



Synod of Indiana Records, 1810-1985

PA 80

Overview

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Scope and Content Note

Records of the Presbyterian Synod of Indiana, 1810-1985. The Collection consists of History of Presbyterian missions, correspondence from missionaries, Women's meetings, committee reports, correspondence, financial information, booklets, publications, legal documents, education, board minutes, information on churches in Indiana and Illinois, lists of clergy, synod history, general and synod councils, anniversary celebrations, and records of donations.

Administrative Information:

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Container List

| Box | Folder | Folder Title | Date | Notes |
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| 1 | 1 | History of Presbyterian Missions in Indiana | 1810-1932 | A ten-page summary plus two copies of a fifty-year anniversary history 1882-1932 of synodical work. |
| 1 | 2 | Information Booklets on Medical Missions | 1962 | Describes Presbyterian medical services in the world. |
| 1 | 3 | Missionary Letters | 1917-1932 | Letters from missionaries describing their locations, work, and people. |
| 1 | 4 | Missionary Letters and Reports | 1916-1932 | Descriptions of mission fields, publications, lists of officers, reports, Missions Board correspondence. |
| 1 | 5 | Missionary Letters (s-z) | 1917-1931 | A collection of letters, some photos mostly remembrances. |
| 1 | 6 | Missionary Letters and Board Reports | 1917-1931 | Mostly letters with institutional letterheads from various locations citing work done. |
| 1 | 7 | Miscellaneous Publications | 1905-1951 | An assortment of histories, commemorations, and reports. |
| 2 | 1 | Programs of Women's Meetings | 1904-1951 | Women's Synodical Society in Indiana agendas of meetings in chronological order. |
| 2 | 2 | Programs of Annual meetings of Women's Synodical Societies | 1948-1962 | Printed programs in chronological order. |
| 2 | 3 | Committee Reports of synods | 1948-1949 | These reports provide names, dates, notes, places, and projects with some photos. |
| 2 | 4 | Correspondence and Synod Reports | 1918-1919 | Reports and letters of the Women's Board of Missions of the Synod of Indiana |
| 2 | 5 | Treasurer's Report of the Missions of Northwest Indiana | 1918-1919 | Lists officials, members, locations, and fund amounts. |
| 2 | 6 | Synodical Booklets | 1972 | Three copies of future planning booklets for Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. |
| 2 | 7 | Women's Missions Correspondence | 1923-1948 | Letters, reports, Monetary Apportionments, and gift records. |
| 2 | 8 | Giving records for the Synod | 1944-1949 | Synodical gift records with comparative studies, goal sheets, and financial statements. |
| 3 | 1 | Synod Committee on Education Minutes | 1918-1923 | Bound book with dated entries citing discussions and actions. |
| 3 | 2 | Minutes of Executive and Annual Synodical Meetings | 1935-1941 | Loose leaf records of notes of discussions, letters, actions, and programs. |



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| 3 | 3 | Annual Synod Reports | 1942-1948 | Financial records, forms, letters, and summaries. |
| 3 | 4 | Women's Synodical guide- books | 1941-1961 | Annual printed meeting guide- books for attendees providing agendas. |
| 3 | 5 | Letters and Monetary Reports | 1948-1956 | Working copies with handwritten notes and letters with explanations. |
| 3 | 6 | Synodical Conference Reports | 1924-1946 | Provides working documents with notes, objectives, letters, and programs. |
| 3 | 7 | Constitutions | 1944-1955 | Constitutions of agencies of the Indiana Synodical Society- some dated. |
| 3 | 8 | Synod of Indiana Accounts Book | 1942-1954 | A bound paged ledger recording finances of the agency. |
| 4 | 1 | Board Meeting Minutes | 1948-1956 | Indiana Synodical Board Meeting Minutes and financial reports and work descriptions. |
| 4 | 2 | Scrapbook | 1927-1941 | Women's Synodical Society Scrapbook with publications et. al. |
| 4 | 3 | Records of Meetings | 1916-1918 | Synod of Indiana Sabbath School Work Minutes in a bound book with dated entries. |
| 4 | 4 | Legal Complaint | 1932 | A formal legal brief filed by two clergy against the Synod of Indiana with attendant notes. |
| 4 | 5 | Legal Complaint | 1980-1981 | A procedural complaint filed by a pastor wishing to drop his membership. |
| 5 | 1 | Legal Appeal | 1926-1927 | A question of which church board of trustees had legal standing. News article included. |
| 5 | 2 | Autobiography of Isaac Reed | n.d. | Typed thirty-six pages. |
| 5 | 3 | The Christian Traveler in Five Parts by Isaac Reed | 1828 | Covers nine years and eighteen thousand miles. |
| 5 | 4 | A Youth's Book in Four Parts by Isaac Reed | 1840 | Prose, poetry, letters, essays- a conglomeration of travelogue and reminiscence. |
| 5 | 5 | A Case File: Robert O. Williams | 1978-1979 | A commission report on problems in South Park Church Rock Island IL. |
| 5 | 6 | Robert O. Williams Case File Continues | 1979 | Decision of the Commission and attending documents. |
| 5 | 7 | Complaint of Robert Daryl Miller Re: South Park Church, IL | 1979 | Attending documents: the commission efforts continue. |
| 5 | 8 | Bi-centennial Celebration | 1975-1976 | Documents, plans, programs, histories, broadsides, and articles. |
| 6 | 1 | Synodical Miscellaneous | 1921-1971 | Presbyterian materials, publications, minutes, and notes. |
| 6 | 2 | Synodical Publications | 1941-1985 | Programs, bulletins, and news articles. |



