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Descriptive Inventory

#### MSS 705 **BOWLING Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey**

3 boxes. 129 folders. 754 items. 1995-1997. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

In 1995, the Landmark Association of Bowling Green, Kentucky began a project to document the rural churches of Warren County, Kentucky. The project was designed in four phases: (1) photographing the exterior facades of the buildings; (2) documenting the structures through sketches and narrative descriptions; (3) collecting historical information; and (4) exhibiting the photographs taken for a contest sponsored by the Landmark Association and WKU's Kentucky Museum. As part of the second and third phases, survey forms were sent to the pastor or other member of the congregation to assist in the gathering of information. Much of the work in the second phase was completed with the assistance of students in WKU's Historic Preservation Program.

#### **COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of information collected for the Landmark Association's survey and documentation of rural churches in Bowling Green and Warren County, Kentucky. Although some of the material is undated, the surveys were apparently completed from 1995-1997. The amount of documentation differs for each church, but typically includes a survey form; sketches and narrative descriptions of the building; information such as church histories, anniversary programs, and clippings; and photographs. Photographs are of the exterior, but in rare cases include a few interior photographs. Not every church in the county could be successfully documented, and some survey forms are incomplete; in addition, the volume of information varies—from extensive survey notes and historical sketches or narratives to only a partially completed survey form or, in a few cases, only a photograph. Although some lists of pastors are included, neither church minutes nor membership lists were collected. No cemetery data is included, although some photographs may show the church cemetery.

## SHELF LIST

| BOX 1     | Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey | 1995-1997 | 208 items |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| Folder 1  | Inventory and associated data                   |           | 8 items   |
| Folder 2  | Alvaton Church of Christ                        | 1995      | 2 items   |
| Folder 3  | Antioch Church (abandoned)                      | 1995      | 3 items   |
| Folder 4  | Barren River Baptist Church                     | 1995      | 10 items  |
| Folder 5  | Bays Fork Missionary Baptist Church             | 1995      | 9 items   |
| Folder 6  | Berea Christian Church                          | 1995      | 9 items   |
| Folder 7  | Bethany Baptist Church                          | 1995      | 6 items   |
| Folder 8  | Bethel United Methodist Church                  | 1995      | 7 items   |
| Folder 9  | Blue Level Missionary Baptist Church            | 1995      | 2 items   |
| Folder 10 | Boiling Springs Church of Christ                | 1997      | 4 items   |
| Folder 11 | Boiling Springs General Baptist Church          | 1997      | 4 items   |
| Folder 12 | Bowling Green Ward (Latter Day Saints)          | 1995-1996 | 10 items  |
| Folder 13 | Bristow Church of Christ                        | n.d.      | 2 items   |
| Folder 14 | Burton Memorial Baptist Church                  | 1995      | 12 items  |
| Folder 15 | Calvary Baptist Church (Elrod Rd.; photo only)  | n.d.      | 1 item    |
| Folder 16 | Calvary Church (Morgantown Rd.; photo only)     | n.d.      | 1 item    |
| Folder 17 | Cassidy Free Methodist Church                   | 1995      | 7 items   |
| Folder 18 | Castle Heights Church of God of Prophecy        | 1995      | 3 items   |
| Folder 19 | Cedar Bluff Baptist Church                      | 1997      | 10 items  |
| Folder 20 | Cherry's Chapel Methodist Church                | 1995      | 7 items   |
| Folder 21 | Christian Fellowship Church                     | n.d.      | 3 items   |

