Guide to the Records of The Baldwin County Historical Church Documentary

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Location: A3D5
Title: Baldwin County Alabama Historical Church Documentary
Dates: 2004-2005
Quantity: 1 DVD and Transcript
Identification:

Abstract: The Baldwin County Alabama Historical Church Documentary is the product of a collaborative effort by the Baldwin County Commission and Joseph C. Johns Productions. Narrated by David A.Z. Brewer, Assistant to the County Administrator for Research and Special Projects, the six-part program features nineteen of Baldwin County’s most historic church structures. The twenty-eight-minute segments contain interviews, conducted by Brewer, of persons associated with each church as well as revealing footage of each structure’s historic architecture. The project originated as the first expanded use of the County Commission’s educational television channel and has set the precedent for future historical/educational documentaries designed to provide Baldwin County residents with a better understanding of their county.

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Preferred Citation

Baldwin County Alabama Historical Church Documentary

Acquisition Information
Received from Baldwin County Commission Administrative Offices

**Processing Information**

The DVD was received for processing as a single disk maintained in a protective jewel case. The DVD will be placed in an acid-free archival container along with the transcript produced by David Brewer. The transcript is a copy of the original and has been secured in an acid-free folder.

**Index Terms**

Researchers seeking materials on related subjects, people, and issues should search the catalog by using the following terms.

**Subjects:** Baldwin County
Religion
Church
Joseph C. Johns
Joseph C. Johns Productions
David A.Z. Brewer
Baldwin County Commission
Old Daphne Methodist Church
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
Latham United Methodist
Swift Presbyterian
Montgomery Hill Baptist Church
First Baptist Church of Bay Minette
Marlow United Methodist Church
Stockton United Methodist Church
First Church of Christ Scientist
Swedish Zion Lutheran Church
Clear Springs United Methodist Church
St. Raphael’s Catholic Church
Morgan Chapel United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church of Bay Minette
Twin Beech African Methodist Church
St. Paul’s Episcopal Chapel
Montpelier Methodist Church
Lebanon Chapel African Methodist
Sacred Heart Chapel

Persons:  David A.Z. Brewer
          Ella Perry Foster Zarr
          Luella Ferguson
          Jabe Fincher
          Martin L. McGuire
          Lois Holmes Smith
          Harry Davis Smith
          Dr. T.W. Belt
          Senator Dick Owen
          L.D. Owen, III
          John Phillips
          Benjamin Metcalf
          Floyd Wright
          Theophilus Moody
          Thomas H. Waters
          Vadin McNeil
          Martha Baggett
          Beverly Maddox
          Pastor Swanlund
          Ernest Burnett
          Charles Canning
          Charlie Norman
          Bishop John L. May
          Billy Middleton
          Carol Middleton
          Mary Fincher
          Mildred Bertagnolli
          Earl Deane Comstock
          Deane Swift Comstock
          Admiral Raphael Semmes
          Father Gordon N. Milsted
          Jean Richmond
          Captain William Howard
          Elizabeth Howard
          David Moniac
Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of one DVD that contains individual interviews associated with the county’s historic churches which are the focus of the project. The six twenty-eight-minute segments found on the DVD feature nineteen historic churches complete with interviews of church members and an explanation of the construction details, location, evolution of membership, and place in county/community history. Included in the collection is the transcript of the DVD as compiled by narrator, David A.Z. Brewer.

Arrangement

The DVD and transcript are held together as one series:
**Series I:** Historical Church DVD and transcript

**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access**

There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

**Restrictions on Use**

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**Inventory**

**Series I:** Historical Church DVD and Transcript

**Accession Number:** DVD-18-0001

**Inventory Listing:**

**Box**

1. Historic Church DVD and Transcript