

A Selected Bibliography of Works on Alabama Methodism*
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Articles and theses

- Bailey, Kenneth K. "The Post-Civil War Racial Separations in Southern Protestantism: Another Look." *Church History* 46 no. 4 (1977 December): 453-473.
 A discussion of the color barrier in the church in the South, especially as it became more rigorous at the turn of the century, and church attitudes towards this.
- Bell, Stephen Hugh. "Phillip Phillips Neely and Secession." *Alabama Historical Quarterly* 38 (1976 spring): 45-50.
 Short biography of a Methodist minister who advocated secession in his speeches and sermons.
- Brasher, John Lawrence. "The North in the South: The Holiness Methodism of John Lakin Brasher." *Methodist History* 17 (1998 October): 36-47.
- Brasher, John Lawrence. "John Lakin Brasher" and "The Great Western Revival and Camp Meeting Movement." In *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Nashville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006.
- Brasher, John Lawrence. "The Holiness Movement in Alabama." In *Encyclopedia of Alabama* (forthcoming on-line).
- Brawley, Benjamin. "Lorenzo Dow." *Journal of Negro History* 1, no. 3 (1916): 265-275.
 A brief biography of Lorenzo Dow, an early and controversial Methodist preacher in Alabama.
- Carter, Paul A. "The Negro and Methodist Union." *Church History* 21 no. 1 (1952 March): 55-70.
 A discussion of the schism in the church and the question of segregation in the church, both historical and contemporary.
- Carwardine, Richard. "Methodists, Politics, and the Coming of the American Civil War." *Church History* 69 no. 3 (2000 September): 578-609.
 General information about Methodist actions in the time leading up to the Civil War, especially their political activities; includes information about split in Methodist Episcopal Church, and actions of Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- DuBois, John. "Incidents and Characters in the Early History of Methodism, in Charleston, SC., and in Alabama." (A series in the *Alabama Christian Advocate*)
 No. 1: 1881 December 28. Introduction to the series.

* This bibliography does not include local church histories.

- No. 2: 1882 January 4. "An account of some of the hardships suffered by the Methodist church in its early days, including rioting and scorn."
- No. 3: 1882 January 11. "Description of the author's journey from Charleston to Alabama, the first important conversion in the town of Vernon, and the way in which new converts were ministered to."
- No. 4: 1882 January 18. "General information about Revs Peyton Graves and Meredith Kennon, as well as a commentary on the so called 'Hard Shell Baptists'."
- No. 5: 1882 January 25. "The story of Bishop Robert R. Robert's surprise visit to Vernon, and relates several incidents from the life of the Reverend E. V. Levert."
- No. 6: 1882 February 1. "Description of the controversy and eventual split over reform in 1823-24, the author's subsequent move to the Coosa, the preaching of Joshua Boucher, and the continuing disagreements between the Methodists and Hard Shell Baptists."
- No. 7: 1882 February 8. "Report on one of the Reverend Brittain Capel's sermons, as well as several incidents in the life of the author from the same time period."
- No. 8: 1882 February 15. "Information on church planting practices, especially as carried out by the Reverend Seaborn Mims, discord in the church and the importance for ministers to lead by example."
- No. 9: 1882 February 22. "Warning against too much levity in ministers with information about Leroy Messengale, who was, for a little while, under the protection and tutelage of the Reverend E. V. Levert."
- No. 10: 1882 March 1. "Description of how camp meetings were planned, how the sites were built, and how the meetings themselves were carried out."
- No. 11: 1882 March 8. "Depiction of the "protracted meetings" that succeeded the camp meeting in popularity."
- No. 12: 1882 March 22. "Reflections on the Alabama Conference meeting in Greensboro in 1834 or 1835."
- No. 13: 1882 March 29. "Description of the 1841 revival of Greensboro, its effects, and the history of the minister who led it, the Reverend Boatwright."
- No. 14: 1882 April 12. "A brief history of the settling of the Alabama Black Belt with information about settlement, introduction of slaves, and missionary efforts directed towards slave populations."
- No. 15: 1882 April 19. "Continuation of the discussion of the Methodist ministry to African-Americans and slaves before the Civil War."
- No. 16: 1882 April 26. "List and description of some of the first ministers of the church in Greensboro."
- No. 17: 1882 May 3. "Information about several revivals held in Greensboro led by various ministers including Dr. E. Wadsworth, the Reverend Milburn, and Dr. Neely. Also gives information about the Reverend Robert Dickens."
- No. 18: 1882 May 10. "The story of the conversion experience of John DuBois, the author."