| Folder 22 | Church of God Assembly (photos only)               | n.d.      | 2 items   |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| Folder 23 | Church of God (Bowling Green)                      | n.d.      | 2 items   |
| Folder 24 | Church of God (Bristow; photo only)                | n.d.      | 1 item    |
| Folder 25 | Clear Fork Baptist Church                          | 1995      | 16 items  |
| Folder 26 | Cowles Chapel Missionary Baptist Church            | 1995      | 8 items   |
| Folder 27 | Dedicated Baptist Church                           | n.d.      | 3 items   |
| Folder 28 | Fairview United Methodist Church                   | n.d.      | 9 items   |
| Folder 29 | Fairview Missionary Baptist Church                 | 1995      | 3 items   |
| Folder 30 | Faith Assembly of God                              | 1995      | 1 item    |
| Folder 31 | First Baptist Church (Woodburn)                    | 1997      | 7 items   |
| Folder 32 | First Baptist Church (Richpond)                    | 1997      | 21 items  |
| Folder 33 | First Pentecostal Church                           | n.d.      | 2 items   |
| Folder 34 | Flat Rock United Methodist Church                  | 1995      | 4 items   |
| Folder 35 | Friendship Baptist Church                          | 1995      | 9 items   |
| BOX 2     | Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church<br>Survey | 1995-1997 | 282 items |
| Folder 1  | Friendship Community Church                        | 1995      | 10 items  |
| Folder 2  | Glen Lily Baptist Church                           | 1995      | 11 items  |
| Folder 3  | Grace Baptist Church                               | n.d.      | 2 items   |
| Folder 4  | Green Hill United Methodist Church                 | 1995      | 3 items   |
| Folder 5  | Green Meadows United Baptist Church                | 1995      | 3 items   |
|           |  |           |           |
| Folder 6  | Green River Union Meeting House                    | 1995      | 11 items  |