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| 6 | 3 | Bloomington Indiana Mission Work on campus | 1932-1963 | Photos and publications. |
| 6 | 4 | Synodical Meetings | 1940-1972 | Photos, articles, and programs. |
| 6 | 5 | Clergy/ Church List | n.d. ca 1980's | . |
| 6 | 6 | Synodical Meeting at Hanover College | 1972 | Photos with notes on reverse. |
| 6 | 7 | A Proposal on Sabbaths | 1911 | Two printed handouts regarding the proper ways to honor sabbaths. |
| 6 | 8 | Lincoln Trails Synod | 1973-1977 | Letters and reports. |
| 6 | 9 | Lincoln Trails Synod | 1972-1983 | Minutes, financial accounts, by-laws, guides, rules, and publications. |
| 7 | 1 | Record Books (2) | 1921-1941 | Two books containing descriptions and accounts of cloth bandages, surgical bandages, sheets, pillowcases, towels, and other medical and care goods for medical missions. |
| 7 | 2 | Synod Articles of Confederation | 1882-1926 | An original copy with explanatory notes (1926) and envelope. |
| 7 | 3 | Synod of Indiana Board of Trustees | 1945-1953 | Legal documents and correspondence |
| 7 | 4 | Synodical Trustees | 1924-1953 | Record Book containing correspondence, names of members with addresses, loose notes, minutes, and a program. |
| 7 | 5 | The Presbyterian Constitution and Appended Digest | 1970-1974 | Constitution as appearing in 1974 with changes Recorded. |
| 7 | 6 | Copies of The Indiana Presbyterian Newspaper | 1931-1972 | Copies of the Newspaper with photos and articles of various dates, probably incomplete. |
| 7 | 7 | The Indiana Presbyterian Financial Statements et.al. | 1950-1957 | Financial statements, correspondence, and management reports. |
| 7 | 8 | Synod Resolutions | 1921-1932 | Resolutions to convey land and real estate with appended descriptions, correspondence, and notes. |
| 7 | 9 | Indiana Council of Churches | 1952-1957 | Indiana Council of Churches minutes, proposals, and correspondence. |
| 7 | 10 | Synod of Indiana | 1914-1918 | Synod Treasurer's book for Sunday School accounts. |
| 8 | 1 | Historical Committee Reports | 1962-1969 | Reports, a photo, copies of The Indiana Presbyterian, and correspondence. |
| 8 | 2 | Historical Committee Correspondence | 1962-1969 | Correspondence, post cards. |
| 8 | 3 | Children's Work Advisor and Westminster Fellowship Notebook | 1945-1946 | Publications, work materials, and notes. |



