

BHC HISTORY SHEET

NAME: Newfound Baptist Church

COUNTY: Buncombe

ADDRESS: Route 4, Box 485, Asheville, N. C. 28806

ASSOC.: Buncombe

ORGANIZATION:

The Baptist Church of Christ on Big Pidgeon (now in Haywood County), on February 6, 1802, received a petition from Thomas Snelson asking for assistance in constituting a church. They sent Joshua Kelly, William Dillard, and Ezekial Campbell as a presbytery. They met at John Biffle's mill and constituted Newfound Baptist Church on February 27, 1802. In March the church decided to build a meeting house and elected Thomas Snelson as their first pastor. In May, Snelson was ordained at Big Pidgeon. The church joined Holston, Tennessee Baptist Association in 1802 and sent Snelson, John Grantham, and Daniel Ponder as their delegates. They reported 39 members.

NAME CHANGES: None

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP: Holston [Tenn.], 1802-1806 West Buncombe [E], 1909-1922  
 French Broad, 1807-1855 Buncombe, 1922-  
 Newfound, 1855-1908

PASTORS:

Thomas Snelson	1802-1815	S. C. Owen	1897-1902
Humphrey Posey	1816-1817	C. E. Jervis	1902-1915
Moses Freeman	1817-1818	Hughey Osborne Miller	1915-1918
Isaac Miles	1819-1824	Wesley Burton Sprinkle, Int.	1918
Moses Freeman & assistants	1825-1829	Samuel T. Hensley	1918-1920
Isaac Miles	1828-1833	Wesley Burton Sprinkle	1920-1921
Moses Freeman	1835-1840	Robert Harry Spiro	1921-1925
Peter Miller	1841-1849	Charles Jollay	1926-1927
Posey Parham	1850-1855	J. C. Bennett	1927-1929
Joseph Miller	1856-1859	R. H. Morgan, Int.	1929
John H. Parham [s]	1860-1861	R. R. Mahaffey	1930-1935
Joseph Miller	1862- ?	Bascom S. Hensley	1936-1941
John H. Parham	1865-1868	M. L. Kirstein	1941-1948
J. W. Hooker	1868-1869	Albert H. Parham	1948-1953
Joseph Miller	1871-1876	J. M. Benford, Int.	1953
J. W. Hooker	1876-1880	J. L. Wolfe	1953-1956
Tobias Bright	1880-1881	Wayne W. Williams, Int.	1956
Joseph Miller	1881-1883	H. E. Davis	1956-1961
J. R. Wild	1883-1884	Gordon E. Scruggs	1961-1968
G. W. Gosnel	1885-1886	James Swinson	1969-1973
A. B. Hawkins	1887-1894	Erskin V. Plemmons, Int.	1973
L. M. Seigle	1894-1896	Charles Phillips	1974-
Marielle Sluder	1896-1897		

CEMETERY/RECORDS/DATES:

HISTORIES: Lunsford, James B.

History of Newfound Missionary Baptist Church. Read at the Centennial meeting of that church in the spring of 1902. Typescript. 14p. (NCCF) C. D. D.

Brief history Newfound Baptist Church. Read Feb. 28, 1960 at the service observing the 158th anniversary. Typescript. 3p. (mf).

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MAIN ENTRY: Newfound Baptist Church (1802), Buncombe Co., N. C.

TYPE OF PAPERS; DATES: Minutes, 1802-1974; newspaper clippings, 1972-1975, undated; and miscellaneous records, 1900-1958 [broken series]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 7 volumes; 12 items

ORIGINAL FORM OF MATERIAL: Manuscript, typescripts and newsprint

HISTORY-SCOPE AND CONTENT (ABOUT AUTHOR AND MATERIALS):

Newfound Baptist Church (1802), Buncombe Co., N. C.  
Records, 1802-1975. 7 v. 12 items.

Minutes of church conferences from February 27, 1802 to June 30, 1974; miscellaneous typescripts of a letter, two church histories, and an ordination service, and newspaper clippings, 1972-75 and undated.

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1. N. C. Church Records.
2. Buncombe County, N. C.

