INTRODUCTION

This collection is centered around Charles Henry Boone, a resident of Franklin, Van Wert, and Madison Counties, Ohio, who lived at various times in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, etc., in his capacity as pastor, officer, and teacher for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The donor of the collection is unknown. The collection occupies 5.46 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 3,900 items.

Literary rights to the papers in this collection have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly research.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles Henry Boone Papers, containing approximately 3,900 items, cover the years ca. 1900-1952. The collection is composed of accounts, bulletins and programs, booklets, brochures and catalogs, writings and/or sermons, newspapers, and some correspondence, dealing primarily with the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A. M. E.) for which Boone served as minister, teacher, and officer for almost fifty years.

Much of the writing in the collection was created by Boone. He wrote some twenty-two letters dealing with such subjects as A. M. E. Church business, family news and fair employment. Other writings of Boone include notes, outlines and complete sermons which he gave during his years as pastor of several A. M. E. churches.

Most of the correspondence was written to Boone and dealt with such subjects as money difficulties and internal problems within the A. M. E. Church, attendance at Conference meetings, election to a particular office within the Church, the Wayman Institute, Church and private property paying debts, and family news.

The bulletins and programs in the collection include District Conference Programs; Tennessee Annual Conference A. M. E. Church Programs, 1926 and 1940-1941; the Fourteenth Episcopal District (Kentucky and Tennessee); Programs for the years 1924-1926 and 1928; Church Programs for Payne A. M. E. Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1912-1913; Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School Conference Programs; and a couple of funeral service programs.

Newspapers which espoused views of A. M. E. Church activities include The A. M. E. Grub-Ax, the official publication of the 13th Episcopal District of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the months of November and December, 1948; and some issues of The Christian Recorder for the years 1904, 1919-1920, 1925-1926, and 1948-1952. There is also one issue each of the Wisconsin Weekly Blade, 1917, and the Arkansas World, 1948. Some of these newspapers will be placed on microfilm for easy accessibility to researchers.

Other material directly relating to A. M. E. Church work includes accounts, the Woman's Missionary Society in which Mrs. Willie Boone played an active role, notebooks and reports, and booklets and brochures which have been brought out in greater detail in the Container List, located elsewhere in this Register.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Henry Boone

Parents, William Randolph (1829-    ) and Elizabeth Boone (1835-    ) were from North Carolina

1854 Parents married and moved to Franklin County, Ohio
1870, Feb. 28 Charles Henry Boone, the tenth of fourteen children, was born
1873 Family moved to Van Wert County, Ohio
1877 Moved to Madison County near West Jefferson, Ohio
1885 At a revival conducted by Reverend Alfred March, Boone became a Christian in the African Methodist Episcopal Church
1891 Entered Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio
1896 Graduated with a BS degree from Wilberforce University
1898 Graduated with a BA degree from Wilberforce University
March 23 Received license to preach in Greenfield, Ohio. First charge was at Martin's Ferry, Ohio
1900, June 14 Received BD degree from Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University. Pastored church at Georgetown, Kentucky, and passed examination, became teacher. Taught school
1902, Aug. 26 Married Willie Nichols
ca. 1903-1906 President of Turner Institute, Shelbyville, Tennessee
1905, Aug. 26 Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Nashville, Tennessee
1912-1913 Pastored Payne A. M. E. Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado
1914, Oct. President of Wayman College, Harrodsburg, Kentucky
1919, Oct. Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Columbia, Tennessee
1920, Oct. Became pastor of Woodfork Chapel, Shelbyville, Tennessee
1930-ca. 1947 Presiding elder of South Nashville District for the Tennessee Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church
1931, Nov. Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Nashville, Tennessee
1933, Nov. Became pastor of St. Peter's Church, Clarksville, Tennessee
1944, May Elected as Ministerial Delegate to represent Tennessee at the 32nd General Conference of A. M. E. held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1948, May Elected as Ministerial Delegate to represent Tennessee at the 33rd General Conference of A. M. E. held at Kansas City, Kansas
Nov. Became pastor at Salem Church (address not given)
1953, Dec. 17 Boone died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee
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