Elliott, James E. "A History of Methodism in Western Alabama, 1818-1870." University of Alabama: master's thesis, 1947.

Focuses on the Tuscaloosa District. [BX8248 .A2 E4 1947A]

Fish, John O. "Southern Methodism and the Accommodation of the Negro, 1902-1915." *Journal of Negro History* 55 no. 3 (1970 July): 200-214.

Discussion of attitudes and actions towards African-Americans at the turn of the century, especially attitudes of whites towards the education of blacks, as well as the inconsistencies and prejudices held by whites both inside and outside the church.

Flynt, Wayne. "Alabama White Protestantism and Labor, 1900-1914." *Alabama Review* 25 (1972 July): 192-217.

An examination of labor reform by studying articles from various denominational publications, including *The Alabama Christian Advocate* and *The Alabama Baptist*.

Flynt, Wayne. "Southern Methodists and Social Reform, 1900-1940." *International Social Science Review* no. 74 (1999): 104-114.

Discusses Methodist involvement in larger social reforms, especially among women in urban areas, and the role of organizations such as the Methodist Social Service Commission.

Hartzell, Joseph C. "Methodism and the Negro in the United States." *Journal of Negro History* 8, no. 3 (1923): 301-315.

Details the growth of the African-American branches of the Methodist Church, starting in the pre-Civil War Era and continuing to the time of the article itself, giving details about church membership, practices and attitudes.

Henry, Waights G. "Some Alabama Bishops." *Alabama Christian Advocate*, 1949 June 21.

Lists and describes twelve bishops from Alabama: Robert Paine, Holland Nimmons McTyiere, John H. Vincent, William M. Wightman, Robert K. Hargrove, William Belton Murrah, James Henry McCoy, Horace M. DuBose, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Arthur J. Moore, Clare Purcell, and Martin A. Franklin.

Hubbs, G. Ward. "Of Circuit Riders and Camp Meetings, Missionaries and Methodists." *Alabama Heritage* #86 (2007 fall): 18-25.

Discusses the history of camp Methodism in Alabama, concentrating on the work of circuit riders, the spread of camp meetings, and the eventual schism between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Hubbs, G. Ward. "Reconstructing the Union, Reconstructing the Church."

Presentation to the North Alabama Conference Historical Society. 2007 September 29. Presentation detailing the actions of Methodists during Reconstruction. Includes information about black Southern Christians, confederate Christians, and Northern Christians.

Hubbs, G. Ward. "A Settlement House in Ensley's Italian District." *Alabama Heritage* #75 (2005 winter): 32-40.

Discusses the Methodists' attempts to implement the social gospel with immigrants working in the iron and steel mills.

Johnson, Charles A. "The Frontier Camp Meeting: Contemporary and Historical Appraisals, 1805-1840." *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* 37, no. 1 (1950): 91-110.

This article covers the history of camp meetings in the South. It concentrates on why they have been misunderstood and vilified, but also contains more general information about the meetings themselves. The article gives a description of the typical activities that would take place, including the preaching, and discusses the three stages of development that the camp meeting went through.

Johnson, Kenneth R. "Methodism and Slavery." Paper presented at North Alabama Conference Historical Society Meeting. Talladega, Alabama, 2000 April 8.

Presentation and paper about the work of "plantation ministers" among slaves after the schism in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lanier, Martha Louise. "Alabama Methodists and Social Issues, 1900-1914." Samford University: master's thesis, 1969.

Study of Methodist attitudes towards a variety of contemporary social issues as based on a study of articles and editorials from *The Alabama Christian Advocate* and other Methodist publications.

Lyerly, Lynn. "Religion, Gender, and Identity: Black Methodist Women in a Slave Society, 1770-1810." In *Discovering the Women in Slavery: Emancipating Perspectives on the American Past*, edited by Morton. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1996. [E443 .D57 1996]

Focuses on black Methodist women during slavery in the context of a larger book about women during slavery.

