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Scope and Contents and Arrangement

Biographical sketches, primarily of Arkansans, compiled for the Operation Baptist Biography (OBB), administered by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville, TN.

Files are arranged alphabetically with background information on OBB and Arkansas Baptists following the alphabetical files.

Historical Summary

Operation Baptist Biography (OBB) was an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission launched in 1958. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, oversaw the project. Malachi 3:16, in which a “book of remembrance” is described, served as inspiration for the project. A co-operative venture, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention assisted with the compilation of Arkansas biographies. Biographical information for persons living and deceased at the time was gathered. Data requested included birthplace, education, marital information, religious experience, church and denominational activity, public service, club membership, and hobbies. The SBC financed the project by asking for \$1 for each entry submitted.

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