

Genealogical Research



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What do we have?



Overview

- Over 160,000 volumes of rare or special books
- Approximately 4,000 cubic feet of archival and manuscript material
- Repository for the records of the Candler School of Theology, the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, and other organizations.



What's That?

Manuscript Materials

Personal or business papers of individuals and organizations. When we receive them, we organize the materials and create a finding aid. A finding aid describes our unique primary resources and helps researchers determine if collections contain material of interest to them, and exactly where that material is located.

Church Histories

The official records and historical materials that document a church's heritage. They serve as a primary source for writing the history of the church and the Christian lifestyle.



What's in a Church Record?



Specific

- Baptismal, marriage, and burial registers
- Historic rolls and registers
- Official minutes and correspondence of the church and annual congregational meetings
- Board and committee manuals and minutes
- Official minutes, correspondence and reports of standing committees
- Records and correspondence of all groups and associations including Women's groups, Men's groups, Sunday schools, mission groups, classes



What's in a Church Record?



Specific

- Correspondence files
- Special church bulletins
- Church newsletters
- Annual reports and audited financial records
- Photographs that are clearly identified



Why is this Information Useful?

- Congregational histories can reveal significant details about your ancestor's religious community. They may contain records of christenings, marriages, and burials/deaths. Founding and long-standing families may be mentioned, including biographical details, and the work and member lists of charitable groups affiliated with the congregation can give you a look at the role your ancestor played in his community.
- Church histories, centennial books, and meeting minutes may contain the names of congregation members, and possibly even records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.



If you're looking for someone specific, what should you provide?

- Name of Church
- Dates
- Personal Identification, as much as possible
 - Names (including maiden name if applicable)
 - Date of Birth
 - Date of Death
 - Date of Transfer
 - Date of marriage and spouse's name
- Our reference staff can spend about 30 minutes on each inquiry. If your request requires a substantial amount of research, we may suggest hiring a freelance researcher or visiting in person. Contact us for suggestions.



Genealogical Materials

A visual guide



Name	How Received	Date Received	Preacher	Removal
572 Nellie R. Hardin	Bap.	6-3-23	B. Thomas	✓ Certificate 1927
573 Francis C. Mitchell	"	"	"	"
574 Horatio Bell	✓ Cert	7-8-23	"	"
575 W. F. Hurskaby	✓	"	"	"
576 Mr. " "	Vows	"	"	"
577 George J. Beauchamp	✓ Cert	8-19-23	"	Death-1927
578 W. H. Dillard	"	9-16-23	"	"
579 Walter M. Bell	"	9-10-23	"	"
580 Mrs. " "	"	9-21-23	"	"
581 Paul Slaughter	"	10-7-23	"	✓ Certificate - 24 Feb. 1929
582 Mrs. " "	"	"	"	✓ Certificate 1927
583 Mrs. L. G. Mobley	✓	"	"	✓ " "
584 A. S. Cosser	✓	"	"	✓ " "
585 Mrs. " "	✓	"	"	✓ " "
586 Elton J. Cosser	✓	"	"	"
587 A. L. " "	✓	"	"	"
588 J. W. Welsh	"	"	"	"
589 Mrs. " "	"	"	"	"
590 Miss Phelma Webb	"	"	"	"
591 Joe S. Daniel	Bap.	11-11-23	"	"
592 Mrs. " "	Certificate	10-7-23	"	"
593 Phelma " "	"	"	"	"
594 Mildred " "	Bap.	11-11-23	"	"
595 Mrs. Sharon Griffin	Cert	10-21-23	"	✓ Certificate 1926
596 C. O. Webb	"	"	"	✓ " "
597 Mrs. " "	"	11-18-23	"	✓ " 1927
598 " L. A. Foster	"	"	"	"
599 J. D. Higginbotham	"	"	"	✓ Certificate 1927
600 Mrs. " "	"	12-9-23	"	✓ " "
601 J. J. Brown	Renovated?	"	"	Certificate
602 Mrs. " "	"	"	"	"
603 Rev. G. H. Gray (L.D.)	✓	"	"	✓ Certificate 1926
604 G. H. " "	✓	"	"	✓ " "
605 A. H. " "	✓	"	"	"
606 James T. Blount	✓	12-29-23	"	"
607 Mrs. " "	"	"	"	"
608 C. P. Lighttower	"	"	"	"
609 Mrs. " Lollie "	"	"	"	"
610 Miss " (Doris) Stone	"	"	"	"
611 Mrs. Justina " "	"	"	"	"
612 A. S. Sewell	✓	"	"	"
613 Mrs. " "	"	"	"	"

