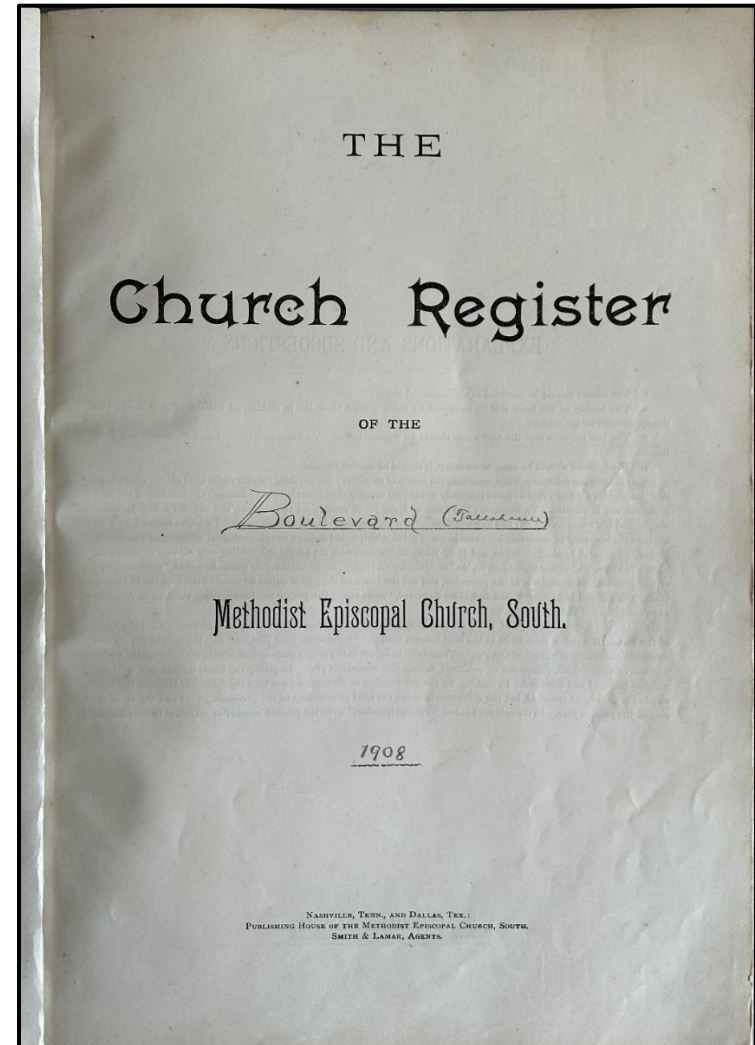
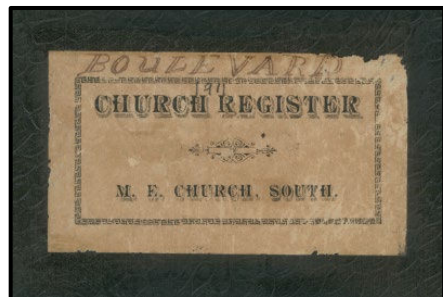
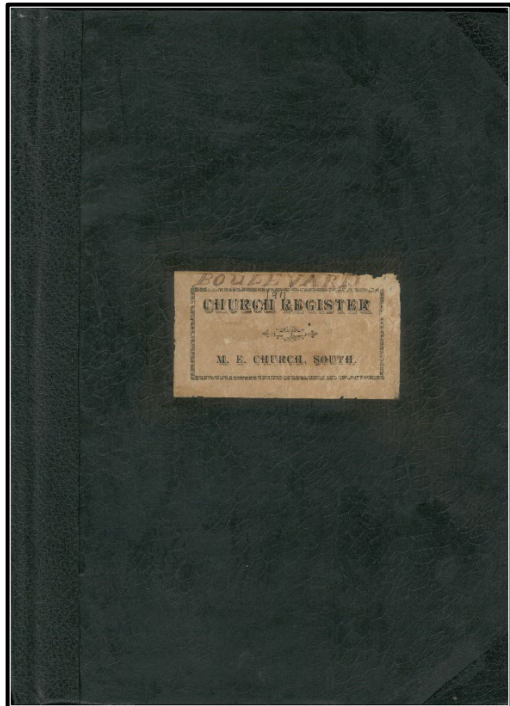


Boulevard Book Explanation

The Membership Book for Trinity's mission church Boulevard (1908-1914) is vertical in presentation, measuring 10 inches x 14 inches x 1.5 inches. Pages are generally in good condition except for several pages' being loose. Of all the mission churches Trinity has begun, this Membership Book is the only one of official significance in our archives. The reason for our having the book is that Trinity members comprised most of the charter members in 1908, and these members returned to the Trinity membership roll in 1914. When the Boulevard Church disbanded, this membership record and the *Boulevard Book of Quarterly Conference Minutes* were brought back to the mother church.



