INTRODUCTION
The records of the Perserverance Baptist Church contain monthly meeting
minutes (1895-1941) and membership lists (1895-1937) of the Perserverance Baptist
Church at Old Lick Fork in Boone County. Records are incomplete.

DONOR INFORMATION
The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Joyce
Blakemore on 10 December 1980 (Accession No. 2354).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
Perserverance Baptist Church was founded on 24 August 1895 by nine citizens of
Old Lick Fork, Missouri. This group included M.W. Harris, E.D. Carr, A.W. Gulick, and
Wesley and Alice Roberts. A.W. Gulick was the church's first pastor. Meetings to discuss
church business were held, if circumstances permitted, every fourth Saturday and Sunday
of the month.

In 1900 the members voted to build a church house, which would be open to all
Christian denominations in Old Lick Fork. In 1941, due to a decrease in membership and
funds, the Perserverance Baptist Church was forced to close its doors.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
These records, though limited in their scope, do give some indication of the steps
necessary in establishing this small, rural Baptist church. They also reveal the church's
permanent membership and some of its rocky forty-six year history. Blank pages were
not filmed.

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