First Christian Church (Moberly, Mo.) Records (C1087)

Collection Number: C1087

Collection Title: First Christian Church (Moberly, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1869-1903

Creator: unknown

Abstract: Record book contains information related to early church history and membership, including names of members and dates for marriages and deaths. Other entries include an extensive list of those who became members after S.M. Martin's 1890 revival meeting and the church's position in an adultery case. Church minutes for 1879 to 1903.

Collection Size: 0.07 cubic feet
(1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The First Christian Church of Moberly, Missouri, was organized by James A. Berry on April 24, 1869. At that time, it was called the Church of Christ. The original frame building was built between Coates Street and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad tracks on the east side of the city. In 1880 the building was moved to the corner of East Coates and North Morley streets, and the adjacent lots were sold. After an 1890 revival meeting, conducted by Elder S.M. Martin at the First Christian Church, more than 300 people joined the congregation. Since most of the new members lived on the west side of the city, church officials decided to build a new church there. The Ladies Aid Society purchased lots for the new building at the corner of Fourth and Burkhart streets. On March 12, 1893, the church was dedicated and named the Central Christian Church.

Simultaneously with this event, the east side property at the First Christian Church was vacated. Two years later that church was reactivated under the name of the East Side Christian Church. In 1910, the building was remodeled, and a brick facade was placed over the original frame structure. On August 9, 1934, a fire totally destroyed the church, and on November 18, 1934, a cornerstone was laid for a new building. The present church survives under the name of the First Christian Church.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Record Book

Scope and Content Note:

Record Book

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