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MSS 460 Item 5

Title: Record book from Bethel Church of God, Ashland and Wayne Counties, 1847-1931

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Dates: 1847-1931 (dates are estimated by death dates of church members and other corroborating evidence from the record itself)

Creator: Bethel Church of God, Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio

Donor: Leo Phillips of Ashland, Ohio

Administrative history: This ledger appears to have been used by two different congregations, the Brick Bethel Church of God (approx. 1847-1890) and the Bethel Church of God at Reedsburg (1899-1931). Brick Bethel Church of God (shortened to Bethel Church) is in Jeromesville, Ashland County; the surviving historical cemetery (Bethel Cemetery; FindAGrave ID 2329358) houses the graves of numerous church members from this record. Reedsburg is within Wayne County, but only 2.5 miles away from Jeromesville. It is unclear if the congregation simply renamed itself, or if they did physically move to another meeting location and start a new church but continued to use the same record book. Neither name appears in contemporary county histories.

There are only 3 entries of board minutes in the "Historical Record" section of the ledger: the first is from December 16, 1875; the second from October 14, 1899; and the third/final from September 22, 1901. The latter two entries refer to the congregation as the "Church of God at Reedsburg" and mention the Killbuck Circuit.

Church administration, as described in the 1875 minutes (Jeromesville):

President: W. M. Gill

Trustees: Adam Smyser, P. Barkley, and S. G. Gill

Elders: Adam Smyser and Peter Barkley

Deacons: Henry Gill and Curtis Hostler

Church administration, as described in the 1901 minutes (Reedsburg):

Chairman: Osborn

Secretary: S. S. Barkley

Trustees: W. H. Brandt, T. Hollinger and P. Barkley

Elders: T. Hollinger and P. Barkley

Deacons: D. C. Gill and J. Cypher

Scope and Content: This ledger contains the names, marital status, and other notes about the members of the church. How the individual left the church (by death, backsliding, or emigration) is also included, and occasionally the cause of death is given. There are major variations in thoroughness and the spellings of names throughout the record, likely due to changes in clerks. Long-time members appear multiple times in the ledger. Specific dates are not typically given. There are only 3 entries of meeting minutes in the ledger and leadership was not recorded between November 1872 and December 1877.

It also likely that the earliest entries were copied all at once from another ledger into this newer one (copyrighted 1865). The ink has faded in many places, making some information difficult to read.

Processing information: Loose pages were removed and placed in File 1 for Item 5. See MSS 460 Box 1.

The indexes give the names of the parishioners and pastors in alphabetical order. The first index includes the names of contains the names of church leadership and the second index contains the names of church members. Page numbers are approximate; numbering starts again with each section (ie, "Church Members" or "Official Members") since there are large gaps in record-keeping.

Extent: 1 ledger; 9.25 in x 14.5 in x 0.75 in

Access: No access restrictions.

Language: English

Provenance: Donated to the OGS by Leo Phillips of Ashland, Ohio in 2018

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MSS 460 Box 1

File 0: Provenance and finding aid with indexes

File 1: Loose pages found within ledger. Includes a Certificate of Membership to the church for Clarence Camp, 1934; invoice for "Taxes and repairs at parsonage," expenses paid for by church members, undated; and a list of dues paid for "Eldership year 1913 & 1914."

Item 5: Record book; Full detailed index in File 0.

Index to church officials (pastors, elders, deacons, and trustees):

Last Name	First Name	Midde Initial	Prefix/Suffix
Adams			Father
Aneersan	Sirus		
Awkerman			
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Jacob		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	Sylvester		
Beck	M		
Bitner	Michal		
Brandt	W	H	

Brandt	W	H	
Coats	Moses		
de Croft	S		
de Harlin	S		
DeHays	L		
Farenbaugh	John		
Fry	J	D	
Funk	Amos		
Funk	Amos		
Gill	D	L	
Gill	Daniel		
Gill	Daniel		
Gill	David		
Gill	David		
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	John		
Gill	John		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Grindle	Abraham		
Grindle	Abraham		
Grindle	George		
Grindle	George		
Grindle	Harry	T	
Grindle	Henry		
Grindle	Henry	T	
Grindle	William		
Hadent	Isah		
Hart	George		
Hart	Jacob		
Hartman	L	B	
Holanz	Abraham		
Hollinger	Thomas		
Hosler	Curtis		
Hosler	Elias		