"Makers of Methodism in this Area." (A series in the *Alabama Christian Advocate*)

No. 1: 1942 February 5. Brief biography of the Reverend William Clark McCoy, D.D. (b. 1843) by Henry M. Stevenson, Henry M.

No. 2: 1942 February 12. Brief biography of the Reverend Thomas Gaines Slaughter (b. 1836) by G. M. Davenport.

No. 3: 1942 February 19. Brief biography of the Reverend John Stanley Frazer, D.D. (1849-1928) by A. E. Shafer.

No. 4: 1942 February 26. Brief biography of Lewis Capers Branscomb (d. 1930) by M. E. Lazenby.

No. 5: 1942 March 5. Brief biography of the Reverend Anson West, D.D. by E. M. Glenn.

No. 6: 1942 March 12. Brief biography of Howard Melancon Hamill (b. 1847) by R. P. Cochran.

No. 7: 1942 March 19. Brief biography of the Reverend Luther L. Hill, D.D. (1823-1893) by J. S. Eddins.

No. 8: 1942 March 26. Brief biography of the Reverend Francis T. J. Brandon (b. 1832) by S. T. Slaton.

No. 9: 1942 April 2. Brief biography of Dr. Smith W. Moore (1818-1880) by Fred H. Peeples.

- No. 10: 1942 April 9. Brief biography of Andrew Jackson Lamar (1847-1933) by John W. Frazer.
- No. 11: 1942 April 16. Brief biography of the Reverend John Baxter Stevenson (b. 1821) by Foster K. Gamble.
- No. 12: 1942 April 23. Brief biography of the Honorable Nathan M. Howe (b. 1847) by Charles Rowe Walston.
- No 13: 1942 April 30. Brief biography of the Honorable Braxton Bragg Comer by Hugh A. Locke.
- No. 14: 1942 May 7. Brief biography of the Reverend John Milton Dannelly, D. D. (1855?-1931) by H. M. Andrews.
- No. 15: 1942 May 21. Brief biography of Dr. John Massey (1834-1918) by Hubert Searcy.
- No. 16: 1942 June 4. Brief biography of Mrs. Z. A. West, wife of Anson West, by Mary Moore McCoy.
- No. 17: 1942 June 11. Brief biography of the Reverend James P. McGee (1806-1899) by D. H. Miles.
- No. 18: 1942 June 18. Brief biography of the Reverend Benjamin Peeples, M. D. (1797-1883) by Yates Moore.
- No. 19: 1942 June 25. Brief biography of Elizabeth Caroline Dowdell (1829-1909) by Mrs. R. L. Hobdy.
- No 20: 1942 July 2. Brief biography of Bennett Battle Ross (1864-1930) by Zebulun Judd.

Manis, Andrew M. "'City Mothers': Dorothy Tilly, Georgia Methodist Women, and Black Civil Rights." In *Politics and Religion in the White South*, edited by Feldman. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2005.

Essay about the role of women in the church in the South in a book about politics and religion in the South among whites.

McLeod, John F., Jr. "The Life of William Henry Milburn, the Blind Man Eloquent." Auburn University: master's thesis, 1936.

A biography of a Methodist minister who served in Mobile and Montgomery.

McLeod, Norman. "Highlights of the Alabama Conference." *Alabama Historical Quarterly* 5 (1943 summer): 191-203.

An address summarizing conference history from 1832 read at the state conference of the Methodist Church in Montgomery in November 1942.

McLoughlin, William G. "Cherokees and Methodists 1824-1834." *Church History* 50 no. 1 (1991 March): 44-63.

Discusses the treatment of, and mission work among, Cherokee Indian populations in the Tennessee River Valley, including Alabama; specifically addresses success of Methodists, early missionaries, and reaction to Cherokee removal.

Moody, V. Alton. "Early Religious Efforts in the Lower Mississippi Valley." *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* 22, no. 2 (1935 September): 161-176.

General information about religious development in the Lower Mississippi Valley, with some specifics about Methodist work and Methodist ministers.

Morgan, Robert C. "Robert Keenon Hargrove: Alabama's First Native Born Methodist Bishop." Paper presented to the North Alabama Conference Historical Society. Gordo, Alabama, 2005 March 12.

