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Old Blue Spring Church, 1931-1960 (MSS 149)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Barren Baptist Church (Old Blue Spring Baptist Church) was constituted in 1799 with nine members and was originally located in Metcalfe County. Elijah Summers was the first pastor. The church continued to be referred to as Barren Baptist Church until January 1806; the first mention of Blue Spring came in July 1806. In 1845 the church was divided over the issue of missions. The majority of the church, which favored missions, retained the church building; they withdrew from the Green River Association and joined Liberty Association at that time. The portion of the church that had stayed with the Green River Association dissolved in 1856. At one time a post office (1828-1867) existed and a seminary was conducted at Blue Spring.

The portion of the church that joined the Liberty Association continued to hold services until February 1900, when the building was torn down by J.C. Thomas. The minutes record the statement: “It stood as a church for one hundred years when its career ceased at the time of taken (sic) down the building there was a few members still there. That is their names as still on the Church Book. But the person are scattered everywhere.”

Apparently the church reconstituted in the late-1920s or early-1930s and a new building erected. The church is currently located in the northeastern section of Barren County.

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection consists of photocopies of the church registers, including membership lists, contributions, and financial records, kept by the Old Blue Spring Church, Barren County, Kentucky from 1931 to 1952. Also includes photocopies of the minutes of the youth missionary group from 1958 to 1960.
**SHELF LIST**

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