Trinity United Methodist Church records, 1812-1907
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Creator: Trinity United Methodist Church.

Description: 2 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Trinity United Methodist Church began in 1786 as the Cumberland Street (Methodist) Church with 35 white and 23 black members. In 1791 part of Cumberland’s congregation withdrew to form Trinity Primitive Methodist Church, which in 1816 joined the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. In 1861 the two congregations were reunited when Cumberland's building was lost in a fire. Two separate Boards of Trustees existed until 1874, when the two congregations were formally united as Trinity United Methodist Church. The black congregation remained a part of the church until 1865.

Scope and Content: Records consist of minutes, Sunday school records, financial records, membership lists, hymnals, and other items.

Records of the Cumberland Street (Methodist) Church include a minute book of meetings of the Board of Trustees (1849-1868); constitution and minutes of the Sunday school (1851-1858); Sunday school superintendent's report book (1858-1862); and the treasurer's book of the Cumberland Methodist Church Benevolent Society (1868-1903).

Records of Trinity Methodist Church include a minute book (1826-1835); a register of births and marriages (1843-1855); receiving books (1865-1871); Sunday school roll books (1873, 1881-1887), minute book (1868-1872), and record book (1873); Sunday school class books (1873-1877, 1904-1907); Sunday school infant class roll (1883); and a list of donors to Mssrs. Moody and Sankey (1886). Records (1821-1905) of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church consist of minutes, a cash book, letters, and a copy of a roll (1821-1868) listing black members of the church.

Records of the combined Trinity and Cumberland Methodist churches include a treasurer's book of the Sunday School Society (1866-1876); two Sunday school roll books (1869-1881); a church minute book (1866-1880); and four hymn books and loose sheet music (1866-1903).

Records of Methodist organizations include two minute books (1826-1835, 1835-1857) of the Methodist Church Society; a minute book (1875-1884) of the Methodist Home Missionary Society containing minutes of meetings relating to the building of a chapel or mission room on Rutledge Avenue in Charleston (S.C.); and a minute book (1812-1826) of the Methodist Charitable Society.
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Search terms:
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Minutes.
Registers of births, etc.
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11/573-575 Trinity Methodist Church, 1826-1907

Records, 1826-1907. 15 ms. vols
Charleston Methodist Church. Records of Trinity Methodist Church (1826-1907). Included are a minute book (1826-1835); church register (1843-1855) of births and marriages; church minute book (1880-1897), Sunday school receiving books (1865-1871); Sunday school roll book (1873); Sunday school minute book (1868-1872); Sunday school record book (1873); Sunday school class book (1873-1877); Sunday school receiving book (1875-1880); Sunday school infant class roll (1883); Sunday school roll book (1881-1887); Sunday school books of William Chamberlain’s classes (1904-1907) and list of donators to Misses Moody and Sankey who brought a revival to Charleston (1886).

11/575-577 Trinity & Cumberland Methodist Church, Charleston

Records, 1866-1903. 8 ms. vols, 13 items
Charleston Methodist Church. Records of the Combined Trinity and Cumberland Methodist Church, Charleston (1866-1903). Included are the Treasurer’s book of the Sunday School Society (1868-1876); Sunday school roll books (2 vols, 1869-1881); Church minute book (1866-1880). Also 4 vols of hymnbooks and some loose sheet music (1866-1903).

11/578/1-4 Cumberland Methodist Church, Charleston

Records, 1849-1903. 4 ms. vol.
Charleston church. Records of Cumberland Methodist Church, Charleston (1849-1903) include minute book, Board of Trustees (1849-1868); Constitution and minutes of Sunday school (1851-1858); Sunday school superintendent’s report book (1858-1862); and Cumberland Methodist Church Benevolent Society treasurer’s book (1868-1903).

11/579/1-3  Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston
Records, 1821-1905. 1 ms. vol, 8 items
Charleston church. Minutes, cashbook & letters (1869-1905) of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Also copy of roll (1821-1868) of Book C: list of black members of the Church. Original ms. at Trinity ME Church, Charleston.

11/579/4  Methodist Charitable Society, Charleston
Minute book, 1812-1826. 1 ms. vol. 5 items
Charleston Methodist organization. Minute book (1812-1826) of the Methodist Charitable Society.

11/580/1-2  Methodist Church Society, Charleston, 1826-1857
Records, 1826-1835. 2 ms. vols.
Charleston Methodist Organization Minute books (1826-1857) of the Methodist Church Society.

11/580/3  Methodist Home Missionary Society, Charleston
Minute book, 1875-1884. 1 ms. vol. 18 items
Charleston Methodist organization. Records (1875-1884) of the Methodist Home Missionary Society, Charleston composed of Cumberland, Trinity, Bethel, and Spring Street Methodist-Episcopal churches. Minutes regarding building a chapel or mission room on Rutledge Ave.