| Folder 8  | Greenwood United Methodist Church              | 1995 | 3 items  |
|-----------|--|------|----------|
| Folder 9  | Halls Chapel Missionary Baptist Church         | 1995 | 7 items  |
| Folder 10 | Highland Baptist Church                        | 1995 | 11 items |
| Folder 11 | Hillview Baptist Church                        | 1995 | 6 items  |
| Folder 12 | Iva Baptist Church                             | 1997 | 6 items  |
| Folder 13 | Jackson Grove Baptist Church                   | 1995 | 7 items  |
| Folder 14 | Kerr Memorial United Methodist Church          | n.d. | 6 items  |
| Folder 15 | Kingdom Hall, Jehovah's Witnesses (photo only) | n.d. | 1 item   |
| Folder 16 | Lehman Avenue Church of Christ                 | n.d. | 5 items  |
| Folder 17 | Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church           | 1997 | 7 items  |
| Folder 18 | Little Zion Church (abandoned)                 | 1995 | 3 items  |
| Folder 19 | Loving Union C.M.E. Church                     | 1997 | 5 items  |
| Folder 20 | Mars Hill Church of Christ                     | n.d. | 3 items  |
| Folder 21 | Martha's Chapel General Baptist Church         | 1995 | 2 items  |
| Folder 22 | Martinsville Baptist Church                    | 1995 | 4 items  |
| Folder 23 | Meadow Land Baptist Church                     | n.d. | 2 items  |
| Folder 24 | Mizpah Presbyterian Church                     | n.d. | 6 items  |
| Folder 25 | Mt. Hebrew Cumberland Presbyterian Church      | n.d. | 7 items  |
| Folder 26 | Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church          | 1995 | 4 items  |
| Folder 27 | Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church                | 1997 | 3 items  |
| Folder 28 | Mt. Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church      | n.d. | 19 items |
| Folder 29 | Mt. Olla Baptist Church                        | 1995 | 5 items  |
| Folder 30 | Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church             | 1995 | 13 items |
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| Folder 31  | Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church   | 1995  | 7 items  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Folder 32  | Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ   | 1995  | 17 items   |
| Folder 33  | Mt. Union Baptist Church  | 1995  | 4 items  |
| Folder 34  | Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Oakland)   | 1996  | 14 items   |
| Folder 35  | Mt. Zion Church of Christ   | 1995  | 17 items   |
| Folder 36  | Mt. Zion United Baptist Church  | 1995  | 4 items  |
| Folder 37  | New Gasper Baptist Church   | 1997  | 2 items  |
| Folder 38  | New Life Church of the Nazarene   | n.d.  | 3 items  |
| Folder 39  | New Salem Baptist Church  | 1997  | 2 items  |
| Folder 40  | Northside Freewill Baptist Church (photo only)  | n.d.  | 1 item   |
| Folder 41  | Oak Forest Missionary Baptist Church  | 1995  | 5 items  |
| Folder 42  | Oak Forest Union Church   | 1995  | 10 items   |
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| Folder 43  | Oakland Baptist Church  | 1996  | 13 items   |
| Folder 43<br>Folder 44   | Oakland Baptist Church Oakland Christian Church   | 1996<br>1996                                  | 13 items<br>6 items  |
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| Folder 44  | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church  | 1996  | 6 items  |
| Folder 44 BOX 3  | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey   | 1996<br><b>1995-1997</b>                      | 6 items 264 items  |
| Folder 44  BOX 3  Folder 1   | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey  Old Liberty General Baptist Church   | 1996<br><b>1995-1997</b><br>1995              | 6 items 264 items 4 items                                      |
| Folder 44  BOX 3  Folder 1  Folder 2                               | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey  Old Liberty General Baptist Church  Old Union Baptist Church   | 1996 <b>1995-1997</b> 1995 1995               | 6 items 264 items 4 items 8 items                              |
| Folder 44  BOX 3  Folder 1  Folder 2  Folder 3                     | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey  Old Liberty General Baptist Church  Old Union Baptist Church  Old Zion Baptist Church (abandoned)  | 1996 <b>1995-1997</b> 1995  1995  1995        | 6 items 264 items 4 items 8 items 4 items                      |
| Folder 44  BOX 3  Folder 1  Folder 2  Folder 3  Folder 4           | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey  Old Liberty General Baptist Church  Old Union Baptist Church  Old Zion Baptist Church (abandoned)  Park Street Church of Christ  | 1996  1995-1997  1995  1995  1995  n.d.       | 6 items 264 items 4 items 8 items 4 items 1 item               |
| Folder 44  BOX 3  Folder 1  Folder 2  Folder 3  Folder 4  Folder 5 | Oakland Christian Church  Bowling Green-Warren County Rural Church Survey  Old Liberty General Baptist Church  Old Union Baptist Church  Old Zion Baptist Church (abandoned)  Park Street Church of Christ  Penns Chapel Church of Christ (photos only) | 1996  1995-1997  1995  1995  1995  n.d.  n.d. | 6 items  264 items  4 items  8 items  4 items  1 item  5 items |

| Folder 8  | Pleasant Grove Baptist Church                        | 1995 | 8 items  |
|-----------|--|------|----------|
| Folder 9  | Pleasant Hill Christian Church                       | 1995 | 5 items  |
| Folder 10 | Pleasant View Baptist Church                         | n.d. | 6 items  |
| Folder 11 | Plum Springs Baptist Church                          | n.d. | 6 items  |
| Folder 12 | Prices Chapel  | n.d. | 6 items  |
| Folder 13 | Providence Knob Baptist Church                       | 1995 | 12 items |
| Folder 14 | Rays Branch Christian Church                         | 1995 | 1 item   |
| Folder 15 | Rays Branch Church of Christ                         | 1995 | 4 items  |
| Folder 16 | Rays Branch United Methodist Church                  | 1995 | 7 items  |
| Folder 17 | Rich Pond Baptist Church                             | 1995 | 3 items  |
| Folder 18 | Rich Pond Church of Christ                           | 1995 | 2 items  |
| Folder 19 | Rich Pond Methodist Episcopal Church South           | n.d. | 3 items  |
| Folder 20 | Richardsville Baptist Church                         | 1995 | 6 items  |
| Folder 21 | Richardsville Christian Church                       | 1995 | 5 items  |
| Folder 22 | Richardsville Church of Christ                       | 1995 | 5 items  |
| Folder 23 | Richardsville United Methodist Church                | 1995 | 5 items  |
| Folder 24 | Riverview Missionary Baptist Church                  | 1995 | 3 items  |
| Folder 25 | Rockfield Baptist Church                             | 1995 | 6 items  |
| Folder 26 | Rockfield Church of Christ (photo only)              | n.d. | 1 item   |
| Folder 27 | Rockfield United Methodist Church                    | 1995 | 8 items  |
| Folder 28 | Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church              | 1995 | 7 items  |
| Folder 29 | Rolling Springs United Methodist Church              | 1995 | 6 items  |
| Folder 30 | Sand Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church (photos only) | n.d. | 5 items  |

