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**Inventory of the  
Mt. Zion AME Church, 1884 - 1949**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Mt. Zion AME Church,
<b>Dates:</b>	1884 - 1949
<b>Creator:</b>	Mt Zion AME Church.
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1882 in Charleston, South Carolina after the church divided from Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, due to its inability to accommodate all its members. The new congregation, led by Norman B. Sterrett, purchased the Zion Presbyterian Church building on Glebe Street.</p> <p>The collection consist of two separate series, each in chronological order. The first series of member and financial records contains information regarding members of the church, their donations and occasional notations as to deaths, baptisms, expulsions and withdrawals; as well as money collected at rallies and other church functions and how the money was spent. The second series contains minutes of various church and related meetings. These minutes offer insights into church leadership issues, building repairs, complaints, finances and other business matters.</p>
<b>Extent:</b>	2.25 linear feet(5 archival boxes, 1 oversize box)
<b>Repository:</b>	Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston
<b>Call Number:</b>	AMN 1026
<b>Language of Material:</b>	Material in English

## Historical Note

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1882 in Charleston, South Carolina after the church divided from Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, due to its inability to accommodate all its members. The new congregation, led by Norman B. Sterrett, purchased the Zion Presbyterian Church building on Glebe Street. Sterrett served briefly as Mt. Zion's pastor before becoming the regular pastor of Emmanuel AME Church.

## Collection Overview

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## Collection Arrangement

1. Member and Financial Records
2. Meeting Minutes

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

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## Subject Headings

African American churches -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- History.

African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Religion.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Church records and registers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church (Charleston, S.C.)

Pugh family.

## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Member and Financial Records, 1884-1949

Box 1 Folder 1	Volume, 1884-1889 and 1947	Includes donations notes and member dues collected from each class; also lists names of those who bought lecture and rally cards.
Box 1 Folder 2	Volume, 1887-1889	Includes listing of the donations of each class, list of probationers and their donations, noting money raised at board meetings, with occasional notations regarding those expelled, sick, on committees and those who departed the church.
Box 1 Folder 3	Volume, 1889-1891	Lists donations from each class, the names of class leaders with notations regarding committee service, discharges, church functions, the pastor's salary, and deaths; with periodic notations on members.
Box 1 Folder 4	Volume, 1892	Notes donations by class; with occasional comments at the bottom of pages regarding expulsions, received members, withdrawals, and brief notes on meetings held.
Box 1 Folder 5	Volume, 1893 and 1897	Includes notes on those received into full membership, probation and with certificates of membership from other churches. With list of class members, and occasional notes regarding departures, deaths and suspensions.
Box 1 Folder 6	Volume, 1894-1895	Roll Book listing class members, class donations and occasional comments regarding deaths and appointments to leadership.
Box 2 Folder 1	Volume, 1894-1898	Roll Book listing attendance of church members and noting members received, deaths, expulsions, departures, baptisms, donations of each class and a report of a complaint against the Pughs for allegedly taking a young girl to Columbia, South Carolina without permission.
Box 2 Folder 2	Volume, 1894 and 1902	Lists meetings and donations collected by church members separated by class and noting how money was spent.
Box 2 Folder 3	Volume 1898-1905	Lists class leaders and notes donations by class, as well as occasional comments on deaths, appointments to leadership, expulsions, and baptisms of members.
Box 2 Folder 4	Volume, 1900 and 1902	

		Lists members by class and their donations as well as church officers.
Box 2 Folder 5	Loose Materials, 1900-1902	
		Includes scraps of paper with class members and their financial contributions
Box 3 Folder 1	Volume, 1903, 1910, 1913 and 1915	
		Lists members by class with notations on deaths, transfers, expulsions, probationers, and departures.
Box 4 Folder 1	Roll book, 1923-1939	
		Contains a list of members and their donations. Also some notations regarding transfers, expulsions, and deaths.
Box 4 Folder 2	Volume, 1929-1930	
		Lists collections from member committees and giving the names of the trustees and those who composed various church committees. Also includes information regarding collections, disbursements, debts and record of a trustee meeting.
Box 4 Folder 3	Loose Materials, 1929-1930	
		Consist of collection and utility envelopes for bills and donations.
Box 4 Folder 4	Volume, 1938	
		Contains a list of pledges and amount actually paid by each member.
Box 4 Folder 5	Loose Materials, 1938	
		Includes correspondence from the Trustees to Hattie Pugh requesting she transfer the title of the church to the Board.
obox 1026/OSB-1	Volume, 1936-1949	
		Containing a list of class leaders and member donations with some notations regarding deaths, departures, members received, and pledges.
obox 1026/OSB-1	Loose Materials, 1936	
		Includes notes on donations of different class members.

## 2. Meeting Minutes, 1906-1947

Box 5 Folder 1	Volume, 1906-1920	
		Contains mostly meeting minutes of Mt. Zion AME Trustee Board, with data on officers, repairs, pastor salary and church finances.
Box 5 Folder 2	Loose Material, 1906-1920	
		Includes a receipt and cost of repairs to the church in 1919.
Box 5 Folder 3	Volume, 1907-1911	

		Contains information and reports from the trustees and stewards of the church. Reports detail church repairs, officers, donations, the pastor's salary, baptisms, deaths, finances of the church and a list of the different committees.
Box 5 Folder 4	Minute Book, 1908 - 1909	
		Contains information on officers, committees, complaints from church members and officers, church repairs, donations, and church finances.
Box 5 Folder 5	Volume, 1917-1921	
		Contains minutes of quarterly conferences noting officers, repairs, and finances. With some notes on baptisms and those received into full fellowship.
Box 5 Folder 6	Volume, 1934-1935	
		With minutes of board meetings discussing such church business as donations, officers, and finances.
Box 5 Folder 7	Volume, 1941-1943	
		Contains minutes of meetings of the official board. Includes committee reports, names of sick members, departures of members and deaths.
Box 5 Folder 8	Loose Materials, 1941-1943	
		Includes various leader's reports regarding donations of some members.
Box 5 Folder 9	Volume, 1946-1947	
		Includes minutes of various meetings with data on donations of each class; officers; and church business.