

# Methodist Quarterly Tickets collection, 1795-1908

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Methodist Quarterly Tickets collection, 1795-1908  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 441  
**Extent:** 0.8 cubic feet (2 boxes)  
**Abstract:** An artificial collection containing quarterly tickets for Methodist societies and churches.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

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### Related Materials in Other Repositories

Bridwell Library, Southern Methodist University, Collection of Methodist tickets and class leader books (BridArch 2.031).

### Source

Multiple gifts and one purchase.

### Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Methodist Quarterly Tickets collection, MSS 441, Archives and Manuscript Dept., Pitts Theology Library, Emory University.

### Processing

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## **Collection Description**

### **Historical Note**

Methodist societies and churches issued quarterly tickets (or class tickets or love feast tickets) as a way to identify members of good standing in the society or church. Tickets also became a way of offering admission to the love feast, or Agape, which was a service around a shared meal, but distinct from the Lord's Supper. Quarterly tickets typically included the member's name, the minister's name, the date, as well as a Scriptural text. The practice of issuing quarterly tickets began in the mid-eighteenth century with John Wesley and continued in many Methodist organizations throughout the nineteenth century. Issuing tickets fell out of practice in the early twentieth century.

In 1798, Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, the founding bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, wrote that the distribution of quarterly tickets to members of the society was important for the preservation and purity of the church: "To admit frequently unawakened persons to our society-meetings and love-feasts, would be to throw a damp on those profitable assemblies, and cramp, if not entirely destroy that liberty of speech, which is always made a peculiar blessing to earnest believers and sincere seekers of salvation."

### **Scope and Content Note**

This is an artificial collection that contains quarterly tickets from four Methodist organizations: African Methodist Episcopal Church (1861), Methodist Episcopal Church (1795-1859), Wesleyan Methodist Church (1893-1908), and Wesleyan Methodist Society (1803-1893). There are nearly 1,200 tickets in total. The majority of tickets are printed and signed, although there are some unsigned tickets and one non-printed ticket that bears only writing. Where provenance for a given set of tickets is known, that information is provided in the container list.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by the organization that created the tickets, then by date.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1861. Purchase, 2017.
1	2	Methodist Episcopal Church, 1795, 1829. Gift of Helen N. Stubbs (tickets used by Barbara Reel, grandmother of Grover Cleveland).
1	3	Methodist Episcopal Church, 1797, 1799, 1814-1828, 1858. Gift of D. G. Carson of Savannah, GA.
1	4	Methodist Episcopal Church, 1822-1859, undated.
1	5	Methodist Episcopal Church (Savannah), 1825-1840. Gift of Ellen S. Miller of Savannah, GA (1954).
1	6	Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1893-1894.
1	7	Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1895-1899.
1	8	Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1900-1904.
1	9	Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1905-1908.
1	10	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1803-1805.
1	11	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1806-1809.
1	12	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1811-1814.
1	13	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1816-1819.
1	14	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1820-1824.
1	15	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1825-1829.
1	16	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1830-1834.
1	17	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1835-1839.
1	18	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1840-1844.
2	1	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1845-1849.
2	2	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1850-1854.
2	3	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1855-1859.
2	4	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1860-1864.
2	5	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1865-1869.
2	6	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1870-1874.
2	7	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1875-1879.
2	8	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1880-1884.
2	9	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1885-1889.
2	10	Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1890-1893.
2	11	Unidentified tickets, 1800s.

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