Hosler	Samuel		
Hosler	Samuel		
Jennings	Cyrus		
Jennings	Obadiah		
Keller			Rev.
Lichsnell	Thomas		
Logue	E		
McGrew	Archa.		
McKee	J	S	
McKee	J	S	
Metzler	Thomas		
Miller	Samuel		
Myers	J		
Neel	James		
Neil	Joseph		
Nidigh	David		
Oliver			Rev.
Osborn	A	C	
Rockwell			
Selby	L	H	
Selby	Lewis	H	
Selby	Lewis	H	
Sherick			Rev.
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Adam		
Snyder	John		
Steel	Levy		
Thomas	J	R	
Thomas	J	R	
Tracy	O	O	
West	Edward		
West	Jonathon		
Wilbour	John		
Wilson	G	W	
Wilson	George		

Index to church members:

Last Name	First Name	Midde Name	Prefix/Suffix
[Illegible]	Glenn		
Anderson	Cirus		
Awkerman	John		
Awkerman	Sarah		
Barbly	Catharine		
Barbly	Elizabeth		
Barbly	Margaret		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Anna		
Barkley	Barbara		
Barkley	Barbara		
Barkley	Barbarycan		
Barkley	Barbiyan		
Barkley	Barbry		
Barkley	Barbryan		
Barkley	Catherine		
Barkley	Daniel		
Barkley	George		
Barkley	Harriet		
Barkley	Hattie		
Barkley	Hattie		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Henry		
Barkley	Ida		
Barkley	Jacob		
Barkley	Jola		
Barkley	Mariah		
Barkley	Mariah		

Barkley	Mariah		
Barkley	Mariah		
Barkley	Marie		
Barkley	Mary		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	Peter		
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	S	S	
Barkley	Samuel		
Barkley	Susanna		
Beck	Anna		
Beck	Eliza		
Beck	Maryann		
Beck			Mother
Binbley	Sarah		
Bitner	Anna	A	
Bittner	Mary	Ann	
Bittner	Michle		
Boger	Mina		
Boor	Henry		
Bower	Gertrude		
Bower	Gertrude		
Brandt	Catharine		
Brandt	Christian		
Brandt	Elizabeth		
Brandt	Elizabeth		
Brandt	Elmyra		
Brandt	William		
Brandt	William		
Brant	Annie		
Brant	Catharine		
Brant	Christian		
Brant	Christopher		

Brant	Elizabeth		
Brant	Elizabeth		
Brant	Elizabeth		
Brant	Elmyra		
Brant	Elmyre		
Brant	William		
Brant	William		
Brant	William		
Brantd	Catharine		
Braud	Elizabeth		
Braudt	Catharine		
Braudt	Catharine		
Braudt	Elizabeth		
Braudt	W	H	
Braudt	W	H	
Brown	Hannah		
Brown	Mary		
Burton	[no first name given]		
Burton	[no first name given]		
Burton	Etta		
Burton	Harrison		
Burton	Rosa		
Carver	Lovina		
Cassiday	David		
Chapman	Maude		
Chapman	Maude		Mrs.
Chapman	Robert		
Chapman	Willard		
Clark	Dortha		
Clippinger	Rhoda		
Clippinger	Rhoda		
Copus	Charles		
Copus	Frank		Mrs.
Copus	Frank		Mr
Copus	Frank		
Copus	John		
Copus	Junior		
Coup	Fenton		

Coup	Fenton		
Croso	Bertha		Miss
Cypher	Clara		
Cypher	Clara		
Cypher	Jackson		
Cypher	Jackson		
Dalton	Gordon		
Dentler	Mina		
Device	Benjamin		
Device	Elizabeth		
Deviese	Bevual		
Dich	Magdaline		
Dilgard	Mina		
Ditch	Daniel		
Ditch	John		
Ditch	Rebeca		
Donalson	Amanda		Mrs
Donalson	Boyd		
Donalson	Ella		Mrs.
Donalson	Ella		Mrs
Donalson	George		
Donalson	George		
Donalson	George		
Donalson	Jena		
Donalson	Leo		
Donalson	Mariah		
Donalson	Marion		
Donalson	Mary		
Donalson	Melvin		
Donalson	Warner		Mr
Donalson	Warren		
Donelson	Clifford		
Donelson	Ethel		
Donelson	George		
Donelson	George		
Donelson	George		Sr.
Donelson	George		Mrs.
Donelson	Laura		
Donelson	Lydia		
Donelson	Mariah		