A paper giving biographical information about Bishop Robert Keenon Hargrove, as well as general information about Methodism in Alabama during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Morrow, Ralph E. "Northern Methodism in the South during Reconstruction." *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* 41 no. 2 (1954 September): 197-218.

Discusses work of Northern Methodists in the South, their actions and the treatment they received, as well as attitudes of Methodists in both the North and South.

Moseley, Charlton. "William Joseph Simmons: The Unknown Wizard." *Atlanta History* 37 (1993 spring): 17-32.

Simmons was a Methodist minister from Alabama who founded the second Ku Klux Klan.

Myers, Lois E. "'You Got Us All A-Pullin' Together': Southern Methodist Deaconesses in the Rural South, 1922-1940." In *Work, Family, and Faith: Rural Southern Women in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Walker and Sharpless. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2006.

Nicholas, William Elmer III. "Methodism in North Alabama and Racial Justice, 1960-1965." *Compass: A Journal of Leadership and Service at Birmingham-Southern College* 3, no. 1 (2001 spring): 8-16.

Owen, Christopher H. "To Refrain from ... Political Affairs": Southern Evangelicals, Cherokee Missions, and the Spirituality of the Church." *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 1, no. 53 (1994): 20-29.

Discusses the work of early Methodist ministers among the Cherokee and the struggle that developed first within the Methodist church and then between the Methodist church and the government, during the Cherokee removal.

Parker, Thomas Leslie. "In Search of Identity: The Methodist Church in Alabama and West Florida, 1950-1980." Auburn University: master's thesis, 1996.

Posey, Walter Brownlow "The Advance of Methodism in the Lower Southwest." *Journal of Southern History* 2, no. 4 (1936): 439-452.

A general article on early missionaries and preachers throughout the Old Southwest. Methodism in Alabama discussed, although not in great detail.

- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "The Development of Methodism in the Old Southwest, 1783-1824" University of Chicago: Ph.D. dissertation, 1923. Published Tuscaloosa: Weatherford Printing, 1933, 1973. [BX8243 .P6] and Philadelphia: Porcupine Press, 1974.
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "The Earthquake of 1811 and Its Influence on Evangelistic Methods in the Churches of the Old South." *Tennessee Historical Magazine* series 2, 1, no. 2 (1931): 107-114.
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "Emotional Excesses of the Early Western Camp Meetings." *Social Science* (1930).
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "The First Indian Missions of the Methodist Church in the Tennessee Conference." Nashville *Christian Advocate* 90, no. 31 (1929 August 2): 966-968.
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "Influence of Slavery upon the Methodist Church in the Early South and Southwest." *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* 17, no. 4 (1931 March): 530-542. Includes reactions of Methodists to slavery, official church acts, and some information specific to Alabama.
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "La Grange, Alabama's Earliest College." Birmingham-Southern College *Bulletin* 26, no. 6 (1933 November). [LD2891 .L42 P6]
- Posey, Walter Brownlow. "The Protestant Episcopal Church: An American Adaptation." *Journal of Southern History* 25, no. 1 (1959 February): 3-30.
- Prestwood, Charles Marion, Jr. "Social Ideas of Methodist Ministers in Alabama since Unification." Boston University: Ph.D. dissertation, 1960.
Analyzes the way certain social ideas about temperance, race relations, and church and state developed among Birmingham ministers.
- Pruitt, Paul M., Jr. "Keeping the Faith: George R. Cather and the Evolution Controversy of the Nineteenth Century." Manuscript, North Alabama Conference Archives.
- Pruitt, Paul M., Jr. "A Nineteenth-Century Southern Parson: The Reverend James F. Smith of Alabama." *Anglican and Episcopal History* 57, no. 4 (1988 December): 427-454.
A Methodist Protestant Church minister who converted to the Protestant Episcopal Church and promoted reform in Talladega and its environs.
- Quist, John W. "Slaveholding Operatives of the Benevolent Empire: Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Societies in Antebellum Tuscaloosa County, Alabama." *The Journal of Southern History* 62 no. 3 (1996 August): 481-526.
Article about the actions of various religious societies in Tuscaloosa County, taken from his book *Restless Visionaries: The Social Roots of Antebellum Reform in Alabama and Michigan* (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 1998).

