

PART 4: ADDITIONS

Records on Microfilm:

Maury County Episcopal Church Records, 1809-2001. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 1970.

This collection includes the records of three churches: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is the only church of the three that is still in regular use, and it cares for St. John's Church Cemetery, an official burial ground of Tennessee Episcopal Bishops. St. John's and St. Mark's shared a deacon at one time; St. John's is now used only on Whitsunday.

In the records of St. Peter's, Sunday school records, church registries, treasurer's reports, Minutes of the Vestry, and service records give detailed notes on various aspects of the church, including attendance, birth and death, baptisms and financial records. From St. John's Church are two prayer books, a Bible, and a copy of the Old Testament all given to St. John's by A.J. Polk in 1841. The material from St. John's Episcopal Church is historically significant as the founder of St. John's was Leonidas Polk, the "Bishop-General of the Confederacy," and the church was the site of Civil War skirmishes. Some material on the history of St. John's is also included along with a ledger from St. Mark's. This collection also contains the records of St. Mary's Guild which merged with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Holy Comforter Episcopal Mission, St. Peter's Women of the Church, and the Holy Cross in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee.

"Memorial of the First Baptist Church, 1820-1863" [handwritten manuscripts of R. B. C. Howell]. Davidson County. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 1997

Consists of two volumes of R. B. C. Howell's "Memorial of the First Baptist Church," a handwritten manuscript on the history of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, written during Howell's imprisonment in Nashville during the Civil War. Volume 1 is believed to be Howell's original manuscript, housed at the church since its writing; Volume 2 was discovered in private hands in 2011 and acquired by the church. It is a slightly different version of the same manuscripts but written in Howell's hand. It is possible that he recopied his work at a later date with some editing. The manuscripts recounts the history of First Baptist Nashville from its organization in 1820 through 1863, the time of Howell's writing.

Also included as introductory information are exhibit materials kept by the church's History committee relating to R. B. C. Howell, his family, and his career as pastor. These items include photographs and document copies with their exhibit caption cards.

Antioch Baptist Church Records, 1919-2008. Washington County. 1 volume. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 2003

According to the church website, the congregation was founded about 1875. The address of the church is 1014 Antioch Road in Johnson City, Tennessee. This volume consists of a chronological membership roll. The information recorded includes the date of baptism, date the letter was received, the name, the name of the church transferred from, the date of death, date erased or excluded, and the name of the church the member transferred to. The listings cover 1919-2008 but the listings from the 1950s to 1990s predominate.

Enon Primitive Baptist Church Records, Shelbyville, Tenn., 1821-2008. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 1999.

The Enon Primitive Baptist Church was established in 1794 in what was then North Carolina (now Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee). The first building was built around 1800 and the church was constituted in August 1821 and received its first African American member (“Major Byler’s Black Boy Emmanuel”) in November 1823. The congregation is a member of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists.

The collection is composed of constitutions, membership lists, letters of transfer, disputes, minute books, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and printed booklets. The printed booklets are titled: “Minutes of the Fountain Creek Association of Primitive Baptists,” “Minutes of the Cumberland Association of the Primitive Order of Baptists” (dated 1886 and 1896), “Minutes of the One Hundred-Fourteenth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists” (dated 1916), and “Minutes of the One Hundred Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists” (dated 1999). Also included are constitutions and a statement of faith, dated 1869, for the members of Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Bethel United Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tenn., Records, 1834-2009. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 2000.

This collection consists of three boxes of materials. An oversized box contains the original deed (a wooden plaque) along with newspaper clippings and church publications documenting Bethel’s history. A second box holds church documents detailing information about trustees, members, ministers, and donations. It also contains newspaper clippings, administrative documents, and obituaries. The third box contains the historical church register and Sunday School record books.

Springhill Baptist Church, Dyer County, Tenn., Records, 1886-1959. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 2021.