Donelson	Robert		Mrs.
Donnelson	George		
Donnelson	George		
Donnelson	Mariah		
Donnelson	Mariah		
Dull	Catherine		
Dutten	George	W	
Ensley	Margaret		
Ensminger	Elizabeth		
Ensminger	Eve		
Ensminger	Eve		
Ensminger	Frank		
Ensminger	George		
Ensminger	John		
Ensminger	Mary		
Ensminger	Mazie		
Esby	Milton		
Farenbaugh	George		
Farenbaugh	John		
Farenbaugh			Sister
Fasig	Jacob		
Fasig	Sarah		
Fasig			Father
Fasig			Mother
Fisher	Mariah		
Fisher	Mariah		
Folk	Harvy		
Freedline	A	J	
Freedline	Andrew		
Freedline	Andrew		
Freedline	Jacob		
Freedline	Margaret		
Freedline	Margaret		
Freedline	Mary		
Freedline	Maryan		
Freedline	Rachel		
Freedline	Rachel		
Fridline	A	J	
Fridline	Elizabeth		
Fridline	Esta		

Fridline	Esta		
Fridline	Gestic		Mrs.
Fridline	Harve		
Fridline	Harve		
Fridline	Ida	M	
Fridline	Ida	M	
Fridline	Lester		Mrs.
Fridline	Margaret		
Fridline	Melissa		
Fridline	Melissa		
Fridline	Melissa		
Fridline	Rachel		
Fridline	Ray		
Fridline	Ray		
Fridline	Ruby		
Fridline	Ruby		
Fridline	William		
Fridline	William		
Funk	Amos		
Funk	Bejamin		
Funk	Benjamin		
Funk	Elizabeth		
Funk	Glenn		Mrs.
Funk	Glenn		Mrs.
Funk	Harold		
Funk	Kenneth		
Funk	Mary		
Funk	Matilda		
Funk	Matilda		
Funk	Wilbur		
Garing	Catherine		
Garn	Ada		
Garn	Alta		
Garn	Alta		
Garn	Amanda		
Garn	Christina		
Garn	Christina		
Garn	Dorotha		
Garn	Elizabeth		
Garn	Floyd		

Garn	Floyd		
Garn	Jason		
Garn	Manda		
Garn	Manna		
Garn	Rebecca		
Garn	Rebecca		
Garn	Rebecca		
Garn	Rheda		
Garn	Roely	A	
Garn	Rosa		
Garn	Rosa		
Garn	Rosanna		
Garn	Solomon		
Garn	Vanas		
Garn	Walter	William	
Gill	Alva		
Gill	Alva		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Anna		
Gill	Catharine		
Gill	Catherine		
Gill	Catherine		
Gill	D	C	
Gill	D	C	
Gill	Daniel		
Gill	Daniel	C	
Gill	Daniel		
Gill	Daniel		
Gill	David		
Gill	David		
Gill	David		
Gill	Elizabeth		
Gill	Elizabeth		
Gill	Elizabeth		
Gill	Elizabeth		
Gill	Ella		

Gill	Ella		
Gill	Ella		
Gill	Ella		
Gill	Ella		
Gill	Ella		
Gill	Eva		
Gill	Eve		
Gill	George		
Gill	George		
Gill	H	C	
Gill	H	C	
Gill	Henry		
Gill	Henry		
Gill	Henry		
Gill	Henry		
Gill	Henry		
Gill	Hester		
Gill	Isaac		
Gill	Isaac		
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	Jacob	M	
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	Jacob		
Gill	John		
Gill	John		
Gill	Julian		
Gill	Julyan		
Gill	Julyan		
Gill	Julyan		
Gill	Lyddia		
Gill	Marthan		
Gill	Nancy		
Gill	Nellie		
Gill	Nellie		
Gill	Nellie		
Gill	Nellie		
Gill	Nettie		

