

## Information Sheet

**R Rhea Church (Phelps County, Mo.).**  
**123 Records, 1844-1900.**  
**Two folders.**

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Rhea Church, in Cold Spring Township, Phelps County, Missouri, was formally organized in 1851 by its first pastor, the Rev. James Walker. It was originally called Zion Hill Church, and was affiliated with the Dry Fork Association of Baptist churches. Its first building was constructed in 1879. Members of the Church of Christ now use the building, adjacent to the Rhea Cemetery.

The records of Rhea Church consist of letters of recommendation for members transferring from other churches. They name the individual joining the Rhea Church, and also the church to which he or she formerly belonged. Baptist churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri issued most of the letters. There are also two letters issued by churches in Phelps County that indicate that the bearers were certified to preach.

The letters of recommendation have been arranged chronologically. An index can be found in the Information Folder.

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## Shelf List

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Folder 1: Letters, 1844-1865.

Folder 2: Letters, 1868-1900.

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## Name Index

| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Date of Letter</u> | <u>Location of Church</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Baidston, Benjamin & Sarah | May 1854              | Moniteau County, Mo.      |
| Bake, John                 | May 1854              | Moniteau County, Mo.      |
| Baker, Henry               | Jan 1848              | Anderson County, Tenn.    |
| Baker, Henry & Roda        | Aug 1854              | Moniteau County, Mo.      |
| Baker, James               | Oct 1847              | Anderson County, Tenn.    |
| Baker, William             | Jan 1848              | Anderson County, Tenn.    |
| Brookshire, N.J.           | Oct 1875              | Phelps County, Mo.        |
| Brookshire, ---?           | May 1865              | Shreveport, La.           |
| Brown, A. G.               | n.d.                  | Phelps County, Mo.        |
| Brown, A. J.               | Jun 1871              | Phelps County, Mo.        |

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|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Brown, Arseneth A.        | Nov 1859  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Brown, Joseph & Mary Jane | Aug 1876  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Brown, Mary C.            | Dec 1874  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Brown, Mary Eliza         | Feb 1844  | Hamilton County, Tenn. |
| Brown, Squire & Mary      | May 1862  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Carmack, Mary             | July 1877 | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Clark, Levi & Nancy       | Mar 1851  | "Anty Ock"             |
| Clark, Reuben             | Feb 1873  | Pulaski County, Mo.    |
| Cox, Mary                 | Jan 1848  | Anderson County, Tenn. |
| Davis, Rebecer            | Sep 1854  | "Gumstump"             |
| Decker, John & Dicey      | Oct 1852  | Monroe County, Ind.    |
| Decker, Lydia             | Oct 1852  | Monroe County, Ind.    |
| Dempsey, Eliz.            | Oct 1853  | Weakly County, Tenn.   |
| Earp, John & Lidey        | May 1873  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Erp, Singleton            | Oct 1857  | Pulaski County, Ky.    |
| Fore, Lucretia            | Oct 1857  | Pulaski County, Ky.    |
| Graham, Randolph          | Jan 1857  | Knox County, Tenn.     |
| Hargis, James & Mary      | Nov 1851  | Pulaski County, Ky.    |
| Hood, Stephen & Sarah     | Nov 1876  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Karns, Henry & Frances    | Sep 1851  | Anderson County, Ten   |
| Karns, Henry & Frances    | Jul 1872  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Miller, Eliza J.          | Dec 1874  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Patterson, James & Esther | Nov 1900  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Penington, Mary F.        | Mar 1881  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Phelps, G. C.             | Sep 1887  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Raggan, John G.           | Oct 1894  | Phelps County, Mo.     |
| Rhea, Eliza F.            | Aug 1879  | Pulaski County, Mo.    |
| Springer, John L.         | Jan 1869  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Springer, Nancy           | Jan 1869  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Stogsdill, Jane           | Mar 1868  | Texas County, Mo.      |
| Stogsdill, Nancy          | Oct 1850  | Pulaski County, Ky.    |
| Stogsdill, Sarah          | Oct 1859  | Pulaski County, Ky.    |
| Wallass, Thomas & Ruthy   | Sep 1849  | Anderson County, Ky.   |
| Watson, Sarah             | Dec 1858  | Green County, Ind.     |
| Webber, Alsy              | Sep 1852  | Anderson County, Ky.   |
| Webber, Solomon           | Sep 1856  | Knox County, Ky.       |
| Webber, William           | Aug 1852  | Knox County, Ky.       |
| Webber, William           | Nov 1856  | Pulaski County, Mo.    |
| Williams, Joel & Delilah  | Oct 1849  | Larue County, Ky.      |
| Williams, Morgan          | Nov 1847  | Larue County, Ky.      |
| Williams, W. R.           | Dec 1875  | Salem, Mo.             |

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