**Information Sheet**

**R**  Shannondale Community Church-Center.  
**15**  Scrapbook-history, 1930-1967.  
Nine volumes.

**MICROFILM**

This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [shsresearch@umsystem.edu](mailto:shsresearch@umsystem.edu).

This collection consists of printed material, letters, and photographs from Shannondale Community Church-Center in Shannon County, Missouri. The materials detail the establishment of Shannondale and of various religious and social projects.

The Shannondale enterprise was initiated on 4 November 1929 as a result of mission work begun earlier by the Rev. Paul A. Wobus and local evangelist “Brother” Zenith (“Zene”) Yount. Supported by the Board of Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Shannondale was to be a nonsectarian community church for the area. Other details of early mission work in the area can be found in a manuscript by the Rev. Wobus, “Early Days in Our Ozark Church Program,” Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla, collection R009.

The program was expanded in the summer of 1931 with the arrival at Shannondale of Vincent W. Bucher, a student of theology at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Bucher returned with his wife and son in 1934 to begin a thirty-three year career as resident pastor at Shannondale. The Buchers left Shannondale in 1967. The Rev. Bucher now resides in Getzville, New York.

The Rev. Bucher compiled seven of the nine scrapbooks in the Shannondale collection. The remaining volumes (volumes eight and nine in the collection) were compiled by Grace May Baldwin of Florissant, Missouri. These volumes are entitled “A Pictoral (sic) History of Shannondale and Related Activities” and contain photographs and printed material. The Rev. Bucher and Mrs. Baldwin have identified and dated the materials wherever possible, and have provided typewritten commentaries in some instances. The scrapbooks contain many photographs of the upper Current River and Shannon County area, and many of the residents of the region are profiled.

RA014  13 May 1980  Grace Baldwin (2 volumes)  Loaned for microfilming  
RA015  9 June 1980  Eden Theological Seminary (1 volume)  Loaned for microfilming  
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