NCCF: Newfound Baptist Church

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FRENCH BROAD  
WEST BUNCOMBE [E]  
NEWFOUND  
FRENCH BROAD  
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NEWFOUND

Pine Creek Baptist Church  
Barnardsville Baptist Church  
Bent Creek [E] Baptist Church  
Roundhill [E] Baptist Church  
Dick's Creek Baptist Church

BF: Miller, Peter                      Ordination  
Parham, Posey                      Ordination  
Freeman, Moses  
Lanning, T. D.                      Ordination  
Edwards, Jennie                    Missionary  
Carver, Lewie  
Owen, S. C.                        Letter, 1900

VS: Snelson, Rachel                    Parham, Elizabeth  
Jones, Ebed                        Frisbee, William K  
Cox, Holly                         Frisbee, Ferdinand [?]  
Jainritch, Clary                    Cassada, Mrs. Mary  
Park, Rachel                        Frisbee, Miss Mary E  
Ratcliff, Elizabeth                Reynolds, Mrs. Denver  
Ritch, Aaron                        Foster, M. J.

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## BHC DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Newfound Baptist Church (1802), Buncombe County, N. C.

### CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. I, 1802-1836; 1872-1895

Minutes of church conferences from February 27, 1802 to March 20, 1836 and from April 20, 1872 to February 16, 1895, including membership rolls, cal807, 1876, and 1894; lists of donations for the pastor's support; a table of excluded and deceased members, 1880-1881; and a resolution, 1878.

Subjects include the election of delegates to the association and union meetings; the election of church officers; deacon's recommendations; committee appointments and reports; the formation of a church at Pine Creek [1832] and an arm at Swannanoah [1825]; revival services; improvements to church properties; the licensing of William Kell and John Weaver [1805], and John Grantham [1806]; the Lord's Supper; ordination of Peter Miller [1835]; the reception, discipline, and dismissal of church members; requests for assistance from Little Ivy [1804], Cane Creek [1806], French Broad [1806], Mud Creek [1812], Crabtree [1813], Mount Pleasant [1831], Pine Creek [1833], Weaverville [1880], Mount Carmel [1885], and Bethel [1888]; requests for assistance to Cane Creek and Mud Creek [1811], Flat Creek [1813], Walnut Creek [1834], Locust Old Fields [1814], and French Broad [1814]; the selection of a pastor; Sunday School [1885]; building a new meeting house [1802]; trading in alcoholic beverages [1803]; support for Sister Rachel Snelson [1820]; observance of foot washing [1825-?]; Peter Miller and brother Breese were, "tolerated to sing, pray, and exhort"[1828] as was Edom Brian [1835]; and a survey of church land in 1895.

There are some gaps in the minutes when they were not recorded: January 1821 - July 1823; November 1823 - September 1824; December 1828 - May 1830; and June - September, 1833.

### CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. II, 1836-1872

Minutes of church conferences from May 16, 1836 to March 17, 1872, including the articles of faith [1838]; a church covenant [1838]; membership rolls [1849]; rules of decorum; and treasurer's reports.

Subjects include the appointment of delegates to the union meetings and to the association; the ordination of deacons; trustees; the graveyard; financial matters; improvements to the church properties; the licensing of Posey Parham [1837], Abel N. Miles [1839], Thomas Reese [1845], John Parham [1845], George Starns [1853], Marion Clark [1866], and Israel Wilson [1866]; the ordination of Posey Parham [1841]; the reception, discipline, and dismissal of church members; requests for assistance to Pine Creek [1837], Bull Creek [1837], Locust Old Fields [1836], Little Ivy [1842], Flat Creek [1850], Turkey Creek [1853], and Little Pine [1857]; several death dates, 1838-1848 are listed with scattered references to other church members who were deceased; the dismissal of Moses Freeman and others for "unfellowshipping with the United Baptists" [1841]; the purchase of additional property [1856]; The Baptist Telescope, Hendersonville, N. C. [1859]; a protracted meeting at John Plemons' schoolhouse [1866]; requests for assistance to Bull Creek [1838], Locust Old Fields [1838], Flat Creek [1841], Mills River [1841], Walnut Creek [1849], Crabtree [1849], Big Ivy [1850], Little Ivy [1850], Bear Creek [1854], Turkey Creek [1866], and Bethel [1866]; and memorials to Ebed Jones, Holly Cox, Clary Jainritch, Rachel Park, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Aaron Ritch, Elizabeth Parham, William K, Frisbee, and Ferdinand [?] Frisbee.

