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Methodist Episcopal Church, South (Louisville, Ky.) Records, 1837-1901

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Size of Collection: 7 vol.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of 7 bound volumes of Methodist Church records from churches primarily belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South denomination in Louisville, Kentucky. The volumes contain membership information as well as minutes of official weekly trustee meetings and quarterly conferences. Most of the records pertain to the 4th Street M.E.C., South and Walnut St. Station M.E.C., South.

Historical Note

Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in 1816, is considered to be the first official Methodist church built in Louisville. During the 1830s it also served an affiliated congregation, the Fourth St. African Methodist Episcopal Church, which held separate services and meetings. In 1846 the Fourth Street M.E. church was the location for the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established over the issue of slavery. In 1853, the church was sold and Walnut Street Station M.E. Church, South was constructed. The latter church continued as a congregation until it merged in 1907 with another Methodist church.

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- Volume 4: Membership records, probably of 4th Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South and its successor, Walnut Street Station Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1848-1869.
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- Volume 7: Minutes of weekly meetings, Walnut Street Station Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1894-1901

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