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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 299 PLEASANT Grove Baptist Church

2 boxes. 13 folders. 18 items. 1835-1968. Photocopies.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1835 as the “United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, called Pleasant Grove” in Daviess County, Kentucky. Meetings were held in private homes until 1839, when a log church building was erected near Panther Creek. A second church building of frame construction was completed in 1852. In 1866, the church’s African American members organized into a separate congregation; also in 1866, the church became known simply as “Pleasant Grove.” A third church building, constructed of brick, was completed in 1867, and the church’s fourth building was completed in 1908 at R.F.D. No. 6, Owensboro, Kentucky.

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists chiefly of photocopies of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church minute books and the loose papers found therein. The minutes begin (Box 1, Folder 2) on July 20, 1839, although copies of the church’s 1835 articles of faith and rules of decorum are included in Box 1, Folder 3. The minutes span the years 1839-1959, although minutes for the years 1919-1929 are missing. Lists of church members are part of the minutes as indicated in the shelf list below.

A historical sketch of the church, published as part of a 1944(?) history of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, is found in Box 1, Folder 1. Also of note in Box 2, Folder 5 is a 1920 report of the Committee on Church History, which provides a historical sketch of the church based on a review of the minutes to that date. The report includes information on pastors and clerks from 1835-1919, the location and construction of church buildings, and the position of African American members in the church. The report incorporates a historical sketch published in 1911 by the *Green River Baptist* of Owensboro, Kentucky. Also in Box 2, Folder 5 is a church centennial program of 3 May 1935, which includes a list of pastors and images of present and past church buildings. A list of those attending the centennial program is at the back of Folder 2, Box 2.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	1835-1951	11 items
Folder 1	Inventory, historical information, collection notes		4 items
Folder 2	Articles of faith, minutes, and membership lists	July 20, 1839- Oct. 1852	1 item
Folder 3	Articles of faith and rules of decorum; minutes, membership lists	1835; June 1853- Mar. 1863	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	Mar. 21, 1863- Sept. 28, 1867; July 6, 1895- Feb. 5, 1897	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes, membership lists, pastors list	1867- Jan. 1, 1881	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	Feb. 5, 1881- June 1, 1895	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes, membership lists	Mar. 6, 1897- Aug. 2, 1909	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes, membership lists, loose papers	Aug. 31, 1909- Mar. 16, 1918; 1951	1 item
BOX 2	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	1923-1968	7 items
Folder 1	Minutes, membership lists, loose papers	1923; Mar. 2, 1929-May, 29, 1937; 1947	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes; list of attendees at 100 th anniversary	1935; June 19, 1937-Apr. 2, 1947	1 item
Folder 3	Covenant & rules of decorum; minutes, membership lists	1923; May 7, 1947-July 28, 1954	1 item

Folder 4	Minutes	July 28, 1954- Sept. 2, 1959	1 item
Folder 5	Report of Committee on Church History; Centennial program; Watkins/Rafferty farm rental contract	1920, 1935, 1968	3 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Minute books of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Daviess County. Includes minutes of meetings 1839-1959, membership lists, and historical sketches of the church.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

African Americans – Daviess County
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Rafferty, James Herman – Relating to
Religion – Daviess County
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