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**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH (SMITHLAND, IND.)
RECORDS, 1830–1908**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1830-1908

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: SC 2603, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Minute Book

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

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.

Sources: Chadwick, Edward H. *Chadwick's History of Shelby County, Indiana*. (1909) p. 159.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the records (1830-1908) of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, located in Shelby County, Indiana. They include membership lists (1830-1908), minutes (1872-1908), covenant, articles of faith, and rules of decorum.

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