

Collection #
SC 1438

**BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH (INDIANAPOLIS, IND.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS, 1892**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1836, and until 1866 was the only church of its denomination in Indianapolis. It has had a number of buildings on its site just west of the Central Canal on Vermont Street. In 1857 Bethel bought the original building of Christ Church (Episcopal), which had just built its present sanctuary; that building, moved from the Circle, was burned in 1862. The main portion of the present structure was put up in 1867-1869; a tower and an east-west gable were added in 1894, and a three-story false facade in 1973.

Sources: City Preservation Commission

Lilly, *The Little Church on the Circle*

1956 Bethel church directory

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one bound volume, "S. S. Secretary's Record," containing Sunday School attendance records, and some minutes.

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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