Gill	Nettie		
Gill	Rosanna		
Gill	Samuel		
Gill	Samuel	G	
Gill	Samuel	G	
Gill	Samuel		
Gill	Sarah	D	
Gill	Sarah	J	
Gill	Sarah		
Gill	Sarah		
Gill	Susan		
Gill	Susanna		
Gill	W	M	
Gill	W	H	
Gill	W	M	
Gill	William		
Gill	William	M	
Gill	William		
Gill	William	M	
Gill	William		
Gill	William	M	
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Gill	William		
Giston	Della		
Grindle	Abraham		
Grindle	Catherine		
Grindle	David		
Grindle	Elizabeth		
Grindle	Elizabeth	Ann	
Grindle	Elizabeth		
Grindle	Elmyry		
Grindle	G	W	
Grindle	George		
Grindle	George		
Grindle	Grand. M		
Grindle	Harvy		
Grindle	Henry	T	
Grindle	Henry		

Grindle	Henry		
Grindle	Henry		
Grindle	Henry	T	
Grindle	Henry	B	
Grindle	John	E	
Grindle	Leander		
Grindle	Leander		
Grindle	Mandy		
Grindle	Martin		
Grindle	Mary	E	
Grindle	Mary		
Grindle	Mary		
Grindle	Mary	Elizabeth	
Grindle	Maryann		
Grindle	Maryanne		
Grindle	Sarah		
Grindle	Susan		
Grindle	Susanna		
Grindle	William		
Hamlin	John		
Hamlin	William		
Hamlin			Sister
Harden	Isah		
Harden	Mahal		
Harpster	Christina		
Harpster	John		
Hart	George		
Hart	Jacob		
Hart	Jane		
Hart	John		
Hart	Margaret		
Hart	Regala		
Hart	Susannah		
Hastler	Janna		
Hastler	John		
Hines	Cora		
Hines	Susan		
Hollens	Abraham		
Holler	Samuel		

Hollinger	Elizabeth		
Hollinger	Elizabeth		
Hollinger	Elizabeth		
Hollinger	Thomas		
Hopper	(no first name)		
Hopper	Anne		
Hosler	Alexander		
Hosler	Curtis		
Hosler	Daniel		
Hosler	Isadore		
Hosler	James		
Hosler	John		
Hosler	Laora		
Hosler	Laora		
Hosler	M?		Mrs.
Hosler	Rosann		
Hosler	Rosanna		
Hosler	Samuel		
Hosler	Sarah		
Hosler	Sarah		
Hosler	Susan		
Hosler	William		
Hosler	William		
Hostler	Curtis		
Hostler	Ira		
Hostler	Ira		
Hostler	Jacob		
Hostler	John		
Hostler	Maryann		
Hostler	Mildred		
Hostler	Rebecca		
Hostler	Rosan		
Hostler	Rosean		
Hostler	Samuel		
Hostler	Samuel		
Hostler	Samuel		
Householder	Maud		
Houser	Rebeca		
Houser	Rebecca		

Hudson	Anna		
Hudson	John		
Huffman	(no first name)		
Huffman	Charles		
Huffman	Jacob		
Hullinger	Beta		
Hullinger	Betta		
Hullinger	Lizabeth		
Hullinger	Rodyan		
Jennings	C	R	
Jennings	C	R	
Jennings	Fred	L	
Jennings	Fred	L	
Jennings	Manna		
Jennings	Mary		
Jennings	Maud		
Jennings	Maud		
Jennings	Noah		
Jennings	Obadiah		
Jennings	Sarah		
Jennings	Sarah		
Jennings	Sarah		
Jennings	Sarah		
Jennings	Sirus		
Jennings	Sirus		
Jennings	Syrus		
Johnson	Fannie		
Jun	[illegible]	Moses	
Kahl	Agnes		
Kahl	Agnes		
Kahl	Agnes		
Kahl	Agnes		
Kahl	Agnes		
Kahl	E		
Kahl	Elizabeth		
Kahl	George		
Kahl	Sarah		
Kahl	Sarah		

