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MSS0029

The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Collection

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The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Finding aid

Collection Overview

Creator: The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Staff

Title: The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View)

Dates: Undated

Bulk Dates: Undated

Quantity: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Collection contains some historical notes photocopied from a currently unknown publication. It also includes a typed biography of Reverend Francis E. W. Guidry, pastor of Bethlehem and Lawrence Key Methodist Churches in Hempstead at the time of writing, and a biography of Rev. Frank E. Guidry Jr., pastor at First United. The items are housed with eight other Waller County Churches collections until unique accommodations become necessary.

Identification: MSS0029

Use Restrictions: Before publishing quotations, excerpts, or images from any materials in this collection, written permission must be obtained from the Special Collections/ Archives Department and all relevant rights holders.

Language: The materials are in English.

Repository: Prairie View A&M University

Biographical Note: The First United Methodist Church initiated services in 1971 out of the need for a church that could serve Prairie View A&M students off campus. Rev. Miss Perrie Jackson was assigned as the first minister, initially holding services at Waller Junior High School. In November 1971, the congregation received the deed for two acres of land and a metal building for services; groundbreaking took place on January 30th, 1972, and the first service in the new building was held on July 2, 1972.

Sources:

The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Collection, MSS0029, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

Scope and Contents Note:

The collection is arranged chronologically in the order in which the items were created. No series was needed since the items are all related to First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) history. The collection consists of one folder with church history documents and biographies of a former minister and a guest officiant.

Administrative Information**Preferred Citation:**

The First United Methodist Church (Prairie View) Collection, MSS0029, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

Related Material:

Black Churches in Texas Collection, MSS0016, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

Inventory of the Clyde McQueen Papers, Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, Texas A&M University

Waller County Historical Survey Committee (1973). *A history of Waller County, Texas*. Waco: Texian Press.

Index Terms:

African American churches--Gulf Coast--Texas--History.

African American churches--Texas, Central--History.

Waller County (Tex.)--History.

Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description	Date	Location
1	1	History and Biographies	Undated	R3/C4/R5