



Shannondale Presbyterian Church Records, 1831-1976

PA 1

Overview

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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

Records of the Shannondale Presbyterian Church in Montgomery County, IN, 1831-1976, which was also known as the Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale. Session minutes document the operation and running of the church. These records include proceedings against members for misconduct (drunkenness, illegitimate children, card playing, unchristian conduct, etc.); baptisms; records of communicants; births; deaths; Crawfordsville Presbytery; dismissions; membership lists; marriages; and orphans. It also includes biographies of church elders; church history; records related to the split of the church; church leadership; financial records; building repairs; land deeds; and church anniversary celebrations.

Historical Information

The Shannondale Presbyterian Church (Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale) was organized on March 17, 1831, by William Claibourne Young in Montgomery County, Indiana. The church was originally known as Bethel Church. The church split in 1831 during a division in the Presbyterian Church, creating New Bethel Church. Both churches grew and constructed new buildings. The two churches merged in 1870, forming two churches: Bethel Church and Dover Presbyterian Church. Through the years, Bethel Church has had regular worship and served their community. The church remains active today.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

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Acquisition:

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Container List

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Dates	Description
1	1	Session Minutes	03/17/1831 -04/6/1870	Original session book for Bethel Church - contains minutes up till the split and then the new Bethel Church minutes, Shannondale Church, Bethel Church, church history, Claibourne Young, Reverend Claibourne Young, membership, new members, James A. Thompson, Caldwell, Sally Hill and Ann Poage - quarrel over telling lies case, session, Joshua Hird - drunkenness and foul language case, drunkenness, Presbytery, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, church split, New Bethel Church - not associated with the Presbytery, New Bethel Church, New Bethel Church session minutes, deacons, trustees, Thorntown Presbyterian Church partnership, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth C. Thompson - illegitimate child, Lebanon Church dissolved, New Providence Church, death of pastor, Rebecca A. Alexander (Craig) - unchristian-like conduct case, baptisms, communicants, record of communicants, record of members, births, baptisms, deaths, Crawfordsville Presbytery, dismissions, children, parents, deed to land, Lord's Supper, session
1	2	Session Minutes	03/17/1831 - 12/14/1861	Copy of first session book minutes up to church split, original Bethel Church, Shannondale Church, Bethel Church, church history, Claibourne Young, Reverend Claibourne Young, membership, new members, James A. Thompson, church split, church split, voting problems, baptisms, Lord's Supper, deacons, trustees, Thorntown, Thomas J. Harper - intoxication and profane language, orphaned children - deciding who should care for them within the church, pastors, Union Church, Crawfordsville Church, baptism, Harper schoolhouse, Fullenwider, John C. Fullenwider - playing cards and profane language, session, record of communicants, record of members, births, baptisms, deaths, marriages, dismissions, children, parents, congregational meeting

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1	3	Session Minutes	12/14/1861 - 09/02/1874	Shannondale Church, Bethel Church, New Bethel Church, Church history (1831-1875), session minutes, elders, elder biographies, deacons, trustees, church split, church merger, church reunification, Dover Presbyterian Church, R. F. Caldwell, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, Darlington Presbyterian Church, newspaper article - church history, membership, new members, playing cards, dancing, intoxication, Sabbath School, unchristian conduct, adultery, congregational meeting, baptism, roll of members, register of members, deaths, dismissals, tithes
1	4	Session Minutes	11/03/1874 - 09/14/1898	Shannondale Church, Bethel Church, session minutes, members, roll of members, register of members, deaths, births, admission, dismissals, congregational meeting, deacons, trustees, elders
1	5	Session Minutes	11/06/1898 - 04/21/1931	Shannondale Church, Bethel Church, session minutes, members, roll of members, register of members, deaths, births, admission, dismissals, Presbytery, congregational meeting, tithes, donations, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, deacons, trustees, elders, E. C. Mount, Darlington Church, finances, salary, death, condolences, Advance, New Ross, spiritual revival, donation (\$500)
2	1	Session Minutes	04/19/1931 - 04/13/1950	Bethel Church, Shannondale Church, Shannondale, church history, 100th anniversary (1931), church photographs, rock photograph, pastor photograph, anniversary programs, "Sketches of History of Bethel Church", elders, deacons, trustees, session minutes, congregational meeting, financials, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, "The Labors and Laborers of Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale" newspaper article by James A. Mount 06/18/1881, death, Milligham Memorial Church, Wabash Avenue Church, deaths, births, marriages, baptisms, committees
2	2	Session Minutes	04/17/1950 - 12/31/1961	Bethel Church, Shannondale Church, Shannondale, elders, deacons, trustees, session minutes, congregational meeting, financials, deaths, births, marriages, baptisms, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, Ladoga Presbyterian Church, church remodel, remodeling, church repairs, committees
3	1	Session Minutes	01/04/1962 - 12/13/1976	Bethel Church, Shannondale Church, Shannondale, elders, deacons, trustees, session minutes, congregational meeting, financials, Thorntown Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Ladoga Presbyterian Church, church remodel, remodeling, church repairs, committees
3	2	Documents	01/03/1857	Bethel Church, Shannondale, land, copy of deed for record, Claibourne Young, Mary Young,
3	3	Newspaper Clippings	06/18/1881	Bethel Church, Shannondale, church history, 50th anniversary, pastors, 1881, church division, church reunification