

The Filson Historical Society

Shelby and Jefferson County Baptist Records, 1799-1911

Call Number: Mss. BA B222 1-5 [Loan, L6 vault]

Extent: 11 volumes

Description: A collection of various Baptist congregations sheds light on early organized religion in Shelby and Jefferson County, Kentucky. The materials consist of minute books dating from early in the nineteenth century which record church and business meetings, rules of decorum and discipline, the church covenants, and lists of members, both African American and white, along with death dates or dismissal dates. The churches are Bethel Baptist Church, Shelby County, Kentucky (1809-1911, originally called the Church of Christ on Tick Creek); Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Shelby County, Kentucky (1805-1838); Beech Creek Baptist Church, Shelby County, Kentucky (1825-1840) Christiansburg Baptist Church, Christiansburg, Shelby County, Kentucky (1810-1875, originally constituted in 1799 as the Six Mile Creek Church); and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Kentucky (1805-1884, also includes records of its predecessor, Flat Rock Church on Floyd's Fork).

Volumes List:

Volume 1a: Tick Creek or Bethel Church Record book, 1809-1816

Volume 1b: Bethel Baptist Church, Record book, 1817-1859, 1868 (275 pages)

Volume 1c: Bethel Baptist Church Record book, 1859-1911 [loose materials in book includes printed Minutes of the ninety-seventh annual session of the Licking Association of Primitive Baptists September 1909]

Volume 2: Buffalo Lick Baptist Church Minute book, 1805-1838

Volume 3: Beech Creek Church Second Register, 1825-1840 [34x8]

Volume 4: Six Mile or Christianburg Baptist Church Membership records, 1799-1874 [separate parcel contains Photostats of the early membership lists which are in poor condition]

Volume 4a: Six Mile or Christianburg Baptist Church Records, 1800-1831, 1863-1869 [includes loose pages]

Volume 4b: Six Mile or Christianburg Baptist Church Records, 1836 [one loose page], 1856-1873

Volume 4c: Six Mile or Christianburg Baptist Church Records, 1805-1810, 1855-1856 [in envelope, three pieces]

Volume 5: Flat Rock and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Records, 1805-1885 [includes loose materials in front cover]