

Collection #  
SC 0213

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA,  
HISTORY, 1839–1889**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 2 folders

COLLECTION  
DATES: 1839–1889

PROVENANCE: Carlie Deal, LaGrange, IN, January 1963; Mrs. Fred G. Deal,

LaGrange, IN, January 1964

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church society formed in the town of LaGrange in 1843. It was organized by Rev. William J. Forbes and started with eight parishioners. A Sunday school for the church was organized in 1853, consisting of classes of thirty-five to forty young men. The first church was built in 1856, seating five hundred and costing \$3,000. A new church with a brick structure was dedicated in 1889, costing \$16,000. The new church would never have been built without the aid of the ladies societies in the area. The Ladies societies contributed \$1,638.25 before the dedication of the church and pledged \$1,150 more on the day of the celebration. They hosted New Year's dinners, skits, musicals, plays, teas, antique shows, and a carnival to raise money.

In 1920 the total membership was 327. The church celebrated its centennial in 1943, and the church building was still in use in 1964.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

*LaGrange County centennial history, 1828-1928.* 1928. General Collection: F532.L17 H3 1928

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of notes and a draft of the history of the LaGrange Methodist Episcopal Church, written by Carlie Deal. The first folder includes information on the dedication program for the new church building on 27 January 1889, lists of church members who made pledges before the church dedication and on the day of the event, the results of a religious survey taken in LaGrange County in 1839, and a list of the church's ministers from 1835 to 1959. A handwritten note at the beginning of the typescript states that this history was written at the request of Rev. King for the DePauw archives and revised at the request of Rev. Rex Custer, the ministering 1959. The second folder includes typed notes and a program for Dedicatory Services at the church in 1889.

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Typed notes of church history, 1963

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