



**Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Polk County, Mo.)
Records
(C4529)**

Collection Number: C4529

Collection Title: Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Polk County, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1841-1864, 1990

Creator: Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Polk County, Mo.)

Abstract: One record book including meeting minutes of the church.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1841 by Jeremiah Claypool and various church members in Polk County, Missouri. It continued to operate throughout the Civil War. At the time of its creation, it was initially named the Crisp Prairie Baptist Church, but

shortly after the Pastor, T.J. Kelly, left the congregation, its members proposed to formally change the name to Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1924 the church building was destroyed by a tornado but was rebuilt by members and friends of the county. It was entirely rebuilt by 1925 and has continued its services to the present day.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Record Book
Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note:

Record Book

This series contains meeting minutes of the Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church from 1841 to 1864 within Polk County, Missouri. The subject matter of these meeting minutes consists of church proceedings, civil disputes, and a frequent mention of church figures such as T.J. Kelley and Jeremiah Claypool. Included is one photocopy of the record book.

Miscellaneous

This series contains two undated portraits. One photograph depicts George C. Claypool, and the second of his wife, Mary Elvira Claypool. Additionally, there is a newspaper clipping that discusses the origin and history of Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church in 1990.

Container List:

- f. 1 Record Book, 1841-1864
- f. 2 Photocopy of record book
- f. 2 Miscellaneous

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Claypool, Mary Elvira	3	Yes
Claypool family	1-3	
Claypool, George C.	3	Yes
Claypool, Jeremiah	1-3	
Kelley, T. J.	1-3	
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