



Mount Zion Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records (R0195)

Collection Number: R0195

Collection Title: Mount Zion Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records

Dates: 1829-1853

Creator: Mount Zion Baptist Church (Washington County, Mo.)

Abstract: The Mount Zion Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records contain a microfilm copy of the Mount Zion Baptist Church established in 1829, northwest of Potosi, Missouri. The church was renamed Fourche-à-Renault Baptist Church in 1834. Its records include membership rolls and minutes of monthly church business meetings.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records can be found in the following collections:

Liberty Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records (R0196)
Emmaus Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records (R0395)
Providence Baptist Church, Washington County, Missouri Records (C3023)

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Historical Note:

The Regular or United Baptist congregation on Fourche-à-Renault Creek counted about thirty members after its first year of existence. The number included a few slaves. A hewn-log church was erected in the 1830s and a campground was established adjacent to the church building. Annual summer camp meetings were held on the site for many years.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The records of the church consist of minutes of business transacted on the fourth Saturday of each month, preceded by the church Decorum and membership roster. Minutes begin on January 10, 1829, and continue through July 23, 1853. Regular business included admission and dismissal of members, and appointments of church officials and committees. Charges against members, which had to be resolved before the congregation, are frequently entered into the minutes. The cases usually involved non-attendance at church services and improper conduct, and often ended in the expulsion of the offending member. There are also hearings on cases concerning attendance at another church, slander of another church member, and co-habitation before marriage. An ordained minister was stripped of his credentials to preach in 1833 for illegal proceedings as moderator. The charges included "self-aggrandizement" without regard for the cause of religion.

Pagination, spelling, and dating of the entries in the record book are not consistent. Only the first forty of approximately one hundred and fifty pages in the volume are numbered. The minutes are in chronological order. An unexplained gap in the minutes from September 1842 through January 1844 may be the result of a missing page or pages. Dates are generally noted in terms of the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, the day specified for handling church business. A reference calendar is included to determine specific dates. The calendar and typescript of the minutes have been filmed in front of the original volume. The Constitution of the Fourche-à-Renault Church, revised in 1838, and the Rule of Decorum are entered on the final pages of the volume.

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