Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Missouri Conference,
Princeton Circuit Records

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Collection Title: Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Missouri Conference, Princeton Circuit Records

Dates: 1866-1884

Creator: Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Missouri Conference, Princeton Circuit, Macon District

Abstract: Minutes of quarterly meetings of the Princeton Circuit, Macon District.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
   (1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was the Methodist denomination resulting from the nineteenth-century split over the issue of slavery in the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC).
After the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in the US in 1784, the denomination officially opposed slavery, with many missionaries touring the South throughout the Great Awakening convincing slaveholders to free their slaves. In the nineteenth century, Northern Methodist congregations increasingly opposed slavery, while the southern church accommodated it as part of a legal system; however, even in the South, Methodist clergy were not supposed to own slaves. The official schism within the church occurred in 1844 when the General Conference in Louisville, KY, voted to suspend a bishop from exercising his episcopal office until he manumitted his two slaves. Southern delegates to the conference disputed the authority of a General Conference to discipline bishops, leading them to break off and form their separate denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Missouri was part.

The MEC, South, existed for almost one hundred years until the 1939 formation of the Methodist Church, which united the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the older Methodist Episcopal Church and much of the Methodist Protestant church, which had separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1828. The Methodist Church in turn merged in 1968 with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church.

Arrangement:

The ledger in this collection has been maintained in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The ledger, with minutes from the quarterly meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Missouri Conference, Princeton Circuit from 1866 to 1884, covers actions of standing committees, financial records, pastor reports, recommended actions, and complaints and appeals.

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