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Descriptive Inventory

**MSS 125 ROUGH Creek Baptist Church – Allen County, Kentucky**

1/2 box. 7 folders. 10 items. 1841-1961. Photocopies.

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***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

Rough Creek Baptist Church, located in Allen County, Kentucky, was first organized on 21 March 1851. The founding Presbytery consisted of James B. Evans, Mordecai Ham, John G. Durham, John G. Durham, John N. Briley, James Atwood, D. Garrison, Thomas J. Settle, Tobias Burton and James C. Mulligan, as well as other charter members including Thompson Spears, Elizabeth Spears, and Ann Spears. Elder John G. Durham served as the first pastor while Thompson Spears acted as the first deacon of the church. Thompson Spears also aided the church by providing the land for the first building, which was created with yellow poplar logs in 1852. Later weatherboarding was added to the logs, and in 1951 a new church was erected. By 2000, windows, vinyl trim, speakers, a new carpet, a stained glass window, a fellowship hall, and a baptistery were all added to the church building. The church also maintains a cemetery which contains graves dating older than the church itself.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists almost exclusively of the minutes of business meetings conducted by the Rough Creek Baptist Church located in Allen County, Kentucky, from 1851 to 1961. An additional volume (Folder 1) includes a few minutes of some church meetings held in August 1841. The majority of that volume includes farm records that have been marked through and some assorted markings probably made by a child. At the rear of this same volume, someone has recorded the transactions of a "school" (some type of Sabbath School or Sunday School) held in April and May of 1882. In several of the entries, it is referred to as Maderson School. This class was led by Brother A. W. Keen; it also lists class members.

The rest of the minutes deal specifically with the Rough Creek church, recording information about church membership, leadership, discipline, and activities.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>1841-1961</b>	<b>10 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory	1 item

Folder 2	Minutes	January 1841- May 14, 1882	1 item;25p.
Folder 3	Minutes	March 3, 1851- 1874	1 item;56p.
Folder 4	Minutes	1869-1900	1 item;1-100p.
Folder 5	Minutes	1869-1900	101-167p.
Folder 6	Minutes	June 1900-1961	1 item;1-120p.
	6a Loose items in book	November 1904- October 1938	5 items
Folder 7	Minutes	June 1900-1961	121-240p.

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 125 ROUGH Creek Baptist Church – 1841-1961  
Allen County, Kentucky

Minutes, 1841-1961, of Rough Creek Baptist  
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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Baptist churches – Allen County  
Baptists – Allen County  
Durham, John G., 1813-1896  
Maderson School – Allen County  
Minute books, 1841-1961  
Religion – Allen County

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