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REV. ABNER ANTHONY (1790-1884) ACCOUNTS

The collection includes several miscellaneous accounts (1823-1856) of Rev. Abner ANTHONY, a Baptist minister of Bedford County, Virginia.

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Abner ANTHONY, son of Rev. John ANTHONY and Susan AUSTIN, was born 16 September 1790, in Bedford County, Virginia. He was licensed to preach and was ordained in 1829. He served as pastor of Staunton Baptist Church, as well as the churches of Mt. Airy and Difficult Creek.

Abner ANTHONY married (1) 7 January 1822 Elizabeth C. EARLY, daughter of Rev. Abner EARLY and Docia ANDERSON, of Bedford County. He married (2) 18 February 1836 Almira ARTHUR, daughter of Capt. Lewis C. ARTHUR, of Bedford County.

Rev. Abner ANTHONY, considered to be "the most affluent Baptist minister in Bedford County," had a plantation of 1,888 acres on the Staunton River, near the conjunction of the counties of Bedford, Pittsylvania, and Franklin.

Abner ANTHONY died 3 March 1884.

[Nancy Vashti Anthony Jacob, *Anthony Roots and Branches* (Shreveport: Professional Business Services, 1971), pp. 134-136; George Braxton Taylor, *Virginia Baptist Ministers*, Third Series (Lynchburg: J. P. Bell, 1912), pp. 375-376; Ruth H. Early, *The Family of Early* (Lynchburg: Brown-Morrison, 1920), pp. 135-136; "Marriages of Campbell County, Virginia," William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* (Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Bros., 1950), p. 796; "Marriage of Abner Anthony and Almira Arthur," *Lynchburg Virginian*, 25 February 1836, p. 3 col. 5; *Virginia Baptist Register*, No. 23, 1984, p. 1165.]