

**COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES and HISTORY**

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The Commission on Archives and History preserves and makes available archival documents and artifacts that chronicle our Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference heritage. We are located at the John Abernathy Smith Heritage Center, 520 Commerce Street, Suite 205, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203. Open by appointment.

We are carrying on the work of scanning documents to make them easily searchable and implementing a backup digital archive of our holdings. We have collaborated this year with the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association on digitizing records of Methodist churches in Warren County. Gathering the records of closed churches and preserving a copy of the records of disaffiliating churches, is an ongoing part of our work.

Working with churches to preserve and share their history is a big part of what we do. This year, we worked with West End UMC to help preserve historic documents that sustained water damage. We also provided sources and help to churches during their Anniversary Celebrations. Plans are in the works with the TWK Historical Society to offer training sessions on archives organization, preservation, exhibits, and history events for local churches.

We continue to preserve the UMC Historic Sites in our care: the Asbury-Babb House in Wilson County, the Green Hill Cemetery in Williamson County, and Strother's Meeting House on the campus of Scarritt-Bennett in Nashville.