METHODIST
MEMBERSHIP ROLL IN LOOSE-LEAF

No. 188--Space for 150 Families

A Record of Membership Based on the Family Unit and Historical Data

of the Asbury - Corinth Methodist Church

of La Grange District - North Ga Conference

From June 1, 1967 To _____, 19____

Prepared and Edited by the Council on World Service and Finance

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REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS.

No.	Name.	Parents.	By whom Baptized.	Date.
1	Russia Marbut	J. J. Marbut & Julia Marbut	E. R. Good	March 1898
2	Donald Minor	M. S. Minor Lou Minor	R. A. Seale	Feb 1898
3	C. B. Williams	Sam A. Williams Lepie Williams	" " "	April 1897
4	Ada Lee Brouwell	L. S. Brouwell M. S. Brouwell	" " "	"
5	Marian McCator Minor	Mark L. Minor, Jr. Lou J. Minor	W. O. Butler	Jan. 10. 1899.
6	Edmond Rogers.	E. Linnel Rogers. Marie Rogers.	W. O. Butler.	June 1. 1899.
7	John Earl Shney	W. L. Shney Augusta Shney	R. W. Rogers	1902
8	Mary Florence	W. L. Shney Augusta Shney	Richard W. Rogers	1904
9	Haggie Maud	W. R. Myers C. L. Myers	Richard W. Rogers	1904

REGISTER OF

No.	Names.	To whom Married.	WHEN AND HOW RECEIVED.			
			Baptism.	Vows.	Certificate.	By order of Ch. Conf.
250	C. E. Guffin	*			8 Sept. '08	
251	Mrs. C. E. Guffin	*			8 Sept. '08	
252	G. S. Prator	*			2 Oct. '08	
253	Mrs. G. S. Prator	*			2 Oct. '08	
254	Mrs. R. M. Clark	*			27 March '09	
255	J. P. Roberts	*			20 Jan. '09	
256	G. E. Matthews	*			1 Jan. '09	
257	C. G. Maner	*			20 Jan. '09	
258	Mrs. C. G. Maner	*			20 Jan. '09	
259	George Waggoner	*			7 Feb. '09	
260	Mrs. George Waggoner	*			7 Feb. '09	
261	Thomas Simpson	*			20 Feb. '09	
262	Mrs. Thomas Simpson	*			20 Feb. '09	
263	Miss Ora Lyle	*			22 Feb. '09	
264	George Lyle	*			22 Feb. '09	
265	B. H. Roberts	*			27 Feb. '09	
266	Claud P. Nighthlow	*			27 March '09	
267	Mrs. C. P. Nighthlow	*			27 March '09	
268	Mrs. Homer Garrison	*			27 March '09	
269	Mark C. Few	*			9 May '09	
270	W. Barlow Owens	*			23 May '09	
271	Mrs. W. Barlow Owens	*			23 May '09	
272	James Crowley	*			7 Sept. '09, Pres. Ch.	
273	Mrs. James Crowley	*			7 Sept. '09, Pres. Ch.	
274	Miss Eliza Crowley	*			7 Sept. '09, Pres. Ch.	
275	Miss Pearl Crowley	*			7 Sept. '09, Pres. Ch.	
276	Mrs. Edna Hogue	*			7 Sept. 1909	
277	Mrs. Virginia C. Upshaw	* Everett			10 Sept. 1909	
278	W. J. Jones	*			10 Sept. 1909	
279	Mrs. E. R. Hamil	*			12 Sept. 1909	
280	Mrs. Jamie Roberts	*			12 Sept. '09	13 Sept. '09

