

Register of the

**Bordoville [Enosburgh],  
Vermont Church Records**

Collection 175

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## **Scope and Content**

The Bordoville, Vermont, Seventh-day Adventist Church has the distinction of being the first ever church building purposely built as a Seventh-day Adventist church. There are other older church buildings used by Adventists, but they were originally built for some other denomination. Further, this church was among the first, if not the first, church to adopt the name, Seventh-day Adventist. They did this in 1861 when the church formed with 11 members—they had been meeting prior to that in the Bourdeau home.

Through the years the church has gone by different names, namely Enosburgh, West Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, and Bordoville. All of these communities are in Franklin County, Vermont, and located within a few miles of each other.

The church record book for each church was where the church clerk kept the membership record and the minutes of the church board meeting. Often, other information was also kept there. In addition to the church record book, churches kept record books for finances, for the Sabbath school, and for other groups or functions, such as the Tract and Missionary Society.

This collection includes the official church record books, and date from the founding of the church in 1861 to 1950. The books contain a list of members--when added, and when taken "off the books." They also contain the minutes of church board meetings.

Another book is the Society Record book. This book contains the minutes of all meetings of the society, that apparently held ownership of the land in the early days of the church. This record exists for the years 1865 to 1949.

Systematic Benevolence (S.B.) was the equivalent of the current Adventist practice of tithing. A record of who committed a certain amount of "S.B." and when they paid it is recorded in one book. There is also a cash account book.

Besides the S.B. record, there are books from the church treasurer in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as well as receipts and other financial records.

The Sabbath school was a vital part of the church. It met typically before the worship service on Sabbath. Twenty Sabbath School Record and Register books record the minutes of the weekly meetings, and provide attendance and financial statistics.

The Tract and Missionary (T and M) Society was responsible for literature distribution. Members would distribute literature and attempt to secure subscriptions to denominational publications. Two books record the financial aspects of these endeavors. One book records the minutes and other records of the T and M Society.

Each church viewed their local area as a mission field to be evangelized for Christ. Four Church Missionary Secretary record books record the extent and results of that effort. There are several other record books or other types of records from Bordoville Church.

Originally included in this collection was a church record book from the Richford, Vermont, Church for the years 1916 to 1952. In 1952 this church voted to disband with a number of its members joining the Bordoville Church. After disbanding, the last church record book for this church was apparently kept at the Bordoville Church. That record book was removed from this collection and is kept separately at the Center for Adventist Research.

### **Extent**

10 boxes [3.75 linear feet]

### **Provenance**

This collection was donated to the Adventist Heritage Center by the Bordoville, Vermont, Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1991.

Andrews University history professor, Brian Strayer, was invited to speak at the church in the spring of 1991. At that time church members showed him the church records stored in a cupboard near the wood burning stove. Dr. Strayer suggested these records ought to be preserved in a safer location, and suggested the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research. The head elder arranged for the transfer of the records.

### **Use**

All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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**I. Record Books**

Society Records

Box 1 Fld 1 Society of the Seventh-day Adventists of Enosburgh  
(1865-1949)

Membership

Record Book

Box 1 Fld 2 1861 to 1881  
Box 1 Fld 3 1881 to 1932  
Box 1 Fld 4 1933 to 1950

Finance

Church Treasurer's Record

Box 8 O.S. Fld 1 1913 Jan to 1917 Mar  
Box 8 O.S. Fld 2 1917 Apr to 1922 Aug  
Box 8 O.S. Fld 3 1922 Sep to 1927 Mar  
Box 8 O.S. Fld 4 1927 Apr to 1931 Apr  
Box 9 O.S. Fld 1 1931 May to 1937 Jun  
Box 9 O.S. Fld 2 1937 Jul to 1941 Jun  
Box 9 O.S. Fld 3 1941 Jul to 1945 Jan  
Box 10 O.S. Fld 1 1951 Jul to 1955 Mar  
Box 10 O.S. Fld 2 1955 Apr to 1958 Jan  
Box 10 O.S. Fld 3 1958 Jan to 1961 Sep

Systematic Benevolence Record

Box 1 Fld 5 1878-1880 (includes cash account, 1878  
to 1902)

Conference Remittance Record

Box 1 Fld 6 1913 to 1917

Church Treasurer's Receipts

Box 1 Fld 7 1895 to 1908  
Box 2 Fld 1 1910 to 1915 Jan  
Box 2 Fld 2 1915 Jan to 1918 May  
Box 2 Fld 3 1918 May to 1922 Mar  
Box 2 Fld 4 1922 Mar to 1928 Jan  
Box 2 Fld 5 1928 Jan to 1930

Loose Receipts

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Box 3 Fld 1 | 1898 to 1902 |
| Box 3 Fld 2 | 1902 to 1910 |
| Box 3 Fld 3 | 1910 to 1912 |

Sabbath School

Record and Register

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|--------------|--------------|
| Box 3 Fld 4  | 1884 to 1901 |
| Box 4 Fld 1  | 1902 to 1930 |
| Box 4 Fld 2  | 1943         |
| Box 4 Fld 3  | 1948         |
| Box 4 Fld 4  | 1951         |
| Box 4 Fld 5  | 1952         |
| Box 4 Fld 6  | 1953         |
| Box 4 Fld 7  | 1954         |
| Box 4 Fld 8  | 1955         |
| Box 4 Fld 9  | 1956         |
| Box 4 Fld 10 | 1957         |
| Box 5 Fld 1  | 1958         |
| Box 5 Fld 2  | 1959         |
| Box 5 Fld 3  | 1961         |
| Box 5 Fld 4  | 1962         |
| Box 5 Fld 5  | 1963         |
| Box 5 Fld 6  | 1964         |
| Box 5 Fld 7  | 1965         |
| Box 5 Fld 8  | 1967         |
| Box 5 Fld 9  | 1968         |
| Box 5 Fld 10 | 1969         |
| Box 5 Fld 11 | 1975         |

Class Record

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| Box 5 Fld 12 | 1904 to 1906, and n. d. |
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Minutes and Reports

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| Box 5 Fld 13 | 1924 to 1926 |
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Missions

Missionary Volunteer Record Book

|              |      |
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| Box 5 Fld 14 | 1944 |
| Box 6 Fld 1  | 1945 |

Tract and Missionary Society

Account Book

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Box 6 Fld 2 | 1878 to 1882 |
| Box 6 Fld 3 | 1899 to 1911 |

Record Book  
Box 6 Fld 4                      1899 to 1911 (Includes Young  
People's accounts [1915],  
Librarian Work accounts [1914],  
and Home Missionary Money  
accounts [1918 to 1919, 1923,  
1925])

Church Missionary Secretary  
Record Books  
Box 6 Fld 5                      1943 to 1944  
Box 6 Fld 6                      1945 to 1946

Order Forms  
Box 6 Fld 7                      1917 to 1922 Mar  
Box 6 Fld 8                      1922 May to 1933

Record (Worship Services)  
Box 7 Fld 1                      1969 to 1980

Guest Book  
Box 7 Fld 2                      1976 to 1988

Loose Papers  
Box 7 Fld 3                      Miscellaneous

### Removed from Collection

Richford, VT, Church Record Book (1916-1952)

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