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First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia, Collection
Collection Number: 1683 WFCHS/THL

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EXTENT: 0.21 linear feet

CREATOR: First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia

DATE: 1928-1997

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains records of the First Baptist Church located at the southwest corner of Washington Street at Piccadilly in Winchester, Virginia. It includes programs, notably for the dedication ceremony of the building, information about the building's layout, and a photograph. There is also correspondence, newspaper articles, and plans concerning the demolition of a house at 301 Piccadilly Street to make way for a parking lot in 1997.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The current first Baptist Church in Winchester, Virginia was built in 1928. Its first pastor was Dr. Edward T. Clark who served from May 1926 until April 1972. As the congregation grew, it built a youth center in the 1940s. In 1997, a controversy erupted over plans to demolish a historic house at 301 Piccadilly Street to create a parking lot adjacent to the church. The project did not take place.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Michael M. Foreman, Jenny Powers, and Pat Bowers, as well as items received from the Handley Library Collections.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Directory, circa 1970s, 1 item, printed

History of First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia – newspaper articles

Plan and description of building

Invitation to dedicatory service, 1928

Dedicatory services, February 26, 1928 (program)

106th Annual Session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Nov. 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1929 (held at First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia)

Schedule of Services, February 24, 1929

Demolition of 301 W. Piccadilly Street – Correspondence, 1997

Plans for parking lot, 1997

PHOTOGRAPHS

1683-001 Halloween Group, First Baptist Church, est. 1940s. (Original and copy)