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CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. III, 1895-1915

Minutes of church conferences from March 16, 1895 to June 20, 1915, including male and female membership rolls, lists of deacons, ordained ministers, licentiates, delegates and pastors with terms of service; rules of decorum [1895]; and treasurer's reports.

Subjects include the appointment of delegates to the association and union meetings; the church cemetery; committee appointments and reports; financial matters; the formation of Baptist churches at Dix Creek [1897] and Roundhill [1903]; revivals and baptismal services; the ordination of T. D. Lanning [1902]; the reception, discipline, and dismissal of church members; special collections for missions, a baptistry [1912], and for the Newfound Baptist Association High School at Leicester [1895]; the election and resignation of officers; the establishment of preaching fields with other churches; the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union [1895]; a Sunday School Convention [1896]; the appointment of A. C. Edwards as "church missionary" [1897]; the support of Jennie Edwards in her missionary endeavors in Cuba [1898]; the purchase of an organ [1910]; the writing of a church history by J. B. Lunsford [1902]; the recall of the license of N. S. Stafford [1902]; and the licensing of F. F. Frisbee [1908].

CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. IV, 1915-1935

Minutes of church conferences from July 17, 1915 to June 16, 1935, including membership rolls and enrollment forms.

Subjects include the appointment of delegates to the association meetings; committee appointments and reports; the election of church and Sunday School officers; revival and baptismal services; memorials for Mrs. Mary Cassada [1927], Miss Mary E. Frisbee [1927], Mrs. Denver Reynolds [1929]; the ordination of W. B. Sprinkle [1918]; improvements to church properties; the reception, discipline and dismissal of church members; the selection of a pastor; special collections for painting the church [1917]; the re-organization of the Sunday School [1927]; statistics for the West Buncombe [E] Baptist Association, 1917-1919 and the Buncombe Baptist Association, 1931-1933; a community census [1926]; and the topics for the pastor's sermons.

CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. V, 1935-1949

Minutes of church conferences from July 7, 1935 to July 3, 1949, including enrollment forms for church members.

Subjects include the appointments of delegates to the association; committee appointments and reports; the election of church and Sunday School officers; recommendations from the board of deacons; financial matters; homecoming, revival, and baptismal services; improvements to church property; the reception and dismissal of church members; the Lord's Supper; the selection of a pastor; the pastor's sermon topics; church study courses; and the new church building.

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CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. VI, 1949-1956

Minutes of church conferences from July 3, 1949 to February 12, 1956, including an alphabetical membership roll and treasurer's reports.

Subjects include the election of delegates to the association and the N. C. Baptist State Convention; the election of church officers and Sunday School teachers; committee appointments and reports; the church cemetery; financial matters; improvements to church properties; a memorial to M. J. Foster (1952); the reception and dismissal of church members; the selection of a pastor; a new church building; the pastor's sermon topics; the associational statistics, 1949-1954; and a list of church officers, 1949-1955.

CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, Vol. VII, 1956-1974

Minutes of church conferences from March 11, 1956 to June 30, 1974, including treasurer's reports.

Subjects include the appointment of delegates to the association meetings; recommendations from the board of deacons and the church trustees; the election of church and Sunday School officers; committee reports; financial matters; revival and baptismal services; the reception and dismissal of church members; the selection of a pastor; Vacation Bible Schools; Youth Week; and the Brotherhood.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS [1900-1958 - broken series]. 4 items.

Typescript copies of a letter from S. C. Owen, March 1, 1900 relative to his trip to Cuba where he organized a Baptist church; a history of the church by J. B. Lunsford read May 17, 1902; a brief history of the church read February 28, 1960 on their 150th anniversary; and a copy of the ordination service for Lewie Carver, November 2, 1958.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1972-1975, undated. 8 items.

Clippings primarily from the Asheville Times relative to the church and its activities.