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Summary Information

Repository	Ouachita Baptist University Library
Title	Arkadelphia District, Little Rock Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South records
Date	1895-1920
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet (1 archive box)
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Biographical/Historical note

Because John Wesley had never intended for the Methodist Church to separate from the Anglican Church, American Methodists had to form a new denomination after the Revolutionary War. Thus, the Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1784. The denomination split in 1844 over the issue of slavery, creating the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The denomination remained split until 1939 when the Methodist Episcopal Church, North and South and the Methodist Protestant Church reunited to form the Methodist Church. In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged and formed the United Methodist Church.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains minutes and reports from the Arkadelphia District, Little Rock Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South quarterly conferences.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Sue Rudolph, Arkadelphia, 2001.

Quarterly conferences

Collection Inventory**Quarterly conferences****Series Description**

The Quarterly Conference Records are in book form. There are five books that span respectively 1895-1898, 1898-1902, 1906-1910, 1911-1915, and 1915-1916. These books contain the official rolls, minutes and supplements from the conferences. The minutes include rolls, written reports (the supplements), financial figures and statements, and any elections to the board of Trustees or other available offices. The supplements answer questions about the state of the Sunday School programs, the welfare of the church, mission efforts and elected officials.

In the final book, there are financial records from 1957-1959. They include figures for light bills, Sunday School literature, preacher payment and collections.

The materials are organized chronologically.

Container List**Box 1**

Folder 1: Quarterly Conference Records (1895-1898)

Folder 2: Quarterly Conference Records (1898-1902)

Folder 3: Quarterly Conference Records (1906-1910)

Folder 4: Quarterly Conference Records (1911-1915)

Folder 5: Quarterly Conference Records (1915-1916)

1895-1898

Reports and correspondence

1898-1902

1906-1910

1911-1915

1915-1916

Reports and correspondence

Series Description

The loose documents include pastor's reports, Sunday School reports and minutes. The pastor's reports contain information about baptisms, new members, dismissals, mission collections, church collections, church welfare, and deaths. Sunday School reports include information about the number of Sunday Schools and the welfare of the Sunday Schools. There is also one paper that seems to be a missions report which describes preaching about missions, talking to Sunday Schools about missions and raising money for missions. The minutes are from quarterly conferences ranging from 1909-1920. The materials were organized into reports and then minutes.

Container List

Box 1 Folder 6: Miscellaneous (1909-1911, 1916-1920, undated)

1909-1911, 1916-1920, undated