These are minutes of the meeting in 1847 of the Osage River Association, which was composed of Baptist churches in Benton, Camden, Polk, and Webster counties in Missouri. The minutes include lists of churches and delegates to the meeting, a summary of the association's business, and an “Abstract of Principles.”

The Osage River Association of Regular Baptists was organized in 1846. At the time of its second annual meeting in 1847 the Association included eight churches, representing 125 members. Robert S. Duncan’s *History of the Baptists in Missouri* indicates the existence in 1844 of a predecessor association of the same name. Although the constituent churches of the two groups differed somewhat, the Antioch, Mount Vernon, and New Hope churches were members of both. Elder H. V. Parker was a leader in both groups.

As “Regular” Baptists the members of the Osage River Association eschewed mission work, Sunday schools, and other forms of proselytism and worship as practiced by the “United” Baptists. The “Regulars” considered those practices to be secular inventions, unrecognized by the Scriptures. The Abstract of Principles included in the minutes for 1847 also specified a belief in predestination, and an insistence upon immersion as the only valid form of baptism.

In keeping with Baptist practice, the Osage River Association exchanged correspondence and messengers with other groups of the same orthodoxy. The Osage River Association corresponded with the Little Piney and Lamine River associations. David Lenox and Isaac N. Bradford of the Little Piney Association attended the Osage River Association’s meeting in 1847.
Harper, E. L.
Hatfield, John.
Hatfield, Mansfield.
Hix, John.
Lamine River Regular Baptist Association (Mo.).
Lenox, David.
Little Niangua Baptist Church (Webster County, Mo.).
Little Piney Regular Baptist Association (Mo.).
Long, G.
Long, I.
Mack’s Creek Baptist Church (Camden County, Mo.).
Mount Zion Baptist Church (Polk County, Mo.).
Murry, J. W.
New Hope Baptist Church (Polk County, Mo.).
Osage River Association of Regular Baptists (Mo.).
Parker, H. V.
Poe, Alvin.
Polk County (Mo.).
Reaves, J.
Regular Baptists.
Richardson, James.
Rural churches—Missouri.
Shaw, R.
Tally, G. W.
Tally, J.
Walker, M.
Webster County (Mo.).
West, J. W.
Winfrey, T.
Yaden, Thomas.