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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 266 DELAFIELD Baptist Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

½ box. 5 folders. 16 items. 1893-1914. Originals.

2000.73.1

**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

On 15 October 1892, Reverend L. H. Voyles organized the Delafield Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky with nineteen members. From 1894 to 1897, members referred to themselves as both the United Baptist Church of Christ and the Second Baptist Church. In 1897, the church received a deed for its building at Main and Center Streets from the First Baptist Church, and began referring to itself regularly as the Delafield Baptist Church. In 1898, Reverend Elias H. Brookshire (sometimes spelled “Brookshier” in the records) was elected pastor and the church decided to sell the Main Street property. Some members of the congregation, however, were unhappy with the selection of a new church location at Adams and Tenth Streets. They discharged Reverend Brookshire as their pastor and held their services elsewhere, but in 1900 elected to turn over the remaining property of the Delafield Baptist Church to Brookshire and his supporters. In 1901, the Brookshire group organized themselves as the Second Baptist Church, and in 1911 changed the church’s name to Central Baptist Church. In 1915, Central Baptist Church was absorbed by the First Baptist Church.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of the record books of Delafield Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky from 12 December 1893 to 21 October 1914. The entries consist chiefly of the minutes of church business meetings. The books also include the Church’s articles of belief, rules of decorum, and membership lists. Stray items found in the record books were removed and placed in Folder 5.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>DELAFIELD Baptist Church</b>	<b>1893-1914</b>	<b>16 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and research notes		2 items

Folder 2	Church Record Book #1	1893-1898	1 item
Folder 3	Church Record Book #2	1898-1914	1 item
Folder 4	Church Record Book #3	1898-1900	1 item
Folder 5	Loose items found in record books	1894-1914, n.d.	11 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Baptists – Bowling Green  
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### ***SEE and SEE ALSO***

Central Baptist Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky

See:

Delafield Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky

See:

Delafield Baptist Church

United Baptist Church of Christ – Delafield, Kentucky

See:

Delafield Baptist Church

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