

Register of the
Oakland, Wisconsin,
Seventh-day Adventist
Church Records
Collection 292

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Scope and Content

The Oakland, Wisconsin, Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at W 8737 W Advent Road, Fort Atkison, Wisconsin, was founded on December 1, 1864, by the families of Andrew Olsen, Sern Loe, Tarel Johnsson, and Ole Hegland. These families migrated to Wisconsin from Norway in the 1850s. This church is the oldest Scandinavian Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States. In 2011 it had 51 members and was part of the Wisconsin Conference.

This collection contains records of several church departments, such as clerk, Sabbath School, Treasurer, and the Oakland School. Also, it includes several documents on the history of the Oakland Church.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection was done by the Center for Adventist Research. Please see the following Inventory for more details.

Provenance

This collection was given to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research, on March 25, 2011, by the Oakland, Wisconsin, Adventist Church Clerk, Shelby Molina with the approval of the Church Board.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulation specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct."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

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Documents

Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 1 From Shelby Molina to Merlin Burt (3/21/2011)
regarding donation of this collection

II. Church Records

Clerk Records

Box 1 Fld 2 Membership rolls and meeting notes (1878 -1942)

Box 1 Fld 3 Letter of Commendation (December 8, 1935) Transfer
of Membership (June 1, and July 27, 1936)

Box 1 Fld 4 Quarterly reports (1939 - 1942)

Box 1 Fld 5 Cemetery records (1948 -1953)

Box 1 Fld 6 Cemetery records (lot owners)
Cemetery Board Meeting (Jul 19, 1953)

Box 1 Fld 7 Warranty Deed between Andrew Olsen and the
General Conference Association of Seventh - day
Adventist. Original hand written copy can be found
in (Box 1 Fld 6)

Sabbath School Records

Box 1 Fld 8 Sabbath School Record and Register (1895, 1921,
April 1922 - Feb 3 1923, 1939)

Box 1 Fld 9 Sabbath School Record and Register (1953, 1960)

Box 1 Fld 10 Sabbath School Record and Register (1968)

Box 1 Fld 11 Sabbath School guest registry (March 13, 1954 to
April 13, 1962)

Financial Records

Box 2 Fld 1 Various funds, pledges, and tithes (1880-1901)

Box 2 Fld 2 Systematic Benevolence (1878-1904)

Box 2 Fld 3 Treasurer's report (1879-1894; 1902-1913)

Box 3 Oakland Tract Society (1894 -1918)

Oakland School Record

Box 3 Student rolls, attendance, some lesson plans, some grades
(1899 -1916)

III. Topical Files

Church history

Box 1 Fld 12 "Don't be Wrong about Wright (It Wasn't our First
Campmeeting)" Adriel D. Chilson *Adventist
Heritage*, vol. 12, No. 1 (Winter, 1987): 3-8.

Droppings From My Pen. Self-produced poems by
Hettie Huntington Olsen

"Hettie Olsen, An Inspirational Norwegian" (Original
newspaper and copy)

"Oakland Seventh-day Adventist Church Observes
Centennial; Oldest in the World" (copy of local
newspaper 1961)

"Pilgrims in a Strange Land: The First Nowergian-
American Seventh-day Adventist Church in
the United States." Lawrence W. Onsager,
Adventist Heritage, vol. 11, no. 1(Spring,
1986): 33-39.

The Oakland Church, a poem written by Hettie
Huntington.

Drawing of the Oakland SDA Church.

"The Olsens of Oakland," in Adriel D. Chilson, *Trial
and Triumph On a Western Frontier: Thrilling
Stories of Adventists Pioneering* (Elko,
Nevada: Heritage Publications, 1976), pp.
49-57 (copy)

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