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Rev. L. S. Walker
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Dear Brother Walker:

I am delighted that you are writing sketches of the early history of the churches in the Hobolochitto Association. Our research for the information you requested has revealed the following.

We do have a copy of Leavell and Bailey's book, and it gives these dates of organization: Palestine, 1842; Gainesville, 1855; Salem, 1857; and Zion Hill, 1856. The book also says that dates of organization for the other four churches in the Hobolochitto Association's beginning were not given in the minutes.

We would be very happy to have any copies of the Hobolochitto Association minutes which you may wish to deposit with us. We do lack the years 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1870, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1889, 1893, 1894, 1897, 1899, 1903, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1920-1943, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963.

You will be interested in knowing that my history of the First Baptist Church of Jackson should be off the press next month. Mrs. McLemore and I are working on a history of The Baptist Record and a history of Mississippi College. These two volumes should be off the press in 1977. It is a real joy to have the privilege of working with the history of Mississippi Baptists. There is a great deal of inspiration we gain from the endeavor.

Sincerely,


R. A. McLemore

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27 O.M. Bayless organized in 1857. Member in Cahaba - dismantled Gulf Coast area - Church went out of operation in 1874

"Only 3 churches in 1849"