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| 8 | 4 | Committee on Christian Education | 1938-1954 | Reports, docket, correspondence. |
| 8 | 5 | Committee on Christian Education | 1952-1956 | Correspondence, notes, and minutes. |
| 8 | 6 | Synod of Indiana Leaflets | 1918-1946 | Leaflets concerning annual meetings with photos, agendas, and dockets. |
| 8 | 7 | Women's Missionary Society Treasurer's Book | 1946 | Bound common treasurer's book recording receipts and expenditures. |
| 9 | 1 | Annual meeting programs | 1942-1955 | Printed programs with photos, agendas, and dockets |
| 9 | 2 | Hanover Spiritual Life Conference | 1953-1958 | Agendas, minutes, descriptions, lists of names with addresses. |
| 9 | 3 | General Council of the Indiana Synod | 1952-1956 | Reports, notes, minutes, treasurer's reports, and recommendations. |
| 9 | 4 | Indiana Synod of Church Council | 1956-1957 | Agency reports, committee reports, names of presenters, and minutes. |
| 9 | 5 | Golden Jubilee Celebrations | 1920, 1932 | Printed announcements for Crawfordville church, with poetry, a letter for local churches. |
| 9 | 6 | Indiana Synodical Society | 1933-1958 | Officer's list, treasurer's reports, and publications. |
| 9 | 7 | Indiana Synodical Society | 1919-1932 | Apportionments for missions with bound booklets giving names and places. |
| 10 | 1 | Giving Booklets | 1954-1956 | Goals for giving booklets with records and spreadsheets to support Christian Education. |
| 10 | 2 | Giving Booklets | 1949-1952 | Goals for giving with booklets and spreadsheets to support Christian Education. |
| 10 | 3 | Goals for Giving Records | 1922-1957 | Reports and financial analysis. |
| 10 | 4 | Financial Story of St. Paul's Church (colored) | 1937-1944 | Legal papers and issues for the downtown Indianapolis church |
| 10 | 5 | Synodical Clearing House Report | 1951-1955 | Examination of cash records for home missions for the Presbyterian Extension- six bound books. |
| 11 | 1 | National Council of Presbyterian Women's Organization | 1956-1957 | An evaluation. |
| 11 | 2 | Presbyterian Women's Organization | 1947-1958 | Hymns, handouts, publications |
| 11 | 3 | Sewing Missions | 1944-1957 | Records of Inventory and funds raised. |
| 11 | 4 | Foreign Missions Apportionments | 1925-1940 | Records of monies raised for foreign missions in Indiana. |
| 11 | 5 | Presbyterian Women in Indiana | 1940-1947 | Synod records of monies raised for missions in Indiana. |
| 11 | 6 | Indiana Council of Church Women | 1954-1956 | Publications, notes, resolutions, and notices. |



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| 11 | 7 | Barber-Scotia College | 1949-1950 | A guide, handout, and information. |
| 12 | 1 | Miscellaneous | 1926,1939,1945 | Monetary records, study sheet, news articles, accounts. |
| 12 | 2 | Synodical Clearing House | 1943-1944 | Reports, history, committee reports. |
| 12 | 3 | Synod of Indiana | 1928-1972 | Correspondence, publications. |
| 12 | 4 | World War II Relief | 1946 | Plans to rebuild. |
| 12 | 5 | Westminster Foundation | 1954-1956 | Reports, correspondence, and publications in Bloomington, IN. Indiana University. |
| 12 | 6 | Correspondence with Millikin University | 1925 | Reports, fund raising, a telegram, and a plan for raising money. |
| 12 | 7 | Gary Home Mission | 1920-1935 | Information, plans, budget, and flyers. |
| 12 | 8 | Gary Indiana neighborhood house | 1945-1949 | Annual reports, a letter. |
| 12 | 9 | Gary Neighborhood House | 1945-1954 | Publications, reports, plans, history, letters. |
| 13 | 1 | Hillcrest Neighborhood House | 1943-1954 | Clinton Indiana Project, newsletters, notes, letters, and records. |
| 13 | 2 | Estelle Peabody Home | 1930-1957 | A Deed, legal agreements, letters. |
| 13 | 3 | Furlough Home of Louisville | 1951-1957 | A ministry at The Presbyterian Seminary, records. |
| 13 | 4 | Mayer Chapel Neighborhood House | 1953-1956 | Indianapolis ministry, a history, budget, letters, and minutes. |
| 13 | 5 | Synod Society History of Missions | 1895-1920 | A book with dated entries of board minutes. Reports. |
| 13 | 6 | Synod Archives | 1967-1968 | correspondence |
| 13 | 7 | Freedman's Society Home | 1913-1921 | Treasurer's Book |
| 14 | 1 | Synod Treasurer's Book | 1882-1883 | South Women's Missionary Society |
| 14 | 2 | Questions submitted by churches | 1880-1889 | Question-answer meetings notes. |
| 14 | 3 | Women's Missionary Society | 1883-1884 | Records Book |
| 14 | 4 | Women's Foreign Missions Society | 1892-1893 | Accounts Book |
| 14 | 5 | Women's Foreign Missions Society | 1893-1894, 1901-1935, 1901-1902 | Accounts Books |
| 15 | 1 | Indiana Synod | 1881-1883 | Account Book |
| 15 | 2 | Indiana Synod | 1901-1906 | Two accounts books |
| 15 | 3 | Indiana Synod | 1935-1936 | Treasurer's Sheets |
| 15 | 4 | Indiana Synod | 1935-1958 | Insurance papers |
| 15 | 5 | Indiana Synod | 1901-1917, 1940 | Treasurer's Book |

