

# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH GLENS FALLS, NY: A Guide to the Records**

## **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library  
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- Creator:** First Baptist Church, South Glens Falls, N.Y.
- Title:** Records of the First Baptist Church, South Glens Falls.
- Dates:** 1792-1881.
- Abstract:** Minutes and membership lists for the First Baptist Church of South Glens Falls and its two predecessor churches. Meetings were normally held each month and were variously called conferences, church meetings, or covenant meetings. The church was organized in 1794 as the First Baptist Church of Northumberland. It has a continuous history, although its name changed in 1831 to First Baptist Church, Moreau, and in 1875 to First Baptist Church, South Glens Falls.
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## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The church was organized in 1794 as the First Baptist Church of Northumberland. Reverend James Rogers was the first pastor. The Church has a continuous history, although its name changed from First Baptist Church, Northumberland, to First Baptist Church, Moreau (in 1831), and then to First Baptist Church, South Glens Falls (in 1875).

Early meetings were held in private homes until 1837 when the church membership met in the Burrows School House. Julius Rice gave the church membership his property on the corner of Main and Third Streets in 1859. The church was built on this location and the first service was held August 19, 1862. In 1875 the church name was changed to South Glens Falls Baptist Church. In 1895 the parsonage was built on Third Street. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church was observed in 1942. The minister in 1948 was the Reverend Nevin Korb. An addition to the church was completed in 1954. The church moved to a new building in 1967. (*History of the First Baptist Church of South Glens Falls, N. Y.*, Center for Folklife regional subject files, and *Glens Falls News*, Sept. 11, 1942)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS**

Volume 1 contains minutes, 1792-1832 and membership lists for the First Baptist Church, Northumberland. Meetings were normally held each month and were variously called conferences, church meetings, or covenant meetings. Matters considered at these meetings include membership, baptisms, appointments, arrangements with ministers, communications with other churches, and complaints received regarding conduct of members. Meetings typically opened with prayer and singing and closed with a prayer. The goal of each meeting, often achieved, was to be able to report “a good degree of union and fellowship” in the church.

Volume 2 contains minutes and membership for the First Baptist Church, Moreau (identified as South Glens Falls instead of Moreau, beginning in 1867). Most meetings were called covenant meetings, but a few were described as church meetings or business meetings. Matters considered at these meetings were similar to those described in Volume 1.

## INDEX TERMS

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

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#### **First Baptist Church, Northumberland**

Minutes, 1792-1832

(includes membership lists)

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