

BAKER, JOHN WESLEY, 1826-1902.
John Wesley Baker diaries, 1877-1892

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Baker, John Wesley, 1826-1902.
Title: John Wesley Baker diaries, 1877-1892
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 443
Extent: .75 linear ft. (2 boxes)
Abstract: Eight diaries written by Georgia Methodist Episcopal Church circuit preacher John Wesley Baker.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Citation

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Appraisal Note

Acquired as part of the Rose Library's holdings in Georgia history.

Processing

Processed by SS, May 12, 1972.

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Biographical Note

John Wesley Baker, Methodist preacher, was born February 13, 1826, in Monroe, Walton County, Georgia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Baker. He had a limited education. He was licensed to preach by the Protestant Methodist Church when he was about thirty years old. In 1868, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South received him on trial in the traveling connection. Some of the circuits he served were: Gwinnett, 1870; Hartwell, 1871-1872; Morganton, 1873; Alpharetta, 1874; Dallas, 1875; Dawsonville 1876; Belton 1877, 1882; Etowah, 1878-1879; Polk, 1880-1881; and Cobb 1883-1884. His health, long infirm from asthma, failed and he retired in 1894. He continued to do pastoral work until his death in Madison, Georgia on February 18, 1902. His wife, Nan had died one month before on January 8, 1902. They had one son Joe, a doctor in White Plains, Alabama.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of eight diaries written by John Wesley Baker and a newspaper clipping entitled, "Old Time Religion, The Life Work of Rev. Wesley Baker." The diaries, written for the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1882, 1885, 1886, and 1892, give a day by day account of his activities and the happenings in the neighborhoods. He speaks of the fluctuations in his health and financial situation as well as his church activities. In the back of each volume is a list of the members of the various churches and some financial information and church statistics. Parts of the diaries are written in shorthand.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Diary, 1877
1	2	Diary, 1878
1	3	Diary, 1879
1	4	Diary, 1880
1	5	Diary, 1882
1	6	Diary, 1885
2	1	Diary, 1886
2	2	Diary, 1892
2	3	Obituary, John Wesley Baker, [1902?]
