

**Collection #
SC 3001**

THOMAS OLIPHANT JOURNAL, 1819–1889

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Oliphant, Sr. was born 6 July, 1787 in Guilford County, North Carolina to William Oliphant and Elizabeth 'Betsy' Gordy. On 17 September, 1804, he married Nancy Lister who was born on 13 October, 1788. Thomas felt called to be a preacher. He helped establish Ararat Baptist Church in 1822 and became its first pastor. Thomas served in this position until he moved to Greene County, Indiana in 1827. Once there, Thomas became an Elder in Hebron Baptist Church and was a staunch supporter of the anti-missionary movement that divided the church in the early 1830s. Thomas Oliphant, Sr. died 6 August, 1860, in Greene County.

Thomas Oliphant, Jr. son of Thomas Oliphant and Nancy Lister was born 20 September, 1818 in North Carolina. On 10 December, 1839, he married Nancy Isabelle Carmichael. He and his wife settled in Monroe County, Indiana. Thomas Oliphant, Jr. died 18 August, 1889.

Sources:

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Stott, W. T., *Indiana Baptist History 1798-1908* (1908), 105-110, <https://archive.org/details/indianabaptisthi00stot> (accessed February 26, 2014).

Materials in Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection consists of one small journal and one letter. The journal contains genealogical information, bible quotes, sermon notes, a church constitution, records of marriage gifts made to children, record of loans made and payments received, and prescriptions for treating illnesses. The journal was used by both Thomas Oliphant, Sr., and Thomas Oliphant, Jr. from 1819–1889. The letter is postmarked 26 September, 1974, written by Mrs. Charles S. Stein of Wilmette, Illinois, regarding Oliphant Family History.

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