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**FREEMOUNT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**[Records (1869-1990),] 1878-1990**

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Volume List

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<u>B</u>		<u>List of members; minutes of general, executive [building] committee[s] (1926-1928)</u>	<u>1918-1928</u>

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Freemount Lutheran church, *Freemount, Kan.*  
[Records,] 1869-1990, Freemount, Kan.  
[4]v. (on 1 microfilm reel)

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Microfilm of originals owned by the church.  
Pioneer Swedish Lutheran church; of Freemount, Kan.

Included are church registers and building-committee records. The registers consist of membership registers and a Register of ministerial acts. The membership registers contain personal information about members and their baptism, confirmation, knowledge, marriage, membership, immigration, previous residence, and transfer. The Register of ministerial acts contains similar information but is organized by type of service; with the register are pages from a Baptismal register and photocopies of confirmation & family lists. Building-committee records contain a list of members & their attendance, and minutes of the general & executive building committees.

Organized into two series: A. Church registers (1869-1990), 1878-1990.--B. List of members; minutes of general, executive [building] committee[s] (1926-28), 1918-1928.

In part, in Swedish.

Loaned by Freemount Lutheran church, 1991.

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The records contain two series: (A) "Church Registers" (1869-1990), 1878-1990, and (B) "List of Members; Minutes of General, Executive [Building] Committee[s]" (1926-1928), 1918-1928. A volume list follows this introduction.

The "Church Registers" consist of three volumes, the first two being general registers and the third a register by type of action (baptism, confirmation, marriage, reception or dismissal of members, or funeral). The volumes and their contents are mostly in English, although some Swedish words are used. The arrangement of the first two volumes is unique: by direction and distance from the church. In each volume those families living in the immediate vicinity of the church are listed first, followed by those living some distance away in each direction. As children grew up and established homesteads of their own, or as families moved, they were re-listed in the section pertinent to their new location, albeit with no change of the date of affiliation or other information. These re-listings, lacking as they are the dates of relocation, make precise dating of each volume somewhat difficult. For the most part, Volume I contains nineteenth-century entries, and Volume II has information entered during the twentieth century.

Volume I has the title "Church Record for Freemounts Congregation, 1878" written on the front cover. Presumably the volume was acquired in that year, although the information contained therein dates from the founding of the church in 1869. It appears that the last initial entries in this volume were made in 1894, although annotations to

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earlier entries were made as late as 1902. An index, prepared more recently, precedes the register; it is arranged alphabetically by name of member and also shows date of birth and the page number on which the entry appears. Entries in the register proper consist of a cross reference to duplicate entries on later pages (relocations); the sex and name of the member; where and when he or she was baptized; the date of confirmation; knowledge of reading, reciting, and understanding; the date the member was received into membership; the certificate number; when the person arrived in America and the country of departure; when the person arrived in the community and the former residence; when and to where the person moved; and remarks, usually the date of death.

Volume II, titled "Church Register," presumably was begun in 1894. Because of entries from Volume I duplicated in this book because of relocations, however, the book actually contains information as early as 1869. The last initial entries were made in 1989, although additions to earlier records were made as late as 1990. This book appears to have been used concurrently with Volume III, the "Register of Ministerial Acts." Volume II contains an index, arranged alphabetically by first letter of surname. Entries in this volume contain the same information as in Volume I with the addition of a column for the date of marriage. In this volume the Remarks section includes other information besides the date of death.

Volume III is a "Register of Ministerial Acts," and as stated above entries are arranged in groups by type of action, *e.g.*, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, reception and dismissal of members, and funerals. Inserted into the beginning of the book and microfilmed preceding the volume are pages from a "Baptismal Record", 1874-1904, and photocopies of lists of Members Confirmed by Olaf Olson, 1875-1876, and Families. Each entry in the "Baptismal Record" pages contains the date of baptism, child's name, date of birth, and where and by whom baptized; some pages also show names of parents and whether they were church members, names of sponsors or witnesses, and remarks. With the names on the List of Members Confirmed by Olaf Olson, 1875-1876, are dates, believed to be dates of birth. The List of Families, which is undated, contains only names grouped by family.

Entries in Volume III showing baptisms, 1904-1990, consist of the month, day, and year; name; date and place of birth; names of parents and sponsors; whether the person baptized was a child or adult; the membership status of each parent by sex; and the member's folio number. Confirmation records, 1905-1985, are arranged by class (annually) and show the confirmation number, name, date and place of birth and baptism, parents' names, and folio number of each candidate. Marriage entries, 1904-1987, contain the month, day, and year; names, ages, and residences of bride and groom; the date and by whom the license of certificate was returned; and the folio number. Records of reception of members, 1904-1989, show the month, day, and year; name; previous church and

residence; whether the reception was by confirmation or letter of transfer; number of children; and folio number of each person. Dismissal records, 1904-1990, consist of the month, day, and year; name; new residence; whether moved, dropped, or excommunicated; number of children; and the folio number. Funeral entries, 1904-1990, contain the Freemount Cemetery lot number; month, day, and year; name; date of death; residence; age in years, months, and days; whether the deceased was a child or adult; whether the person was a member of the church; and the folio number.

At the end of the volume is a list of baptisms, new members, marriages, and funerals for the years 1988 through 1990. A few of the entries are duplicated in the volume itself. Each entry contains essentially the same information as does the entry in the book.

The "List of Members; Minutes of General, Executive [Building] Committee[s]" is a volume of Building Committee records. Entries in the volume are for the period of planning and construction, 1926-1928, although other documents inserted in the book are dated as early as 1918. The list of members and minutes of the general committee span the entire project (1926-1928), but the Executive Committee minutes include only the period July 1926 through January 1927. The list of members is actually an attendance record. Inserted into this book and filmed at the beginning of it is a list by the contractor of extra items not included in the original contract, an ordering for architectural services, copy of a power of attorney, and a letter to the church from the architect.

On this microfilm, items inserted into the volumes were filmed at the point of insertion, the only exception being the list of baptisms, new members, marriages, and funerals for the years 1988 through 1990 which were found at the beginning of Volume III but filmed after the volume. Blank pages were not filmed, so there are sometimes gaps in the numbered sequence of pages. In the volume of records of the building committees some pages were filmed out of order to preserve the continuity of the minutes of the general committee