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**New Hope Church of Christ (Hardeman County, Tenn.)
Record Book, 1893-1924**

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

New Hope Church of Christ (Hardeman County, Tenn.)

Inclusive Dates:

1893-1924

Scope & Content:

One record book containing membership lists for the New Hope Church of Christ congregation in Middleton, Hardeman County, Tennessee. The lists compiled in 1893, 1897, and 1914 include the full membership alphabetically by last name. Additions to the church rolls in 1898, 1901, and 1924 are also listed. Some entries contain personal information about the congregants, such as deaths, married names, relocations, conversions to other denominations, and dismissals from membership. The book also holds notes about payments made in 1897, as well as a 1910 newspaper clipping reporting the number of baptisms at a recent church meeting. Besides the wealth of information about church membership, the record book also shows how a congregation changes over time.

Physical Description/Extent:

1 reel microfilm; 16mm

Accession/Record Group Number:

Mf. 2046

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

Mf. 2046 (available only on microfilm)

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

The New Hope Church of Christ was created in 1841 after a gospel preacher hosted a meeting in a log schoolhouse in the Middleton, Tennessee, area. Church membership continued to grow as camp meetings were held the next few years by “circuit preachers” traveling through the region. These meetings were part of the Second Great Awakening, a movement in the early to mid-1800s of Protestant revivals and the spread of evangelical denominations. Camp meetings drew large numbers of people with charismatic preachers encouraging conversions and emotional responses. Churches of Christ developed during the religious fervor of the time period and advocated for a restoration to New Testament practices and beliefs. The New Hope Church of Christ congregation moved away from camp meetings by the 1850s and built a meetinghouse in 1854. While there was some division amongst members in 1901 over a minister, the congregation was able to reconcile their differences. Over its long history, New Hope Church of Christ has served as mother church to other congregations in the region.

Source: Information in the biographical note was gleaned from New Hope Church of Christ’s website, <http://newhopechurchofchrist.wordpress.com>.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Volume contents are mainly chronological.

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Index Terms

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:

Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
New Hope Church of Christ (Hardeman County, Tenn.) -- Records and
correspondence

Subjects:

Churches of Christ -- Tennessee -- Hardeman County
Church membership -- Tennessee -- Hardeman County
Church records and registers -- Tennessee -- Hardeman County

Geographic Names:

Hardeman County (Tenn.) -- Church history -- Sources

Document Types:

Membership lists
Newspaper columns

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

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Processing and Administrative Information

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Existence and Location of Originals:

Hardeman County Archives, Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Electronic Location and Access:

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2046>

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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