The records in this collection span the period 1886-1959, with the bulk of the materials dating 1886-1918. The collection is composed of letters related to membership transfers, notices of reception, two record books, and a history of the church, *Legal History of Springhill Baptist Church* (found in Box 1, folder 1). The membership transfers (Box 1, folder 2) are composed of church letters, dismissal letters, and one piece of correspondence. The notices of reception (Box 1, folder 3) contain notifications of acceptance into the church fellowship based on letters of transfers from other churches. The record books (Box 1, folders 4 & 5) are composed of two volumes, 1886-1902 and 1902-1918, that contain minutes of the transactions and proceedings of the church. The first record book also contains membership lists and the second book contains promissory inscriptions for members to pay the preacher’s salary.

Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sumner County, Tenn., Records, 1828-1965. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 2030.

This collection consists of .5 linear feet of records that span the period 1828-1965. The collection is composed of deeds, historical sketches, photographs, printed minutes of the meetings of the Tennessee Synod, a sesquicentennial program, and session minutes.

**First Baptist Church, Manchester, Tenn., Records, 1843-1986.
Microfilm Only Collection. Mf 2020.**

This collection of three linear feet of materials is composed of association minutes, church minutes, deacon's meeting minutes, membership rolls, newsletters, and Sunday School records spanning the period 1843-1986.

The association minutes contain typescript printed booklets detailing the meetings of the Duck River Association, the 1843 minutes of the Elk River Baptist Association, a 1963 *History of the Duck River Association Missionary Baptists*, a 1986 *History of Duck River Baptist Association and Churches*, several minute books for the William Carey Baptist Association, and the 1896 *Proceedings of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Sunday School Convention*. The deacons' minutes are chronological and span the period 1966 to 1977.

There is also a *History of First Baptist Church Manchester, Tennessee*, compiled in 2005 and updated in 2012. The narrative contains lists of pastors, ministerial staff, church secretaries, ordinations, licenses, missionaries, and mission work as well as a record of the pipe organ. The minutes and church roll volumes contain records of the transactions and proceedings of the church, as well as membership lists. The newsletters are comprised of various printed newsheets of the church including *The Monthly Messenger* (1965-1966), *Guiding Light* (1966-1974), and *The News* (1774-1980).

The Sunday School records contain minute books for Sabbath School, and include a list of attendees and teachers for given Sundays as well as the opening song, lesson subjects, related scriptures, and offering amounts.

**First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., Records, 1858-2009.
Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 2029.**

This collection of 35 volumes consists of a Register of Communicants, deacons' minutes, and session minutes. The church register, volume 1, contains an alphabetical catalog of church members beginning around 1928, a list of baptisms from 1928 to 1947, and a list of marriages from 1945 to 1946.

The session minutes of 33 volumes contain chronological minutes of the transactions and proceedings of the session, and most volumes contain a Register of Elders, a Register of Deacons, a Register of Communicants, a Register of Baptisms, a Register of Marriages, and a Register of Deaths at the end of the volumes. The deacons' minutes contain chronological minutes of the deacons' meetings from 1894-1916.

**Elbridge (New Chapel) United Methodist Church (Elbridge, Tenn.) Records, 1886-2008.
Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 1950.**

Records are composed of Charge Conference records, membership registers, Sunday school records, and treasurer's materials for the period 1886-2008. All items, except for one membership register (which is from the Minnick Methodist Episcopal Church, South) and the Sunday school records (which are from the Jackson Hill Methodist Church), relate to the Elbridge United Methodist Church. Elbridge is also known as New Chapel United Methodist Church.

Henderson County Miscellaneous Records, 1789-1953. 50 items. 8 vols. Microfilm Only Collection. Mf. 521.

This collection consists of account books, advertisements, Bible records, church records (Marl Bluff church), genealogical data, 1836 assignment of civil districts, and other miscellaneous items pertaining to the settlement and growth of Henderson County. Names of several early families appear in these records.

New Hope Church of Christ (Hardeman County, Tenn.), Record Book, 1893-1924. Microfilm Only. Mf. 2046.

One record book containing membership lists for the church located 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 such as deaths, married names, relocations, conversions to other dominations, and dismissals.