

St. James AME Church Collection, 1921-1980 (KCPL 57)

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Introduction:

The St. James AME Church collection is comprised of photographs, ledgers, family bibles, baptism records, print materials, and oversized.

Donor Information:

This collection was loaned on long term to the Local History and Genealogy department of the Kenton County Public Library by St. James AME Church, February 2019.

Organizational Sketch:

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1869 by Martha Ann Taylor, a Covington resident that invited friends and neighbors into her home for weekly religious services and Sunday school. Several locations were used for worship until the congregation was able to purchase the parish on 120 Lynn Street. After a series of location changes as the church was building a new parish, a new building was finished in 1922. Under the pastorate of the Reverend F. D. Coleman from 1927 to 1932, several improvements were made to the church. By 1942, however, the church was in \$3600 dollars of debt due to these upgrades. The Reverend Andrew White was then appointed pastor of the church and was able to pay off these debts. By 1959, the congregation financed the construction of a new parsonage for Reverend White. The church celebrated their 105th birthday in 1974 and was re-modeled in 1986 under the administration of Reverend Edgar L. Mack.

Box 1

Series 1: Photographs

- f.1 Diamond Jubilee and mortgage burning
- f.2 Dr. Murray Principal
- f.3 Dr. Randolph and Mr. Rice
- f.4 Unknown church family
- f.5 Unknown church trustees
- f.6 Presiding elder and Knox family
- f. 7 Presiding elder Hickman
- f. 8 Picture collage
- f.9 Annie Hargraves
- f.10 William Hargraves

Series II: Baptism Records

- f.11 1944-1948
- f.12 1948-1966

- f.13 1948-1970
- f.14 1951-1987
- f.15 1955-1994
- f.16 1979

Series III: Certificate of Membership books

- f.17 1946
- f.18 1948-1963
- f.19 1953-1969
- f.20 1970

Series IV: Print Materials

- f.21 Church history, 1965
- f.22 Church ledger, 1948
- f.23 Church ledger, 1948-1952
- f.24 Church minutes, 1959-1963
- f.25 Church minutes, 1967
- f.26 Community census, 1963
- f.27 Human Rights portfolio, 1957-1966
- f.28 Kentucky Conference program, 1990
- f.29 Know Your Church Manual by Andrew White, 1965
- f.30 Membership listing, 1978
- f.31 The Messenger, 1983
- f.32 The Negro Population of Kentucky, 1956
- f.33 News articles, Jacob Price
- f. 34 News articles, 1975
- f. 35 Obituaries, 1960-1995
- f. 36 100th Anniversary Program, 1987
- f. 37 Parsonage Dedication, 1959
- f.38 Pastor's Report, 1960
- f.39 Pastor's Report, 1980
- f.40 Standard Christmas Carols
- f.41 Western Union telegram, 1942

Series V: Oversized

- Family Bible, 1925
- Family Bible, 1927
- Family Bible, 1937
- Family Bible, 1943
- Blueprints to parsonage, undated

Plaque for Loretta Randolph, undated
Ledger of offering, undated
Ledgers, 1965-1970
Hattie Alcorn portrait, undated
Richard Allen portrait, undated
Martha Taylor portrait, undated
Revised membership roll, undated