The *MFB Oldstyle* Font Family
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1 Description

MFB Oldstyle is a serif font family designed for body text. This typeface design was originally created by Morris Fuller Benton and released by American Type Founders in 1909 as *Century Oldstyle*.

2 Features

The font family includes regular, *italic*, **bold** and ***bold italic*** fonts. All the fonts include superior and inferior figures, accessible both through OpenType features and the provided `mfb-oldstyle` LaTeX package. All the fonts in the family have small capitals, a choice of lining or old-style figures, as well as superior and inferior figures. A variety of Latin scripts are supported, as well as Greek (with full polytonic coverage). For a view of character coverage, see the included character map PDF.

3 Usage with OpenType-capable TeX engines

When using an OpenType-capable engine, OpenType verisons of the fonts are used by default when invoking `mfb-oldstyle`. These fonts have better feature support (e.g., more ligatures) and so are preferable to the Type 1 versions. Alternatively, the font family *MFB Oldstyle* can be selected using `fontspec`.

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4 Package invocation and options

To use *MFB Oldstyle*, simply add the package to your preamble. To allow for the use of different features, various package options are available. (If you're using `fontspec`, you can access these features through that package's standard options; see its documentation.)

```
\usepackage{mfb-oldstyle}
```

Option	Feature
`lining` or `lf`	Use lining figures (default)
`oldstyle` or `osf`	Use old-style figures
`tabular`	Use tabular figures (default)
`proportional`	Use proportional figures
`superiors=...`	Use superior figures: `none` (default), `all` or `footnote`
`dlig`	Use OpenType discretionary ligatures (ct, st)
`type1`	Force use of Type 1 fonts

Superior figures can be accessed on a one-off basis using the text command `textsu`, and inferior figures can be accessed using the text command `textin`.

5 Copying

The *MFB Oldstyle* fonts have been placed in the public domain and can be used without restriction. For a detailed copyright waiver with explicit fallback provisions, see `COPYING`.

6 Source files and development

Source files for the *MFB Oldstyle* fonts are available on GitHub.[1] Suggestions for feature additions are welcome on GitHub (preferred) or via email.

[1] `https://github.com/dbenjaminmiller/mfb-oldstyle`