

# Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection (AC4)

## *Introduction*

The Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection documents the activities of Merrill Street Baptist Church in Trenton, Missouri, through meeting minutes. The collection covers the period 1896-1964.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Merrill Street Baptist Church  
Title: Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection  
Dates: 1896-1964  
Size: 1 linear foot, 3 boxes  
Collection Number: AC4

## *Donor Information*

Donated by Vern and Winona Smith, 05/27/1981.

## *Citation Note*

Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection (AC4), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

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## *Historical Sketch*

Merrill Street Baptist Church was established in 1880 as Second Baptist Church in Trenton, Missouri. In 1881, the congregation consisted of thirty-five members under the leadership of Rev. Harvey Morton. Second Baptist Church was renamed Merrill Street Baptist Church in 1924. The Merrill Street Baptist Church has disbanded.

## *Scope and Content Note*

The Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection primarily consists of handwritten meeting minutes. The individual record books document business meetings. Folders 3, 5, and 21 are primarily Sunday school minutes; Folder 8 is primarily Baptist Young People's Union minutes. The collection also includes volumes recording weekly financial collections and miscellaneous correspondence covering the period 1951-1955. The collection also includes a choir chair from Merrill Street Baptist Church.

***Collection Inventory***

- f. 1 Meeting minutes, 10/18/1896-09/30/1900
- f. 2 Meeting minutes, 10/14/1900-01/17/1904
- f. 3 Meeting minutes, 02/26/1905-01/06/1907 (Sunday school)
- f. 4 Meeting minutes, 01/06/1907-10/24/1909
- f. 5 Meeting minutes, 10/17/1915-06/24/1917 (Sunday school)
- f. 6 Meeting minutes, 06/03/1923-06/07/1925
- f. 7 Meeting minutes, 03/23/1924-11/15/1925
- f. 8 Meeting minutes, 03/07/1926-11/27/1927 (Baptist Young People's Union)
- f. 9 Meeting minutes, 04/07/1926-06/16/1941
- f. 10 Meeting minutes, 02/20/1927-12/25/1927
- f. 11 Meeting minutes, 01/15/1928-12/08/1929
- f. 12 Meeting minutes, 02/05/1928-07/02/1930
- f. 13 Meeting minutes, 11/18/1928-01/26/1930
- f. 14 Meeting minutes, 01/11/1931-12/18/1932
- f. 15 Meeting minutes, 11/01/1931-03/18/1932
- f. 16 Meeting minutes, 05/31/1936-01/22/1939
- f. 17 Meeting minutes, 06/21/1936-12/01/1940
- f. 18 Meeting minutes, 02/26/1939-12/31/1939
- f. 19 Meeting minutes, 01/21/1940-08/05/1941
- f. 20 Meeting minutes, 08/31/1941-07/04/1943
- f. 21 Meeting minutes, 08/29/1943-03/03/1946 (Sunday school)
- f. 22 Meeting minutes, 02/20/1955-05/05/1957
- f. 23 Collections, 08/03/1941-09/02/1945
- f. 24 Collections, 04/06/1947-03/06/1955
- f. 25 Collections, 12/02/1957-11/01/1964
- f. 26 Sunday school minute and record book, 01/06/1957-03/01/1959
- f. 27 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1951-1955

**Artifact**

Choir chair

**Processed by Michael Sweeney, Collection Librarian, November 2013.**