

## Information Sheet

**R 432 Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Lane's Prairie Charge (Maries County, Mo.).**

**Quarterly conference records, 1889-1893.  
One volume, photocopies.**

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These are records of quarterly conferences of the Lane's Prairie Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The charge consisted of congregations in Maries County, Missouri. The records include minutes of meetings, reports on the status of churches, Sunday schools and missions, and financial statements.

The Lane's Prairie Charge was, successively, in the Vienna, Salem, and Washington districts of the St. Louis Conference. During the period 1889-1893, the charge included congregations at Bowles Chapel, Cedar, Corinth, Elrod Schoolhouse, Liberty, Talbert Schoolhouse, Vichy, and Wesley Chapel. The number of persons represented by the charge probably numbered about one hundred. The congregation at Bowles Chapel was the largest in the charge, and quarterly conferences were held there more often than any other location.

The records of conferences were kept in a standardized volume published by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The volume begins with a roll of the officers of the charge for 1889-1890, followed by the minutes of conferences from 2 November 1889 through 1 April 1893. The minutes include the names of officials and ministers, summaries of money collected by the various congregations, and disbursements by the charge, and brief narrative reports on the general state of the church and the progress of its Sunday schools.

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