root, an Iowa businessman, to provide financial services, life insurance, and opportunities for fellowship for men ages 18 to 45.

**Barcode Number 1124859: Modern Woodmen of America Local 13195 Cash
Account Book 1908-1914**

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