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MSS0034

The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Collection

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The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Finding Aid

Collection Overview

Creator: St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Staff

Title: The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Collection

Dates: Undated

Bulk Dates: Undated

Quantity: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Collection contains historical information about St. Peter's Baptist Church, including the details of the land deed. It also includes the resumé of Rev. Herschel Cornelius Smith. The items are housed with eight other Waller County Churches collections until unique accommodations become necessary.

Identification: MSS0034

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: St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead was organized in 1900 with an initial membership of nine, settled in a small house on 19th Street. Led by Reverend Sykes, the congregation moved to a lot at the intersection of 16th and Washington St. in 1901. The church's trustees purchased the lot where the church currently resides in August 1909, and the current building was completed in 1967. The church has been in continuous operation since its inception, with Rev. Fred Thomas III as the current pastor.

Sources:

The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead, MSS0034, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

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

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 relate to St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead history. The collection comprises two folders with church history documents and a former officiant's biography.

Administrative Information**Preferred Citation:**

The St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead Collection, MSS0034, 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 – St. Peter's Baptist Church of Hempstead	Undated	R3/C4/R5
1	2	Biography – Herschel Cornelius Smith	Undated	R3/C4/R5