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**Brush Run Church  
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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Bethany College Collection

**Creator:** Henry Brigman

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #314

**Physical Description:** 1.5 linear feet (1 box)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1811-1950

**Dates (Bulk):** 1811-1950

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** Two wood blocks from support beams that originally were a part of Brush Run Church in Washington County, Pennsylvania where Alexander Campbell preached. The artifacts are accompanied by a framed statement from H. E. Matheny detailing the origin and subsequent uses of the wood blocks. He explains the blocks have a dark color from coal soot from its use as a blacksmith shop.

**Biographical Note:** Brush Run Church is the place where Alexander Campbell preached his first sermon on March 10, 1811. The building was sold and moved, used a blacksmith shop, and then, in 1950, the framework was bought by Bethany College and moved to Bethany, West Virginia.

### **Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Henry Brigman

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**Arrangement of Materials:** The wood blocks and the statement were bubble wrapped and placed into an acid free box. One of the blocks was left in its original wrapping. The other block and the statement were opened and re-wrapped.

**Separated Materials:** None.

### **Subjects and Keywords**

Churches of Christ -- History -- 19th century

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### **Box 1**

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Framed Statement of Origin

Two Wood Blocks from Old Brush Run Church