

Lowe's United Methodist Church Collection

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Title:	Lowe's United Methodist Church Collection
Accession No.:	14-002
Extent:	1 box
Provenance:	In December 1995, Frances S. Underwood of Reidsville, NC offered her original church records for photocopying. Underwood was Historian of Lowe's United Methodist Church on NC 87 a few miles east of Reidsville. Research compiled by Michael Perdue and Robert W. Carter, Jr. in the 1980's as the Lowe's congregation prepared for their bicentennial celebration is also included.
Inclusive Dates:	1794-1994
Subject Headings:	Churches – Rockingham County (N. C.) Lowe, Isaac, 1718- Lowe's United Methodist Church Methodist Episcopal Church South
Items Separated:	Copies of all papers are also included in the Rockingham County Information Files
Related Collections:	
Preferred Citation:	<i>Lowe's United Methodist Church Collection. 14-002. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
Descriptive Note:	Lowe's United Methodist Church was organized in 1796 by the Rev. Isaac Lowe, a Methodist minister who had located in the area the previous year. Lowe's Church originally belonged to

the branch of American Methodism known as the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1845-1939). Lowe's was the "Mother Church of Methodism in Rockingham County." Many of its founding members were former residents of the Delmarva Peninsula region of the mid-Atlantic. Isaac Lowe was ordained an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church by the famed bishop Francis Asbury who recorded visits with Lowe on at least three separate occasions in his diary. Lowe's was an early Methodist camp meeting site in the area and throughout the 19th century the congregation slowly grew. During most of the 20th century the church remained on a circuit of at least five churches. In 1963, the Lowe's Church was made a station and remains the dominant Methodist congregation in southeast Rockingham County.

Most of the material preserved here consists of photocopies of research by Frances S. Underwood, church historian, and by Michael Perdue and Robert W. Carter, Jr. The information was compiled in preparation for Lowe's bicentennial celebration.

Contents:

11 folders:

1. Bicentennial preparation materials
2. Cemetery records
3. Correspondence related to church history
4. Historical articles
5. Lowe, Rev. Isaac, miscellaneous information
6. Meacham, Rev. James, journal abstracts, 1794-95
7. Membership lists, late 19th c.
8. Methodist history, miscellaneous
9. Ministers and Circuit information
10. Miscellaneous
11. Photographs