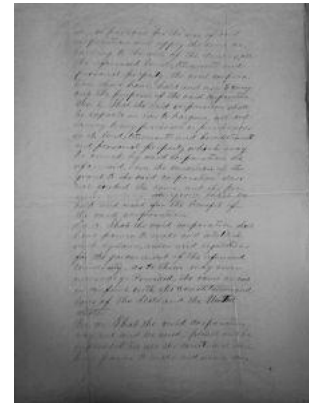
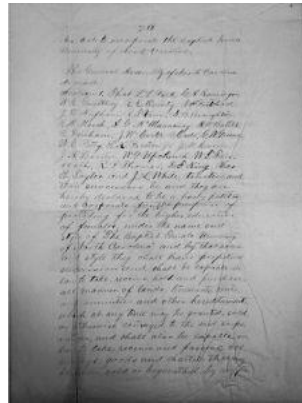


## 1891 Charter

On February 27, 1891 the Baptist Female University charter was ratified. In the charter the convention detailed several items, mainly concerning the power of the trustees. Also noted in the charter is that the Baptist Female University should be located in or near Raleigh, North Carolina. The full charter is available to view in the college archives. To learn more about the founding of Meredith College or how the charter has changed since 1891 click the links below or visit the [College archives](#).



Two pages from the 1891 Charter (click images to enlarge).

### Learn more:

- [A History of Meredith College](#) by Mary Lynch Johnson (Meredith College Archives Website)
- [Meredith College Mission Documents](#)
- Board of Trustees Minutes 1889-1912, Meredith College Archives, Raleigh, N.C.
- History – Old Campus, Subject Files, Meredith College Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

An act to incorporate the Baptist Female  
University of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina  
do enact;

Section 1. That L. F. Pack, C. A. Rominger,  
W. R. Gwaltney, R. R. Overby, J. H. Fritchard,  
J. D. Hufham, R. S. Vann, N. B. Broughton,  
R. A. Marsh, A. G. M<sup>o</sup> Mannoway, H. W. Battle,  
C. Durham, J. W. Carter, B. Cude, G. W. Greene,  
W. C. Patey, E. K. Proctor Jr., J. M. Curran,  
J. A. Lassiter, W. G. Upchurch, W. S. Fair-  
cloth, R. P. Thomas, D. F. King, Chas.  
E. Taylor and J. L. White, trustees, and  
their successors be and they are  
herely declared to be a body politic  
and corporate for the purpose of  
providing for the higher education  
of females, under the name and  
style of "The Baptist Female University  
of North Carolina", and by that name  
and style they shall have perpetual  
succession and shall be capable in  
law to take, receive, hold and purchase,  
all manner of lands, tenements, rents,  
and annuities and other hereditaments,  
which at any time may be granted, sold  
or otherwise conveyed to the said corpo-  
ration, and shall also be capable in  
law to take, receive and possess all  
moneys, goods and chattels that may  
be given, sold or bequeathed by any per-



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or persons for the use of said corporation and apply the same according to the will of the donors, all the aforesaid lands, tenements and personal property, the said corporation shall have, hold and use to carry out the purposes of the said corporation.

Sec. 2. That the said corporation shall be capable in law to bargain, sell and convey to any purchaser or purchasers, such land, tenements and hereditaments and personal property which may be owned by said corporation as aforesaid, when the condition of the grant to the said corporation does not forbid the same, and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be held and used for the benefit of the said corporation.

Sec. 3. That the said corporation shall have power to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the aforesaid University, as to them may seem necessary. Provided, the same are not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States.

Sec. 4. That the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be defended in all the courts and have full power to make and use a con-