The purchase of the land and building for the Boulevard Mission Church can be found in **Leon County, Florida, Deed Book 00, pages 134 and 135**. The deed is dated March 1, 1909, and states that Robert G. Gamble and his wife Frances E. Gamble of Haverford, Pennsylvania, *for nine hundred dollars*, is selling their property to the Trustees of the Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Trustees are named: O.C. VanBrunt, R.N. McKinnon, Geo. P. Banks, W.A. Zachary, and F.M. Floyd. The property is described as lots three (3) and four (4) in the south half of the County Quarter of said City of Tallahassee.

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“Missions were being established in two directions--southwest near the depot and east in the Magnolia Heights area. At the May 20, 1908, Quarterly Conference, John H. Humphress, William P. Byrd, P. T. Nicholson, D. D. Cureton, and the pastor, Ira S. Patterson, were elected trustees of the Magnolia Heights mission and were asked to serve as a building committee as well. At the same meeting, O. C. Van Brunt, W. A. Zachery, George P Banks, and F. M. Floyd were elected trustees for the Boulevard Street mission. T. N. Godbolt became the Sunday school superintendent at the Boulevard Church. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference in December, it was announced the Boulevard Street Church had been organized with seventy-five members.

At the same meeting, John Humphress was given a rising vote of thanks for donating lots upon which to build the Magnolia Heights mission. It was reported that material had been ordered, and construction was under way. The January 1909 meeting of the Quarterly Conference heard reports that the Magnolia Heights building would be completed by spring and that \$250 would be needed for the completion, A committee was asked to report at the next Quarterly Conference on the location of a lot suitable for the Boulevard Street Church.

BOULEVARD MISSION

Was Organized Sunday Into Boulevard Church.

Some months ago some of the members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Tallahassee, feeling the need of establishing a branch of the church in the southwestern portion of the city, the residents of which live at an inconvenient distance from Trinity, organized a mission on Boulevard street, and secured the services of Mr. Woodward as curate under Mr. I. S. Patterson, pastor of Trinity.

This work has so grown under the ministrations of this earnest young preacher that the mission is now matured into a church, and will hereafter be known as Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Following is a list of the charter members who were enrolled at the Sunday afternoon services. The young girl whose name heads the list won this honor for herself by her devotion to the work of the mission and her faithful services as organist at the services held there:

Ida Burton Carter,	Mrs. M. S. Clauser,
John G. Collins,	Harmon H. Stroman
T. N. Godboldt,	Miss Clifton Byrd,
Mrs. A. Godboldt,	O. C. Parker,
Annie B. Godboldt,	Mrs. O. C. Parker,
Mary E. Godboldt,	Miss Nellie Davis,
Mrs. A. Reynolds,	Miss Flor. Proctor,
Mrs. G. M. Carter,	Miss O. Stroman,
Mrs. J. C. Williamson,	Miss Janet Byrd,
Miss Julia Nims,	Mrs. Lala Caswell,
George P. Banks,	Mrs. Dessie Duncan,
Mrs. L. E. Pitts,	M. L. Griffin,
Miss Nellie Mathes,	Mrs. M. L. Griffin,
Mrs. N. C. Mathes,	Mrs. A. O. Geddie,
F. L. White,	Berry H. Shaw,
Jessie May Farley,	Mrs. Maggie Shaw,
Eloise McGriff,	B. N. Mathes,
Orlena Lewis,	D. M. Vinzant,
Monroe Brown,	Wm. T. Bryan,
Mrs. W. T. Atkinson,	O. C. VanBrunt,
John McKendrick,	Albert Mathes,
Mrs. S. E. Ray,	Willie Ray,
Miss Mamie Ray,	M. L. Griffin, Jr.,
Mrs. R. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Mattie Barco.

The new church starts out under most favorable auspices indeed, the charter membership being forty-eight.

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The closing of the Magnolia Heights church resulted from its being destroyed by a tornado in June of 1913. It was decided not to rebuild the structure and the congregation returned to Trinity. Due to the insistence of Trinity's Preacher-in-Charge T. J. Nixon (1913-1916) that another Methodist congregation was not needed in Tallahassee, members of the Boulevard Church returned to the parent church in 1914. The Boulevard Church was rented for the years between 1914 and 1920. The sale of the property and the church building can be found in **Leon County Deed Book 2, p 492** in 1920. "THIS INDENTURE, Made this 25th. day of September, A. D. 1920, between O. C. VanBrunt, R. N. McKinnon, O. C. Parker, T. N. Godbolt and A. H. Charleville, as Trustees of the Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Tallahassee, Florida, of the County of Leon in the State of Florida, parties of the first part, and **The Pilgrim Congregational Church**, of Tallahassee, Florida, in the County of Leon in the State of Florida, party of the second part."

As stated in the 1999 book of Trinity history that Trinity sold the Boulevard Church to Immanuel Baptist Church, this is not accurate. Even though Immanuel Baptist did eventually own the property and occupy the church, this start-up church did not become the owner until 1935. There were several property owners of this site before Immanuel Baptist became the titleholder.

There are three sections to this Book:

There is a one-page listing of the Pastors for the brief existence of the Church.

There are seven pages listing the original members of the Boulevard congregation.

There are five pages listing a subsequent revised membership.