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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 274    CENTER Baptist Church – Logan County, Kentucky**

1 box. 7 folders. 13 items. 1810-1969. Photocopies.

1982.60.1

***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

Reverend Lewis Fortner (d. 1818), a minister of Surry County, North Carolina who came to Logan County, Kentucky about 1805, is credited with organizing the church in 1810 and serving as its first pastor. Originally called “The Center United Baptist Church of Christ,” the church is one of the oldest in Logan County. Prior to 1900, the name of the church was variously shown as “Center” and “Centre” until being more regularly recorded as “Center.” In 1969, George and Louise Cole gave land on the west side of Highway 1040 (7211 Cooperstown Road) for a new church building and cemetery.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

The collection consists of photocopies of the record books of Center Baptist Church, Logan County, Kentucky from 16 June 1810 to 2 December 1969. The records consist primarily of minutes of church meetings and membership lists. Both Folder 2, which contains records from 1810 to 1847, and Folder 3, which contains records from 1847 to 1877, include an index of names and organizations as well as lists of pastors and deacons. Folder 7 contains a 1969 survey sketch and quitclaim deed to the church for its building on Highway 1040 in Logan County.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>CENTER Baptist Church</b>	<b>1810-1969</b>	<b>13 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory; notes concerning the collection and Reverend Lewis Fortner		4 items
Folder 2	Minutes, membership lists, index	June 16, 1810- Oct. 2, 1847	2 items

Folder 3	Minutes, membership lists, index	Nov. 1847- Aug. 1877	2 items
Folder 4	Minutes, membership lists	Nov. 29, 1877- Mar. 3, 1900	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes, membership lists 1900-1922; letters, 1924-1925	Mar. 16, 1900- Aug. 1922; 1924-1925	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes, membership lists	Jan. 1946- June 1967; Dec. 1, 1969	1 item
Folder 7	Survey and quitclaim deed	1969	2 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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274 Logan County, Kentucky

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