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 261 Vital statistical, administrative, and financial record of Line, Bethany, and Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Churches. They are/were located in the Trap Pond - Lowes Crossroads - Whitesville area of Sussex County.

270 The volume is divided into sections: Historical Record, Pastoral and Statistical Record, Chronological Record of Official Members, Probationers' Record, Record of Members in Full, Record of Baptisms, and Record of Marriages. The Historical Record section (1939-1960) gives a short history of the Line Church (organized 1795) and notes that the Bethesda Church was founded in 1879 and the Bethany Church in 1913. The remainder of the section records church and parsonage maintenance and purchases. Also included is a list of pastors, 1889-1982. The Pastoral and Statistical Record section (1902, 1939-1956) shows the year, pastor's name, number of members and baptisms, value of the church property, amount spent on buildings, amount of debt and current expenses, number of Sunday School officers, teachers, and scholars, average Sunday School attendance, Sunday School expenses, number of conversions, amount of money collected for various funds, and amount paid for ministerial support. The Chronological Record of Official Members (1874-1955) shows the name of the church, name of officers, office held, when appointed and removed, how removed, and remarks. The Probationers Record (1903-1956) shows the names, marital status, residence, when received, by whom received, when and by whom recommended, and when and how disposed of. The Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection section (1850-1957) shows the names, marital status, number of class, local church name, when received, how received, by whom received, remarks, and year when first received in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Record of Baptisms (1902-1958) shows the date, name, whether an adult or infant, date of birth, names of parents, mode of baptism, place of baptism, officiating minister and remarks. The Marriage Record section (1904-1956) shows the names of bride and groom, residence, age on next birthday, place of birth, occupation, color, number of times married, occasionally the names of parents, place and date of marriage, officiating clergyman, names of witnesses, and amount of fee.

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329 WORK STATUS:

- needs sorting
- needs unfolding
- needs foldering/reboxing
- other:

ARCHIVIST:

- review for identification/needs further identification

- needs processing
- determine origin/purpose
- other:

CONDITION:

- totally disorganized
- order not apparent
- origin questionable
- other:

330 Arrangement generally chronological within each section.
331 No index.
332 Printed form with handwriting.
350 1 - 35mm film roll
360 Poor-fair condition. Acid, rust, dirt damage; binding in poor
condition.
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430 Loaned for microfilming, May 2006, through Cherie Clark, State Parks.
Bethesda Church property is now part of Trap Pond State Park.
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