ALLEN CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFERENCE RECORDS, 1885–1890

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Allen Chapel Church was organized as an independent Sunday School during the mid-1860s. In 1866, at the 27th annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church held in Quincy, Illinois, it was recorded that the institution became a mission, then a church. Organized by Reverend Whitten S. Lankford, it is the second oldest African Methodist Episcopal church remaining in Indianapolis. (Bethel AME was established in 1836.) The first church building was erected at Broadway and Pomeroy streets located on the eastside of Indianapolis. In 1929, the building was replaced by a structure built on its current site at 627 E. 11th Street (corner of 11th and Broadway).

The Allen Chapel Church offered a stable oasis for a population of people, who had recently migrated to Indianapolis from the South. Local family names associated with the church include Beckwith, Chowning, Elbert, Gore, Hall, Hardrick, Jacobs, Poindexter, Revels, and Stewart.

Sources:
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This collection consists of one bound volume. The daybook contains the records of the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church quarterly conference, 1885-1890. It was recorded under the administration of three pastors: H.H. Thompson (1884-1887), Morris Lewis (1887-1890), and James A. Davis (1890-1892). The minutes, generally include the names of the presiding elders for the quarterly meetings; church membership records including attendance, deaths, those who received certificates, and the number of baptismals; and documentation of how money was collected and spent.

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