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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 408 TWELFTH Street Church of Christ – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

2 boxes. 28 folders. 188 items. 1831-2000. Photocopies and originals.

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**See also:** AD 1477

***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

The Church of Christ was organized in Bowling Green about 1845. It came about as a result of the influence of the Restoration Movement led by Barton W. Stone, Thomas Campbell and Alexander Campbell. Around 1895 a division occurred within the church over the introduction of instrumental music in worship. Those who favored no instrumental music began to meet in private homes to worship.

Twelfth Street Church of Christ (now Lost River Church of Christ) was started when several individuals began to meet, as a result of the division, in a private home in January 1896. By June they were meeting in a public hall and later in the courthouse, where they met until 1899. The church built a meeting house in 1899. A lot was secured for the church from Clinton C. Potter for \$502.54, and a church building erected for a cost of \$3,331.43. The first meeting in the new building was held on 31 December 1899. Due to growth of the congregation, the church increased the building's size in 1924. In 1930 a group moved to the corner of Park and Thirteenth Streets, and in 1955 Lehman Avenue Church of Christ was established.

In 1956 Twelfth Street's building was remodeled, and in 1963 an educational wing was completed at a cost of \$52,000. Because of land constraints which deterred future growth, the church purchased property at 622 Dishman Lane in southern Bowling Green in order to build a new building. They began meeting in the new location, which featured a 600-seat auditorium, in April 2002.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists chiefly of photocopies of the membership directories (Folders 7-21) of Twelfth Street Church of Christ. Folder 2 which contains membership information from 1950 to 1998 is restricted to staff use. Staff may confirm membership information from the folder; patrons may not view the contents of this folder or obtain copies from this folder. Also included in the collection are a few church newsletters and programs, deeds reflecting land

acquisition for the church, and items related to erecting an addition to the church building in 1963 (Folders 23 & 24). Folder 22 includes a large number of news clippings and items from denominational papers which reflect the church's history as well as other Churches of Christ in the region. This same folder contains some news clippings about former pastors. Folder 23 contains information about other Churches of Christ in Warren County, particularly Lehman Avenue Church of Christ and Park Street Church of Christ. Folder 26 contains historical information related to Potter Bible School and Potter Orphans Home in Bowling Green. Box 2 contains financial records of the church in the period from 1944 to 1966. The collection is almost entirely made up of photocopies from original documents.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Directories, News clippings, Deeds, etc.</b>	<b>1831-2000</b>	<b>182 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Membership lists [Restricted; see Collection Note above]	1950-1998	1 item
Folder 3	Deeds, plat drawings, etc. related to the land and buildings of the church at the corner of 12 <sup>th</sup> & Kentucky streets	1901-1990	14 items
Folder 4	Correspondence, reports, letterhead, Miscellaneous	1949-1970	10 items
Folder 5	Newsletters	1930-1955	7 items
Folder 6	Church programs (bulletins)	1950-1978	17 items
Folder 7	Directory	1930	1 item
Folder 8	Directory	1932	1 item
Folder 9	Directory	1945	1 item
Folder 10	Directory	1951	1 item
Folder 11	Directory	1953	1 item
Folder 12	Directory	1956	2 items
Folder 13	Directory	1958	1 item
Folder 14	Directory	1960	2 items

Folder 15	Directory	1964	2 items
Folder 16	Directory	1967	2 items
Folder 17	Directory	1970	2 items
Folder 18	Directory	1974	1 item
Folder 19	Directory	1977	1 item
Folder 20	Directory	1998	1 item
Folder 21	Directory	2000	2 items
Folder 22	News clippings and copies from denominational papers and books	1831-1984	83 items
Folder 23	Estimates, bids on construction, catalogs for fixtures, paint, and furniture related to a building project	1961-1963	11 items
Folder 24	Specifications for building addition	1961	2 items
Folder 25	History of Churches of Christ in Warren Country	1955-1977	6 items
Folder 26	Potter Orphan Home (Potter Bible College)	1899-1963	9 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Financial records</b>	<b>1944-1966</b>	<b>6 items</b>
Folder 1	Financial records	1944-1954	5 items
Folder 2	Financial ledger	1958-1966	1 item

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS TWELFTH Street Church of Christ – 1831-2000  
408 Bowling Green, Kentucky

Directories, programs, newsletters, news clippings, and land records of the Twelfth Street Church of Christ, Bowling Green, Kentucky (known after 2002 as Lost River Church of Christ). Also includes information about other Churches of Christ in Warren County as well as Potter Bible College and Potter Orphan Home in Bowling Green.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Ashlock, Allen B1,F25  
Barrett, Allen Booker, 1879-1951 – Relating to B1,F5,  
Bowling Green – Churches – Churches of Christ  
Church buildings – Bowling Green B1,F22-24  
Churches of Christ – Bowling Green  
Lehman Avenue Church of Christ – Bowling Green – Relating to B1,F25  
Moore, Martin Luther, 1867-1928 – Comments about B1,F22  
Morris, Joe H., b. 1896 B1,F25  
Park Street Church of Christ – Bowling Green – Relating to B1,F22,25  
Potter Bible College – Relating to B1,F26  
Potter, Clinton C., 1849-1934 – Comments about B1,F26  
Potter, Eldon S., 1871-1899 – Comments about B1,F26  
Potter, Mary Jane (Dunn), 1842-1936 – Comments about B1,F26  
Potter Orphan Home – Bowling Green B1,F26  
Twelfth Street Church of Christ – Letterhead B1,F4  
Whalin, Priscilla (Goodman), 1807-1876 – Comments about B1,F22  
Whalin, William, 1804-1876 – Comments about B1,F22

**SEE or SEE ALSO**

Potter Orphan Home – Bowling Green

See also:

Potter Bible School – Bowling Green

Twelfth Street Church of Christ – Bowling Green

See also:

Lost River Church of Christ – Bowling Green

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