Rable, George C. "God as General: Was There a Religious History of the American Civil War?" Presentation at the North Alabama Conference Historical Society Meeting 2007 September 29.

Manuscript outline of a presentation discussing how religion was used to justify various aspects of the Civil War and explain both losses and military victories.

Rivers, R. H. "Recollections of North Alabama Methodism." (A series in the *Alabama Christian Advocate*)

No. 1: 1881 May 25. Three pioneer Methodists.

No. 2: 1881 June 8. Looks back to one of the pioneers of Methodism in North Alabama – Colonel Jones McFerrin, describing some of his more notable successes, as well as his character and influence on Methodism.

No. 3: 1881 June 15. Discusses the Reverend James Faris, an early Methodist minister in Alabama and details one of his great sermons.

No. 4: 1881 June 22. Reminisces of the author on the life and career of the Reverend Leonard Tarrant, local Methodist preacher.

No. 5: 1881 June 29. Description of a harsh but effective sermon given by the Reverend James Faris in the town of Courtland.

No. 6: 1881 July 6. Brief description of the children and grandchildren of Samuel and Elizabeth Henderson, several of whom were influential in the early Methodist Church in Alabama.

No. 7: 1881 July 20. Short biography of the Reverend Daniel Thomson, a Scotsman who was both preacher and schoolmaster in Madison County for many years.

No. 8: 1881 July 27. Comparison of contemporary sermons with those of the older camp meeting style of preaching and exhortation.

No. 9: 1881 August 3. Description of camp meetings that includes the story of a young female convert.

No. 11: 1881 August 17. The story of the Reverend Finch P. Scruggs and his family's involvement with the Methodist Church in Alabama.

No. 12: 1881 August 24. Brief biography and description of Alexander Sale, a local preacher who was influential in early Alabama Methodism, especially in camp meetings.

No. 13: 1881 August 31. Description of characters and careers of John C. Burness and Robert Rivers, both influential lay preachers early in Alabama Methodism.

No. 14: 1881 September 7. Account of the Reverend Samuel R. Davidson and one of his sermons at a camp meeting.

No. 15: 1881 September 14. Discussion of the Reverend Turner Saunders, an early Methodist preacher, and Dr. Jack Shackelford, a devoted Methodist, and their actions and influence on the church and community.

No. 16: 1881 September 21. The life of the Reverend John M. Holland which concentrates on a sermon he preached about the book of Daniel.

No. 17: 1881 September 28. List and description of several early, noteworthy Methodist lay ministers: John M. Taylor, John Haney, Francis Spraggins, James Smith, and Dr. Pleasant B. Robinson.

- No. 18: 1881 October 5. Brief account of three women who were influential in early Methodism in Alabama and noted for their hospitality and piety: Harriet Cockrell, the three Goodwin sisters, and Ann H. Jones.
- No. 19: 1881 October 12. The story of Joshua Boucher, an “apostle of Methodism in North Alabama.”
- No. 20: 1881 October 19. Record of three lawyers who were strong Methodists and influential in early Methodism in Alabama: Colin S. Tarpley, Judge Ormond, and Daniel Coleman.
- No. 21: 1881 October 26. Description of the life and work of Thomas Madden, an early Methodist minister.
- No. 22: 1881 November 2. Account of the life and work of John B. McFerrin, a Methodist minister in Alabama.
- No. 23: 1881 November 9. Brief biography of James O. Williams, an excellent minister in Alabama who, unfortunately, failed to reach his full potential.
- No. 24: 1881 November 15. Description of Robert Paine who became president of LaGrange College in 1833.
- No. 25: 1881 November 23. Description of three of the men who served as professors at LaGrange College: William H. Ellison, C. D. Elliot, and John Newland Maffit.
- No. 26: 1881 November 30. Depiction of the character and preaching of John Newland Maffit, a radical Methodist minister.
- No. 28 [27]: 1882 January 4. Account of the author’s being chosen by Bishop Soule to go to college, rather than immediately taking an itinerancy. Also contains some information on Bishop Soule and the process of election of ministers.
- No. 28: 1881 December 14. Discussion of Prof. Henry Tutwiler and a few other men influential in the church and at LaGrange College.
- [No number 29]
- No. 30: 1881 December 21. Discussion of Bishop James O. Andrew, whose slavery connections precipitated the secession of Southern Methodists; also highlights Dr. William Capers and Robert Paine, first bishops of MEC, South, with general information on split between MEC and MECS.
- No. 31: 1881 December 28. Description of several incidents related to the founding of the Tennessee Conference Female Institute as well as list of those who were instrument in its development.
- [Number 32 missing]
- No. 33: 1882 January 11. Description of two “fathers of the church in North Alabama,” Dr. Gilbert Taylor and William Payne.
- No. 34: 1882 January 18. Description of Littleton Fowler, North Alabama minister sent as a missionary to Texas.
- No. 35: 1882 February 1. A brief biography of Dr. Edward Wadsworth, a Methodist minister who served as president of LaGrange College, beginning in 1846.
- No. 36: 1882 February 8. Description of Dr. R. L. Kennon, a “father of Methodism” in Tuscaloosa and of his successor, Dr. Jefferson Hamilton.
- No. 37: 1882 February 15. List and description of several important Methodist ministers: Capt. William S. Jones, William Hudson, William Sadler, John W. Harris, and Moses Robinson.