Name	How Received	Date Received
572 Millie R. Hardin	Bap.	6-3-23
573 Francis C. Mitchell	X	"
574 Horatio Bell	X	"
575 W.T. Hunsbary	✓ Cert	7-8-23
576 Mrs. "	✓	"
577 George J. Branchburg	Vows	"
578 W.H. Dillard	X Cert	8-19-23
579 Walter M. Bell	"	9-16-23
580 Mrs. "	"	9-21-23
581 Paul Slaughter	"	9-21-23
582 Mrs. "	"	"
583 Mrs. L. G. Mobley	X	10-7-23
584 A.S. Cosser	X	"
585 Mrs. "	X	"
586 Elton J. Cosser	X	"
587 A. L. "	X	"
588 J. W. Welsh	"	"
589 Mrs. "	"	"
590 Miss Thelma Webb	"	"
591 Joe L. Daniel	Bap.	11-11-23
592 Mrs. "	Certificate	10-7-23
593 Thelma "	"	"
594 Mildred "	Bap.	11-11-23
595 Mrs. Sharon Griffin	Cert	10-21-23
596 C. O. Webb	X	"
597 Mrs. "	X	"
598 L. A. Foster	X	11-18-23
599 J. D. Higginbotham	D	"
600 Mrs. "	"	"
601 J. J. Brown	X	12-9-23
602 Mrs. "	Permitted?	"
603 Rev. L. H. Guy (L.D.)	X	"
604 G.H. " Jr	X	"
605 A.H. "	X	"
606 James T. Blount	X	"
607 Mrs. "	"	12-29-23
608 C. P. Lightower	"	"
609 Mrs. " Lollie "	"	"
610 Miss Lollie "	"	"
611 Mrs. Justina (Duke) Stone	"	"
612 A. S. Sewell	✓	"
613 Mrs. "	✓	"

My Membership Vow: I will be loyal to The Methodist Church, and

REGISTER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

uphold it by my prayers, my attendance, my gifts, and my service

ENTER CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER	SIGNATURE OF MEMBER	ADDRESS	MANNER OF RECEPTION	DATE OF ENROLLMENT	DISPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP
85	Miss Phyllis French	18th Street, 405 West Point, Va.	Transfer from Mount Zion, Birmingham, Ala.	March 6, 1960	Ⓢ transfer to Mt. Bethel - Dunwoody Rd. 1 N. Dunwoody, Ga. with draw
86	Miss Brenda Fletcher	Harrisonville	Transfer from Providence Baptist	Sept. 3, 1961	with draw Bible Church
87	Miss Barbara Wood	Harrisonville	Baptized Profession of Faith	Sept. 3, 1961	
88	Mr. Steve Wood	Harrisonville	Baptized Profession of Faith	Sept. 3, 1961	
89	Mr. Clinton Gauding	Harrisonville	Baptized Profession of Faith	Sept. 3, 1961	
90	Mr. Danny Ware	4616 Rowell Rd. W. 6 Veranda Apt. Harrisonville	Baptized Profession of Faith	Sept. 3, 1961	
91	Mr. Dan Ware	Harrisonville	Transfer from Dunwoody Methodist Church	October 18, 1961	
92	Wayne Wilkinson	Harrisonville	Baptized Profession of Faith	December 3, 1961	Bible Church
93	Mrs. Handley Wilkinson	Harrisonville	Transfer from Highway Congregational Methodist Church	December 3, 1961	with draw
94	Mrs. Handley Wilkinson	Harrisonville	Transfer from Dunwoody Methodist	December 3, 1961	with draw
95	Mrs. Fred May	Franklin Road half way between Franklin & Le Grange	Baptized Profession of Faith	December 3, 1961	with draw
96	Siada May	Franklin Road half way between Franklin & Le Grange	Baptized Profession of Faith	December 3, 1961	with draw
97	Mrs. Hal (Mary) Brady	528 Ridgeway Road Le Grange Road 2 Harrisonville (church) Franklin Road	TRANSFER FROM 1st METHODIST CHURCH LE GRANGE	January 21, 1962	TRANSFER TO PALMETTO NEW HOPE CHURCH AUG 29, 1962
98	Freida May Lane		Baptized & Profession of Faith	Sept. 2, 1962	

