



Rhea Church Records (R0123)

Collection Number: R0123

Collection Title: Rhea Church Records

Dates: 1844-1900

Creator: Rhea Church

Abstract: The Rhea Church Records contain letters of recommendation for individuals joining the Rhea Church in southern Phelps County, Missouri. Baptist churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri issued most of the letters.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Sandy D. Allison on August 17, 1982 (Accession No. RA0137).

Other Finding Aid: A name index for the letters can be found in the administration folder.

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Historical Note:

Rhea Church, in Cold Spring Township, Phelps County, Missouri, was formally organized in 1851, by its first pastor, the Reverend James Walker. It was originally called Zion Hill Church, and was affiliated with the Dry Fork Association of Baptist churches. Its first building was constructed in 1879. Members of the Church of Christ now use the building, adjacent to the Rhea Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one series:

Letters of Recommendation

Scope and Content Note:**Letters of Recommendation**

This series contains letters of recommendation for members transferring from other churches to the Rhea Church. They name the individual joining the church, and also the church to which he or she formerly belonged. Baptist churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri issued most of the letters. There are also two letters issued by churches in Phelps County that indicate that the bearers were certified to preach. The letters are arranged chronologically.

Container List:

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Box 001 f. 1	Letters, 1844-1865
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