

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTE BOOK, 1840-1866

Collection #:
SC 2603

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 item

COLLECTION DATES: 1840-1866

PROVENANCE: William T. Yates, Greenwood, IN, 14 March 1997

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: F 86, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Records

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 1997.0377

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

According to *Chadwick's History of Shelby County, Indiana*, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church was located in Hendricks Township in Shelby County. Organized in 1830, its meetings were held in private houses until 1843. At that time a log house was provided, which served the church until a frame house was built in 1848. In 1872, members voted to build a church in the village of Smithland, Indiana (Shelby Co.). Among the early charter members of the church were: Alexander Miller, Levy Lainger, and Thomas McFerrin. Early ministers included: Rev. Samuel Harding, and Rev. J. Reece, Sr. In 1858, some members withdrew and formed a church at Marietta, Indiana (Shelby Co.). However, it was soon dissolved and the members returned to Mt. Gilead. As of 1909, Mt. Gilead listed a membership of 148 people.

Note: Research has been unable to determine whether the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church discussed in this collection is the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church noted in *Chadwick's*. The minute book in this collection lists the date of organization for Mt. Gilead as 1840 and indicates that the church dissolved in 1866. It states that the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church was formed when a group of members from the Concord Baptist Church "became dissatisfied with that church in consequence of there [sic] encouraging the Mission System..."

Sources: Material in the collection.

Chadwick, Edward H. *Chadwick's History of Shelby County, Indiana*. (190) p. 159.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a minute book (1840-1866) for Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. It includes information on the formation of the church, a membership list, articles of faith, rules of decorum, and minutes.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Mt. Gilead Baptist Church (Shelby County, Ind.)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Mt. Gilead Baptist Church (Shelby County, Ind.)

Church records and registers--Indiana--Shelby County

Baptists--Indiana--Shelby County

Shelby County (Ind.)--Church history--Sources

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