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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS 00331

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/9529

Unit Date

1924-1945

Language

English

Extent

.63 Linear Feet 1 half Hollinger box and 1 extra tall Hollinger box.

Repository

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Oak Grove Baptist Church, located in York County, Virginia is the "daughter" church of First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church, founded in 1776, is one of the oldest Black American church in the United States. After the purchase of a parcel in 1900 and construction of a church building, members of First Baptist formed their own independent congregation, recognized in 1913. Working with the local Bruton District school board, the church established the Oak Grove School for African American students that was later destroyed by fire in 1940. In 1942, the federal government compelled the church to sell its property as it was located within the planned boundary for the installation of the Naval Construction Training Center (Camp Peary). The congregation purchased land for a new church and cemetery in 1945, and constructed a new church building in 1947. In 2003, the church reacquired ownership of its cemetery. The Oak Grove Baptist Church Historic District is significant for its associations with the Reconstruction-era community of Magruder established by emancipated African Americans.

Biography by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

Content Description

The Oak Grove Baptist Church collection contains record books documenting membership lists, daily church events and financial records. The collection also includes meeting minutes and photographs of church members.

Keywords

Baptist Church--Virginia--History

Church records and registers--Virginia

York County (Va.)--History--20th century

Description of Subordinate Components

Daily logs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607522

Unit Date 1926-1944

Oak Grove Baptist Church Record Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607511

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Digitized copy of the Oak Grove Baptist Church Record Book

Unit ID cuid228

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/585733

Financial records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607515

Unit Date 1971-1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Financial record book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607512

Unit Date 1971-1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Member records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607516

Unit Date Circa 1950-1985

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Deceased and new members record book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607513

Unit Date Circa 1950-1994

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Record of deceased and new members written by clerk Harold R. Brown. Record book holds names of members from 1950-1994.

Member list book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607519

Unit Date 1977-1985

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Meeting minutes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607520

Unit Date 1999-2007

Minutes of Church Business Meeting

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607521

Unit Date 1999-2007

Mixed Materials 3 (Bound Volume)

Container 1 (Folder)

Photographs**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607514**Unit Date** Circa 1967-2002**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Photographs of reverends****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607517**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Member photographs****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607518**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)