| Folder 31   | Scottsville Road Baptist Church   | 1995   | 2 items  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Folder 32   | Smiths Grove Baptist Church   | 1995   | 8 items  |
| Folder 33   | Smiths Grove Christian Church   | 1995   | 7 items  |
| Folder 34   | Smiths Grove Church of Christ   | 1995   | 2 items  |
| Folder 35   | Smiths Grove Presbyterian Church  | 1995   | 11 items   |
| Folder 36   | Smiths Grove United Methodist Church  | 1995   | 10 items   |
| Folder 37   | St. Paul A.M.E. Church  | 1995   | 7 items  |
| Folder 38   | Stoney Point Baptist Church   | 1997   | 9 items  |
| Folder 39   | Three Forks Church of Christ  | 1995   | 4 items  |
| Folder 40   | Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Church   | 1995   | 1 item   |
|   |   |  |  |
| Folder 41   | Trinity Free Will Baptist Church (photo only)   | n.d.   | 2 items  |
| Folder 41<br>Folder 42  | Trinity Free Will Baptist Church (photo only)  Twelfth Street Church of Christ  | n.d.<br>n.d.                                 | 2 items<br>6 items                                       |
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| Folder 42   | Twelfth Street Church of Christ   | n.d.   | 6 items  |
| Folder 42<br>Folder 43  | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church   | n.d.<br>1997                                 | 6 items<br>5 items                                       |
| Folder 43<br>Folder 44  | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church  Wesley's Chapel  | n.d.<br>1997<br>1995                         | 6 items 5 items 12 items                                 |
| Folder 43 Folder 44 Folder 45   | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church  Wesley's Chapel  White Stone Quarry Baptist Church   | n.d.<br>1997<br>1995<br>n.d.                 | 6 items 5 items 12 items 6 items                         |
| Folder 42 Folder 43 Folder 44 Folder 45 Folder 46                     | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church  Wesley's Chapel  White Stone Quarry Baptist Church  White's Chapel United Methodist Church   | n.d.<br>1997<br>1995<br>n.d.<br>n.d.         | 6 items 5 items 12 items 6 items 3 items                 |
| Folder 42 Folder 43 Folder 44 Folder 45 Folder 46 Folder 47           | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church  Wesley's Chapel  White Stone Quarry Baptist Church  White's Chapel United Methodist Church  Woodburn Baptist Church                            | n.d.<br>1997<br>1995<br>n.d.<br>n.d.<br>1995 | 6 items 5 items 12 items 6 items 3 items 9 items         |
| Folder 42 Folder 43 Folder 44 Folder 45 Folder 46 Folder 47 Folder 48 | Twelfth Street Church of Christ  Valleyview Missionary Baptist Church  Wesley's Chapel  White Stone Quarry Baptist Church  White's Chapel United Methodist Church  Woodburn Baptist Church  Woodburn Church of Christ | n.d.<br>1997<br>1995<br>n.d.<br>n.d.<br>1995 | 6 items 5 items 12 items 6 items 3 items 9 items 3 items |

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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#### **SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

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