Kahl	Solomon		
Kahl	V?		
Kaufman	Jacob		
Kaylor	Daniel		
Kaylor	Laura		
Kaylor	Viola		
Kindell	Ida		
Kindell	Ida		
Kindle	Ida		
Knox	Gale		
Knox	Gale		Mrs.
Krek	Margaret		
Kundle	Ida		
Latshaw	John		
Latshaw			Mrs.
Lee	Almon		
Lee	Nettie		
Levers	Gabriel		
Liston	Della		
Martin	Elias	D	
Maurer	John		
Maurer	Julyan		
McCane	John		
McCarty	[no first name given]		
McCarty	[no first name given]		
McClain	Irene		
McKee	Arah		
McKee	Isabel		
McKee	Izabel		
McKee	Maryann		
McMaster	Sarah		
Mellinger	Solomon		
Meng	George		
Meng	Nancy		
Merkel	George		
Metcalf	Agnes		
Metcalf	Agnes		
Metcalf	L	C	

Metcalf	L	C	
Metcalf	Mary		
Metcalf	Mary		
Miller	Catharin		
Miller	Christropher		
Miller	John		
Miller	Priscilla		
Miller	Sarah		
Miller	Sarah		
Mills	Gertie		
Mills	Gertie		
Mish	Sarah		
Mish	Sarah		
Moore?	[too faded to read]		
More	Maryan		
Mourer	John		
Mumaw	Francis		
Mumaw	Sarah		
Myers	Dora		
Nelson	Charles		
Nickey	H	A?	
Nickey	Henry		
Nickey	Henry		
Nickiy	H	A	
Nile	Catharine		
Nile	Morgan		
Nul	Henry		
Nul			Sister
Null	Henry		
Otto	George		
Otto	George		Mrs.
Prepler	John		
Remley	William		
Remley	William		
Remley	William		
Remly	William		
Remly	William		
Ridenhour	Adam		
Ridenhour			Sister

Riland	Parven		
Riland	Rachel		
Rittenhouse	Jesse		
Rittenhouse	Jessee		
Roberts	Edward		
Roberts	Peterisen		
Roller	George		
Roller	Mary		
Root	Fanna		
Root	Ida		
Row	Lydia		
Rudy	Elizabeth		
Rudy	Sofiah		
Rudy	Sophia		
Rudy	Sophia		
Rudy	Sophia		
Rudy	Sophia		
Ryland	Parvin		
S	[illegible]		
Selby	Joseph		
Selby	Pheby		
Shockley	J		Sister
Shockley	Jacob		
Shockley	John		
Sipher	[no first name given]		
Slalter	Martha		
Smith	Franklin		
Smith	Jacob		
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Adam		
Smyser	Anna		
Smyser	Anna		
Smyser	Anna		
Smyser	Irena		
Smyser	Irena		
Smyser	Julyan		

Smyser	Sarah		
Snyder	John		
Spring	Bertha		Mrs.
Springer	Sarah		
Springer	Sarah		
Stalbe	Martha		
Statler	Mattie		
Statter	Mattie		
Steel	Levy		
Steel	Sarah		
Thomas	Lydia		
Tressel	Jacob		
Trossel	Henry		
Trumpower	Evelyn		
Ungerer	Ethel		
Vantlebrough	Gail		Rev.
Vican	[no first name given]		
Vonemaker	Samuel		
Wile	Anna		
Wile	Morgan		
Wiles	Catharine		
Williams	Margaret		
Willower	Almyria		
Willower	Elmyre		
Willower	John		
Willower	John		
Wilower	Elmyra		
Wilower	John		
Wilower	John		
Wilower	Maryan		
Wilower	Thomas		
Wilower	Thomas		
Zelar	Henry		
Zimmerman	Arthur		
Zimmerman	Arthur		
Zimmerman	Arthur		
Zimmerman	Arthur		
Zimmerman	Cyrus		

Zimmerman	Elizabeth		
Zimmerman	Elizabeth		
Zimmerman	Martin		
Zimmerman	Mina		
Zimmerman	Noah		
Zimmerman	Pearl		
Zimmerman	Rachell		
Zimmerman	S	J	
Zimmerman	S	J	
Zimmerman	S	J	
Zimmerman	Sarah	J	

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