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Southern Region Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky (MSS 175)

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HISTORY

The Kentucky Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) formed its Central Committee in 1878, and Mrs. Benjamin F. Proctor, of Bowling Green, was elected President. In 1914 the first constitution divided the state into five districts; this was expanded to eight districts in 1935. One of the new districts established in 1935 was the Southern district. The women held annual meetings, training sessions and collected offerings for mission work at home and abroad.

In the 1950s, one of the group’s chief tasks was raising funds to purchase and outfit Camp Joy, a Baptist encampment in Brownsville, Kentucky. Besides mission training for young girls, the WMU was responsible for many years for the Royal Ambassadors, a mission training program for boys.

THE COLLECTION

This collection is made up chiefly of three minute books which contains minutes of the organization’s annual meeting, executive committee meetings and training meetings, as well as financial records, annual reports, correspondence, programs, by-laws and constitution. Although the materials in each minute book varied in size and format, the original order was kept. The materials were removed from 3-ring binders and placed in acid-free folders.

The collection also contains a brief published history of the organization from 1936 to 1972, a history of work related to Royal Ambassadors from 1908-1948, and a program from a Royal Ambassadors Conclave in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1947.

CATALOG CARD

MSS 175 SOUTHERN Region Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union of Kentucky

1 box. 5 folders. 6 items.

Minute books including minutes, financial records, correspondence, annual reports, programs, by-laws, and constitution of the Southern Region Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union of Kentucky. Also included are minutes of some executive committee meetings.

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“History of Southern Region, 1936-1972;”
“For Forty Years in the Bluegrass State – Kentucky,” RA Conclave, Southern Region program, Nov. 21-22, 1947

### SUBJECT ANALYTICS

- Baptists
- Berry, Minnie, 1888-1971 – Comments about F5
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### CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS

- 1936-1950
- 1951-1972

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