

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS
(OLD DUTCH MEETING HOUSE)**

Accession Number 8

1806-1831 and undated (photocopies)
1 folders

Provenance: The collection was donated by Betty Jane Hylton, Johnson City, Tenn., on January 17, 2017.

Access Note: The collection is available for research use.

Historical Note: The church organized in the Cherokee Creek community about 1806. In 1805, Henry Miller deeded land for “a Dutch church.” Many of its early members were of German descent and so services were conducted in both German and English until the church disbanded in 1870. One of its earliest ministers was Philip Henkel. In 1820, the church became a charter member of the Tennessee Synod. There is an adjacent church cemetery. The original records were found in the church prior to its demolition in the early 1900s.

Scope and Content Note: These surviving church records document the history of the church in the early 1800s. Among information found in the records are lists of communicants, baptisms, confirmands, those attending catechism, decisions on financial matters, election of church officials, etc. Baptism information includes the name of parents and the child’s date of birth. Church records were written in German script. Also included is a brief history of the church by Mary Hardin McCown, a listing of graves in the cemetery, and a copy of a deed related to the property. This miscellaneous material is filed after the minutes.

Important subjects include:

Churches—Tennessee—Washington County
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Washington County, Tenn.)
Lutheran Church—Tennessee—Washington County

Folder List

1. Immanuel Lutheran Church Records, 1806-1831 and undated. (photocopies)

Note

It appears that this copy of Betty Jane's is a photocopy of the photocopy they have at the Archives of Appalachia at ETSU. The original records were apparently found at the church building prior to its being torn down in the early 1900s when the property was purchased by Dave Walters. His great-niece Susan Walters permitted the Archives of Appalachia to make a photocopy on November 3, 1982. The Walters family retained possession of the original records after they were copied in 1982. It is assumed as this is written in July 2017 that this is still the case. Below is copied and pasted information from their finding aid.

- **Scope and Contents**

The Emanuel Lutheran Church Records consists of photocopies of lists of communicants, baptisms, confirmants and of those attending catechism. There are also some church minutes, including decisions about financial matters, election of church officials and teaching catechism in English rather than Dutch. Lists of baptisms includes information about the persons' parents and date of birth.

Also included with the church records are photocopies of property deeds which seem to have originated in the Washington County Court Records, not in the church records.

- **Conditions Governing Access**

The records are open for research.

- **Method of Acquisition**

Susan Walters, a great-niece of Dave Walters who purchased the church property circa 1900, loaned these records to the Archives of Appalachia for photocopying on November 3, 1982.

- **Custodial History**

The records were found in the church building prior to demolition in the early 1900s.

- **Existence and Location of Originals**

The Walters family retained possession of the originals of the church records. The property deeds seem to have been photocopied from the Washington County Court Records and may not have been part of the original donation.