

BUFFALO RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES

Accession Number 6

1828-1927 (photocopies)

3 folders

Provenance: The photocopies of the original church minutes were donated to the archives by Betty Jane Hylton, Johnson City, Tenn., on January 17, 2017. The typed transcription was created by Donna Cox Briggs and a copy of the transcription was donated by her to the archives on July 5, 2017.

Access Note: The collection is available for research use.

Historical Note: Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church is generally considered the oldest church in Tennessee. Reverend Tidence Lane established the church in the Gray community of Washington County around 1778 or 1779 (there are conflicting accounts of the year). The original structure was log. The congregation sat on flat, split chestnut benches, the men on one side of the church with the women seated on the other side. The first church cemetery in the state was also established beside the church. The church's second pastor, Jonathan Mulkey, is buried there. The earliest minutes for the church appear to have been lost; those that survive begin in the late 1820s.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of photocopies of the original church minutes of Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church and a typed transcription of the said minutes, 1828-1927. The minutes cover many aspects of church business and functions and documents the history of the church for a period of approximately 100 years. Among information included are membership lists, records of births, deaths, and baptisms, appointments and election of church officials, licensures to preach, bills of indictment for covenant breaking, etc. The minutes are arranged in chronological order with the transcript filed after the photocopied minutes.

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