O = no longer active or dead

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF

Chronological Reference Number	Baptismal Reference Number	FAMILY	FULL NAME	CHRISTIAN	MARITAL STATUS	TO WHOM
1	x	Ringer	Mary Jackson			
2	x	Lunsford	Nancy Jackson			
3	x	Smith	Inez Jackson			
4	x	Reid	Robert			
5	✓	Traylor	Peggy Ringer			
6	x	Baulding	Obra Ayres			
7	x	Young	Helen Jackson			
8	x	Baulding	Clinton, Jr.			
9	x	Jackson	Kathy May			
10	x	May	Ellen			
11	x	Waugh	Susan Ringer			
12	x	Jackson	Clyde Murphy			
13	x	Lunsford	Lucille Morgan			
14	✓	Shellhorse	Bailey Brooks			
15	✓	Shellhorse	Elaine Harmon			
16	x	Nelson	Barbara			
17	✓	Nelson	John D.			
18	✓	Nelson	Joanie			
19	x	Castley	Gordon			
20		Castley	Kathleen		married Doug Dizoglio	
21	✓	Castley	Catrina			
22	x	Hicks	(E.) W.C.			
23	✓	Reid	Hannah		Widow; married → AL 5/1/92	
24	x	Barnes	Lone			
25	✓	Aulen	Viola Kester			

Chronological Reference Number. Names of members should be entered chronologically. Enter the chronological reference number in this column opposite the name. (Should an alphabetical list of full members be desired as a cross reference to this section, Individual Membership Roll Card, No. 853, should be used.)

Baptismal Reference Number. If the person was baptized previously and his name entered in the Record of Baptisms and/or Record of Preparatory

Membership sections, enter the same baptismal reference number in this column.

Marital Status. Single, married, or widowed.

To whom Married. When a woman whose name is already in this column is married, insert the family name of the man in this column. Write "Widow" if she is widowed in this column. This obviates the necessity of recording her name in a new place.

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FULL MEMBERSHIP

RECEIVED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP				MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED		RECORDED BY
DATE	HOW	TRANSFERRED FROM	RECEIVED BY	DATE	HOW	
Sept 16 '96	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
8-28 '98	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
8-28 '92	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
'29	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
7-32 '45	Deceased					E. Shellhorse
10-53	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
10-59	1st of Hogansville					H.H.E.
2-3-61	transfer					
2-3-61	transfer					
2-3-61	Deceased					W.H.
'69	Deceased					
'66	Deceased					
'93	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
5-22-77	Deceased					
5-22-77	Deceased					
7-24-78	Deceased					B. Shellhorse
7-24-78	transferred					H.H.E.
7-24-78	Deceased					
1966	Deceased					
Aug '64	Deceased					
7-13-86	transferred to church in FL					
5-1-88	Deceased					H. Ellison
5-1-88	Deceased					B. Shellhorse

Received into Full Membership. In the "How" column enter the proper symbol: CF—Confession of Faith, PM—Preparatory Membership, OD—Other Denomination, R—Restored, CT—Certificate of Transfer (in this case enter the name and address of the church in the column "Transferred From").

Membership Terminated. In the "How" column enter the proper symbol: OD—Other Denomination, D—Death, EXP—Expulsion, W—Withdrawal, RCC—Removed Charge Conference Action, CT—Certificate of Transfer (in this case enter the name and address of the church in the column "Transferred To").

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How to Access Materials

Overview:

Archival Materials can be found in either Emory's book catalog, **Library Search**, or Emory's Finding Aids database, **ArchivesSpace**.

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Briarcliff United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1942-2018

Author/Creator: Briarcliff United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)
Publication/Creation: 1942-2018
Format: Archival Material or Manuscripts

Where to find it

1+ Available **LOCATE**

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Full Title: Briarcliff United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1942-2018

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Asbury United Methodist Church records

 CITATION  PRINT  HOW TO REQUEST No requestable containers

Collection Identifier: Record Group No. 097

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of records of Asbury United Methodist Church (Hogansville, Ga.) from 1888 until 2012. This church permanently closed in 2018. These records include church certificates, directories, administrative papers, membership rolls, guest books, and financial reports..

Dates

Creation: 1888-2013

Language of Materials

Materials entirely in English.

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Biographical Note

Asbury United Methodist Church (Hogansville, Ga.) was begun in 1828 by five families. It was a member of the LaGrange district in the North Georgia Conference and provided services for over 190 years. The church closed in 2018 due to low membership.

