

Register of the
Ohio Conference Historical Records
Collection 183

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of three boxes containing various corporate records of the Ohio Conference, including record books of the Conference for the first 42 years of its existence. Also included is the church record book for the first Seventh-day Adventist Church organized in the state of Ohio, Lovetts Grove.

A considerable portion of the collection is material from the Ohio Tract and Missionary Society. The society promoted the distribution of SDA publications, evangelistic correspondence or visitation by volunteers, and relief and welfare activities. The first Society was organized in New England in 1870. The Ohio Society began in 1872.

The letterbooks contain copies of outgoing letters only. The incoming letters are presumably no longer in existence.

The miscellaneous correspondence, in general, is of no real consequence. Two letters, however, are of some interest. They deal with Dr. Harry Miller, the famous "China Doctor," and Ohio's role in funding his travel expenses to China.

For access to the Ellen White letters, it is best to visit the Ellen White Research Center at Andrews University or one of the others located throughout the world.

The time span covers primarily 1863 to 1913.

The following items are kept with the Adventist Heritage Center periodicals:

- *The Home Missionary*, volume 4, no. 2, (February 1892) to volume 5, no. 11 (December 1892) plus "Extra" for December 1893.
- *The Welcome Visitor*, volume 1, no. 1 (November 5, 1896) to volume 5, no. 32 (January 2, 1902), volume 8, no. 1 (January 6, 1904) to volume 9, no. 50 (December 27, 1905)

Provenance

This collection was preserved at the headquarters office of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists until it was permanently loaned to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center in June, 1994.

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All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct."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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Inventory

Box 1

- I. Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 - Record Book, 1863 to 1875
 - Record Book, 1876 to 1902
 - Record Book, 1902 to 1904
 - Letterbook, President, 1911 to 1912
 - Letterbook, Treasurer, 1906 to 1913

Box 2

- Letterbook, Sabbath School Secretary, 1896 to 1900
- II. Church Record Book
 - Lovetts Grove (Bowling Green), 1862 to 1876
- III. Ohio Tract and Missionary Society
 - Record Book, 1872 to 1879
 - Letterbook, 1892 to 1894

Box 3

- Letterbook, 1894 to 1896
- Letterbook, 1896 to 1898
- IV. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1901 to 1903, 1906 to 1908, 1917
- V. Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 - Minutes, 1902 (1st biennial meeting)
- VI. Miscellaneous Documents
 - Financial Statements of Ohio Conference as of December 30, 1909.
Accompanied by letter from Union auditor.
 - Financial Report of the Ohio Conference and Ohio Tract Society, 1913
 - Financial Report of the Ohio Conference and Ohio Tract Society, 1914
 - Statistical Sheet Indicating Results for Ohio, 1915

1 issue of *The Christian*, volume 6, no. 8 (August 1871), edited by H. L. Hasting

Ellen G. White manuscript, *Backsliding in Health Reform*. Carbon copy but with original autograph. In White Estate, this is with letter 162, 1908 (to A. G. Daniells, March 29, 1908)

Collection of Ellen G. White letters and one document entitled, "Vital Christianity." All are carbon copies.

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