- No. 38: 1882 February 22. The story of the conversion and later good works of the Reverend Edgar Swope.
- No. 39: 1882 March 1. Description of three Methodist women known for their strength of faith and character: Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Eliza Brandon, and Mrs. Saunders.
- No. 40: 1882 March 8 1882. Description of several women who were exemplary for their good works and faith: Mrs. Robert J. Watkins, Mrs. James E. Sanders, Mrs. Sarah J. Foster, Mrs. Harris, Polly Malone, and Mrs. Rebecca Hobbs.
- No. 41: 1882 March 15. Information about the life and career of the Reverend Benjamin Hubbard who served as chair of Natural Science at the Female College of Athens as well as president of a women's college in Jackson, Tennessee.
- No. 42: 1882 March 22. Description of the inspirational preaching of the Reverend Philip P. Neely.
- No. 43: 1882 March 29. Discusses the 1840 revival at LaGrange College and some of the influential people involved, including William Nicholson, James A. Moore, and Pleasant J. Eckles.
- No. 44: 1882 April 5. Continuation of the discussion of the 1840 revival at LaGrange College, giving information about George Colgin, C. W. Rozzel, and Thomas Reese.
- No. 45: 1882 April 12. Information about an 1844 revival in Athens, Alabama with details about conversions and effects.
- No. 46: 1882 April 19. Description of a conversion during the 1844 revival in Athens that led to the reconciliation of two prominent members of the town.
- No. 47: 1882 April 26. Another incident that grew out of the 1844 revival in Athens, the conversion of the family of Col. William Dickson, which in turn led to the deathbed conversion of a Mr. Warren, described in some detail.
- No. 48: 1882 May 3. Description and discussion of the importance of the class meeting in Alabama Methodism and the more prominent leaders.
- No. 49: 1882 May 10. Description of the relationship between white preachers and black congregations and the efforts of the Methodist church to convert them.
- No. 50: 1882 May 24. List of several important ministers from the town of Gould and from Morgan County.
- No. 51: 1882 May 31. Description of the founding of Huntsville Female College, some of its first presidents, and several people who transferred out of the Methodist church.

Rivers, R. H., "The Spirit of Methodism," *Alabama Christian Advocate*, 25 May 1881, p. 1. Discussion of the growing influence of Methodism with speculations as to its glorious future. It briefly introduces several important Methodist ministers.

Singleton, George Harbin. "History of the North Alabama Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1890-1930." Duke University: B.D. thesis, 1932.

Sisk, Glenn N. "Churches in the Alabama Black Belt 1875-1917." *Church History* 23, no. 2 (1954): 157-159.

A basic overview of church membership patterns and activities in the Alabama Black Belt. Information is limited by point of view of author and length of document.

