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BRIEF NOTES ON HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS FROM GALILEE AND
JERUSALEM TO AMERICA:

Roots of American and Mississippi Baptists through the Welsh
Line - Descendants of the Welsh Baptists . . .

Welsh Baptists were descendants of the first century Baptists
converted under the preaching of Paul in Rome in 63 A.D.

The origin of the Welsh Baptist is accounted for by J. Davis
in his history of the Welsh Baptists as follows:

"In A. D. 63, while Paul was a prisoner in Rome (and for
two years preached in his own hired house), a Welsh lady
(Claudia) and her husband whose name was Pudens, and others
who were of Caesar's household, visiting in Rome, were converted
under Paul's preaching. They are referred to in Acts 28:30 and
II Tim. 4:21. These first carried the gospel to Wales."

Historians tell of the existence of the Baptists in parts
of Asia, Africa, Italy, Germany, Moravia, Switzerland, France,
Holland and England in all the early centuries before the Re-
formation.

BAPTISTS ARE NOT "PROTESTANTS." Sir Isaac Newton declared
that it was his "conviction that the Baptists were the only
Christians who never symbolized with Rome."

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH originated in 313 A.D. The Hierarchy
was established by Constantine the Great as a growth out of
the union of church and state in A.D. 313. This movement grew
out of a division in the church in Rome (held the Biblical
doctrines of the Baptists). The Papacy was established in A. D.
606 when Boniface III was made the first Universal Bishop by
Emperor Phocas.

PROTESTANTS divided from Catholic Church under the leadership
of Martin Luther in Germany in 1530. *His ninety-five theses to Cardinal*
LUTHERANS: Martin Luther, 1530, in Germany. *at Wittenberg, Germany*
PRESBYTERIANS: John Calvin in France and Switzerland, 1535.
EPISCOPALIANS: King Henry VIII in England in 1540.
QUAKERS: George Fox in America in 1648.
METHODISTS: John Wesley in England in 1729.
HARDSHELL BAPTIST (Primitive): Daniel Parker in America, 1832.
Others in America and other lands came afterward. / .
BAPTISTS: By our Lord Jesus Christ in Galilee in 33 A. D.

THERE WERE BAPTISTS IN EVERY CENTURY but by many different
names:

Christian in the first century
Montanists 2nd century
Novatians 3rd and 4th centuries
Donatists 4th, 5th and 6th centuries

Triennial Conventions - 1814
Northern Baptist Conventions
Southern Baptist Conventions - 1845

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Paulicians 7th, 8th and 9th centuries
Albigenses 10th through 13th centuries
Waldenses 12th through 16th centuries
Anabaptists 2nd to 16th centuries
Other names in some places - Menonites, Baptists, Landmarkers, etc.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in America established in 1638 under leadership of Dr. John Clarke in New Port, Rhode Island.

J. Davis History of the Baptists tells of Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches throughout England in the early centuries prior to the time of the Reformation.

PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION organized in 1707 was first Baptist Association in America. - See back side of Page -

BAPTISTS TAKE ROOTS IN MISSISSIPPI . . .

Baptists from Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Association) move south . . . Families from Welsh Tract Baptist Church, Pennsylvania (now Delaware) migrated into the great Pee Dee River Valley of South Carolina where some 30 settlers established the Welsh Neck Baptist Church in 1735. This area was later the Charleston Baptist Association.

Persecution from Anglican (state) Church, and British Tories drove many Welsh Baptists further south - some to the Natchez Country (Mississippi).

Several families banded together in 1779 and migrated by way of the Holston, Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers by barge to the mouth of Cole's Creek north of Natchez which was then under Spanish Catholic rule.

Barges attacked by hostile Indians - battles insue - Indians take Smallpox - many died.

Party arrives in the Natchez County in 1880.

SALEM CHURCH established in October, 1791, with seven charter members; to wit: Richard Curtis, Jr., pastor; William Thompson, Clerk; William Curtis; John Jones; Benjamin Curtis; Ealiff Lanier and Margaret Stampley. Organized in home of Margaret Stampley on south fork of Cole's Creek (pickering) Jefferson County about 18 miles north of Natchez.

Catholic persecution - Curtis leaves - ordained - returns - First church building erected in his absence

FIRST CHURCHES: Salem - Jefferson County, 1791; Bayoun Pierre, Claiborne County, 1798; New Hope, Adams County, 1800; Bethel, Wilkerson County, 1800; New Providence, Amite County, July 27, 1805; Ebenezer, Amite County, May 6, 1806.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION organized September, 1806, at Salem Church, with five churches (Salem, New Hope, Bethel, New Providence, Ebenezer (Bayou Pierre church came in later).

SALEM DIVIDED - two letters sent to Association in 1815. Church dissolved August 29, 1834.

Truth - In 1836 there were nine associations,
122 churches, 48 ordained ministers,
4,282 members.

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Associations in 1836:

- Union - 24
- Pearl River - 33
- Mississippi - 16
- Bethel - 9
- Charlton - 6
- Leaf River - 10
- Yalobusha - 5
- Yazoo - 10
- Buttahaucha - 9

B.M.A. of America

- 1 - Philadelphia Association - 1209
- 2 - State Associations in Mississippi (1804);
Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.
- 3 - Baptist General Association - 1905.
 - American Baptist Association - 1924
 - N.A.B.A. - 1950
 - B.M.A. of America - 1969