

**FINCHER UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH (MEANSVILLE, GA.).**  
**Fincher United Methodist Church records, 1866-2008**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Fincher United Methodist Church (Meansville, Ga.).  
**Title:** Fincher United Methodist Church records, 1866-2008  
**Call Number:** Record Group No. 085  
**Extent:** 8 cubic feet (16 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Contains the church records for Fincher United Methodist Church of Meansville, Georgia.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

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#### **Source**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Organizational History**

Fincher United Methodist Church was named for Joseph and Mary Horne Fincher, who moved to Meansville, Pike County from South Carolina in 1821. The Finchers donated the land for the church, which was established around the year 1822. The first pastor was Andrew Hamil in 1823. It is thought that the church was first part of the twenty-four point circuit, Monroe Circuit. It later became part of the Zebulon Circuit until 1866 when the circuit was divided. Fincher was part of the Pike Mission which was established around this time and later changed to Milner Circuit. In 1903 Fincher was back on the Zebulon Circuit, and the next year it was on another circuit. Fincher came back to the Zebulon Circuit with Zebulon, Concord, Hollonville, Jolly, and Century Nelson in 1911. By 1918, the only churches remaining were Zebulon, Fincher and Concord and remained that way until 1947. Fincher asked for full-time status in 1961 at the annual conference, and a new parsonage was established the same year. In 1972, due to the small size of Molena United Methodist Church it was determined that the Fincher-Molena Charge should be established and Fincher would subsidize Molena. The church closed doors and now Life Springs Church (UMC) in Zebulon, GA exists in the area.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection dates from 1866 to 2008 and contains charge conference records, administrative councils records, board minutes, reports from trustees, budgets and ledgers. It also contains church bulletins and yearbooks and notes from the Women's Society of Christian Service. In addition to materials related to Fincher United Methodist Church, the collection also contains records related to Molena Methodist Church (Molena, Ga.) and Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church South (Barnesville, Ga.).

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

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