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R Bradford, Priscilla.
108 "More Than One Hundred Years of Methodism at Old Crow Camp
Ground," 1976.
One folder, pamphlet.

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This is a history of the Methodist camp north of Houston in Texas County, Missouri. The pamphlet is illustrated with photographs of the Crow Chapel and campground and pages from a manuscript membership record book.

Old Crow Campground is located 25 miles north of Houston. The camp was named for Dickerson Crow, who donated the two-acre site to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although the earliest recorded date of services at the camp is 1860, there was apparently some activity on the grounds as early as 1850. Permanent buildings replaced the original brush arbor, and cabins built by many families who regularly attended meetings at the camp. Fire destroyed most of the buildings in the 1890s, and Crow Chapel was built and dedicated in 1909. The chapel still stands, but it is no longer used for services.

Priscilla Bradford based her history of the camp on the reminiscences of individuals who attended meetings at the camp, and on material from a leather-bound manuscript record book kept at Crow Chapel. Her pamphlet includes reproductions of pages from this record book, which lists the names of the members and their standing in the church. The Crow Camp Ground "Class" is variously identified as a charge in the "Salem Circuit, Jefferson City District," the "Houston-Hartville Circuit, Rolla District," and as the "Houston Mishion[sic]."

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