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From year

To year

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Collection organization

Asbury United Methodist Church records
Register of church membership, 1888-1979
Membership roll in loose-leaf, 1919-1990
Membership register and church records, 1928-2012
Church membership roll, 1968, undated
Financial records, 1972-1976
Membership records, 1975,1977, undated
Minutes, treasurer's report, 1976-1980
Guest book, 1979-2005
Membership paperwork, 1998-2013
Local church report to annual conference, 2011-2012



How to Access Materials

Digitally:

We have a Local Church History Collection that has been digitized. MSS 028

Resource Record: <https://archives.libraries.emory.edu/repositories/2/resources/4009>

The screenshot shows a digital archive interface. At the top, the title "United Methodist Church (U.S.) North Georgia Conference, Local Church histories" is displayed in a large, dark blue font. To the right of the title are three icons: "CITATION" (a document icon), "PRINT" (a printer icon), and "HOW TO REQUEST" (a question mark icon). A yellow box to the right of these icons contains the text "No requestable containers". Below the title, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Pitts Special Collections and Archives | United Methodist Church (U.S.) North Georgia Conference, Local Church histories". A navigation bar below the breadcrumb trail has three tabs: "Collection Overview" (selected), "Collection Organization", and "Container Inventory". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "Scope and Content Note" section with a paragraph of text and a "See more >" link. Below this are sections for "Dates" (Creation: 1788-2017), "Language of Materials" (Materials entirely in English.), "Restrictions on Access" (Unrestricted access.), and "Terms Governing Use and Reproduction" (All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.). The right column contains a search box with a "Search Collection" input field, "From year" and "To year" input fields, and a blue "SEARCH" button. Below the search box is a "Collection organization" section with a dropdown menu showing "United Methodist Church (U.S.) North Georgia Confer..." and a list of letters from A to H, each with a right-pointing chevron.



Local church histories

History of the Fayetteville Methodist Church, South

(Written by Lester C. Dickson, County Historian, Fayette County) November 1937

I want to express my appreciation for the assistance rendered me in gathering material for this history to Joseph H. Murphy, A. O. Blalock, Miss Roxie Blalock, and W. J. Still.

Before starting on the history of this church proper, I want to give a few facts as to the early history of the Methodist church in this section which will be of interest and will show what the early preachers had to go thru in their work in building up the church.

Before 1830 the preachers came from the South Carolina Conference. The first Georgia Conference met in January 1831 with 33 preachers present. Just after the treaty of Indian Springs with the Indians by which this section of the country was opened up, Fayette County was settled up rapidly, and with the earliest settlers came the Methodist and Baptist Preachers. These preachers came while the Indians were here, and began to hold church services at the homes of the early settlers, and at an early date churches were established. Issac Boring was one of the first preachers to come to this country, only a few years, after the country was laid out, and in his history of Methodism in Georgia, G. G. Smith had this to say about ^{him} "He knew no such word as defeat, and he dared all the dangers of his really perilous work with a fearless heart." The work of the preachers carried them into the humblest cabins for shelter, the plainest people for hearers, and the hardest fare. The list of appointments called for 30 sermons in thirty days. One Missionary of that time wrote, "Often, I traveled for miles without even a settler's blaze to direct me." The country was in woods, and with no roads, and houses few, and far between. The circuits were large, and the preachers had to



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How to Access Materials

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1. Create a Special Collections Request Account if you are a new user, or login if returning.

<https://aeon.library.emory.edu/Logon>

2. Our video explaining how to create this account: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKhVC5qRdY0)

[v=MKhVC5qRdY0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKhVC5qRdY0)

3. Find the item you wish to request in Library Search (<https://search.libraries.emory.edu/>) or in ArchivesSpace (<https://archives.libraries.emory.edu/>).

4. Click through “Locate/Request Item” prompts.

5. You will need to schedule a day and time to view items

6. Please call/email with questions! The system is very confusing at first!



How to Access Materials

Main Library:

- Our ready reference section has the United Methodist Church Journals
- There are some printed church histories in the main stacks. Search for these by name in Emory's Library Search.



More Information


Physical Reference Books

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