- Sisk, Glenn N. "Denominational Schools and Colleges for White Students in the Prairie Section of Mid Alabama, 1875-1900." *Peabody Journal of Education* 35, no. 1 (1957 July): 27-35. A short description of various denominational schools including those run by Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics.
- Sparks, James Frederick. "The Rise and Development of Early Methodism in Alabama." Emory University: B.D. thesis, 1924.
- Stockham, Richard J. "The Misunderstood Lorenzo Dow." *Alabama Review* 16 (January 1963): 20-34.
Argues against the common conception of Dow as a crazy zealot.
- Thompson, Ouida Jan Gregory. "The Role of Alabama in the Methodist General Conference of 1844." Auburn University: master's thesis, 1965.
- Tigert, J. J. *Bishop Holland Nimmons McTyeire*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 1955. The biography of Bishop Holland Nimmons McTyeire, a Methodist minister who founded Vanderbilt University and went on to serve in Mobile, Demopolis, and Montgomery, as written by his grandson.
- Vaughn, Gerald F. "Teaching Moral Philosophy in the South during Slavery and Reconstruction: Edward Wadsworth of LaGrange College and Southern University." *Methodist History* 46, no. 3 (2008 April): 179-188.

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- Alabama Conference Historical Society, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. *The Methodist Churches of Mobile: Souvenir of the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Official Planting of the Methodist Church Within the Bounds of What Is Now Alabama, 1808-1908*. S.I.: s.n., 1908.
A celebratory compilation of Methodism in Mobile.
- Barber, Edith. *More Than Wonderful: A True Story of the Life Experiences of a North Alabama Minister and His Family*. Columbus, Georgia: Brentwood Christian Press, 1987.
- Blackburn, Venola Cook. *Historical Story Alabama Conference Annual Camp Meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Church (Now Bible Methodist: Camp Eden, Pell City, Alabama): 1938-1978*. S.I.: s.n., 1978.
History of camp meetings and specifically those held at Camp Eden in Pell City.

- Brasher, John Lawrence. *The Sanctified South: John Lakin Brasher and the Holiness Movement*. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 1994. [BX8495 .B754 B73 1994]
- Brown, Chester E. *Methodism for Two Centuries Proclaiming Grace and Freedom: Black United Methodist Churches, the North Alabama Conference*. Birmingham: The North Alabama Conference, c. 1985 [BX8436 .A4 M4]
- Carmichael, J. M. *History of the Methodist Church in Dale County*. S.I.: Quarterly Conference of the Ozark Church, 1908.
A history of Methodism in Dale County, Alabama.
- Collins, Donald E. *When the Church Bell Rang Racist: the Methodist Church and the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama*. Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1998.
Discusses the roles and attitudes of the Methodist Church in Alabama during the Civil Rights movement.
- Davis, William C. *He Came From Hargrove: The Life and Work of Hiram Glass Davis*. 2005.
Short biography of Hiram Glass Davis, a Methodist minister.
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General history and development of church in South after the Civil War with some specific references to Alabama.
- Ford, Ruth Sykes. *A History of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church*. Huntsville, Ala.: The Society, 1963.
- Henry, Mary Davis. *One Mile from Trinity*. Nashville: Parthenon, 1955. Reprint with organizational changes. Athens, Ala.: Strode, 1958.
Memoir of Mary Davis Henry and her husband, Waights Gibbs Henry, Emory professor and Methodist minister.
- History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Alabama, 1868-1999*. Birmingham: Banner Press, 2000.
- Inter-Citizens Committee. *Violence in the Night in Marion, Alabama February 18, 1965*. Birmingham, Alabama: Inter-Citizens Committee, 1965.
Testimony of two African Americans attacked by police after voter registration at Zion Methodist Church.
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A pictorial history that contains a final chapter by William Lindsey McDonald on the North Alabama Conference.

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Includes information on the religion aspects of the Civil Rights struggle and the role of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
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- Morrow, Ralph. *Northern Methodism and Reconstruction*. Ann Arbor: Michigan State University Press, 1956.
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- Moseley, Franklin Shackelford, ed. *160 Years of Methodism in South Alabama and Northwest Florida, 1808-1968: With Biographical Sketches and Pictures of over 500 Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Conference Lay Readers and Connectional Leaders*. Hannibal, Missouri: American Yearbook Company, 1968. [BX8248 .A2 M61]
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