Southern Region Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky (MSS 175)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Kentucky Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) formed its Central Committee in 1878, and Mrs. Benjamin F. Proctor, of Bowling Green, was elected President. In 1914 the first constitution divided the state into five districts; this was expanded to eight districts in 1935. One of the new districts established in 1935 was the Southern district. The women held annual meetings, training sessions and collected offerings for mission work at home and abroad.

In the 1950s, one of the group’s chief tasks was raising funds to purchase and outfit Camp Joy, a Baptist encampment in Brownsville, Kentucky. Besides mission training for young girls, the WMU was responsible for many years for the Royal Ambassadors, a mission training program for boys.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection is made up chiefly of three minute books which contain minutes of the organization’s annual meeting, executive committee meetings and training meetings, as well as financial records, annual reports, correspondence, programs, by-laws and constitution. Although the materials in each minute book varied in size and format, the original order was kept. The materials were removed from 3-ring binders and placed in acid-free folders.

The collection also contains a brief published history of the organization from 1936 to 1972, a history of work related to Royal Ambassadors from 1908-1948, and a program from a Royal Ambassadors Conclave in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1947.
BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS SOUTHERN Region Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union of Kentucky 1936-1972

Minute books including minutes, financial records, correspondence, annual reports, programs, by-laws, and constitution of the Southern Region Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union of Kentucky. Also included are minutes of some executive committee meetings.

½ box. 5 folders. 6 items.

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SHELF LIST

BOX 1

Folder 1 Inventory

Folder 2 Minutes (Book I) 1936-1947 1 item; 106p.

Folder 3 Minutes (Book II) 1948-1956 1 item; 128 p.

Folder 4 Minutes (Book III) 1956-1966; 1970 1 item 104 p.


SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Baptists
Berry, Minnie, 1888-1971 – Comments about F5
Camp Joy – Relating to F3-5
Missionary societies – Baptists
Royal Ambassadors – Relating to F5
Societies, 1936-1972
Woman’s Missionary Union – Kentucky – Southern Region

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