

Moravian Archives

**Inventory
Of the Records
Of the**

**Moravian Church of Ephraim, Wisconsin
1858-1971**

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The Moravian Church of Ephraim, Wisconsin, 1859- 1971. 6 boxes

Institutional History

Ephraim was founded by a Moravian Pastor, Andreas M. Iverson, in 1853. Iverson and a few of his followers organized the first Moravian Church in 1858. Since then, the church and community has grown exponentially. Although the community has developed from its Moravian roots to now entangle a more diverse population, the region is still heavily influenced by its Moravian history and church.

Archival History (History of fonds):

It appears that the collection has been received by the Moravian Archives rather recently, at least within the past few years. They have been arranged by Shawn Martell, student at Moravian College, in 2007.

Scope and Content

The Moravian Church of Ephraim kept these records so that they may have an account of the activities and dealings of the Church. The collection begins in 1859 and follows all the way up through 1971. There are the minutes of several groups, including the attendance, rules, regulations, and amendments made by each group. Furthermore this collection includes diaries kept by the pastors throughout the years. These diaries consisted of the daily (some times weekly) activities of the Church and its members. Finally, there are a few ledgers that document the financial dealings of said Church.

System of Arrangement

The records are divided into three main groups: minutes, financial records, and diaries. It will then be subdivided to correspond with the group each piece contains to: Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, and Joint Board, Pastor Diaries, Christian Endeavour society and membership listings.

Conditions Governing Access

The books are open to public access, except for those younger than fifty years.

Language

English, two items in German.

Physical Characteristics

Good.

Finding Aids

Inventory, searchable database.

Related Units of Description

For the church register (1850-1870) of the Ephraim congregation, see ChReg 34. Information on this church may be included in the records of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

1. Church Diaries

These are weekly and/or monthly entries of daily activities including Church services and visits of members of the congregation. The records were kept by the Church Pastor.

1. April 1910 – April 1914, kept by the Reverend A. Petterson
1 item
Language: English
2. Aug 1918 – Feb 1921, kept by Mark J. Andrews
1 item
Language: English
3. Jan 1921 – Dec 1924, kept by Mark J. Andrews; Jan 1925 – June 1925 by H.J. Engelke; Sept 1925 – Sept 1926
1 items
Language English
4. Sept 1925 – Aug 1926 by Clement Hoyler; Sept 1926 – Jan 1928 by George George Westphal
1 item
Language: English
5. Feb 1928 – 1931 by George Westphal; 1931 – Aug 1933 by F.E. Weber
1 item
Language: English
6. 1934 – 1936 by F.E. Weber
1. item
Language: English
7. Feb 1937 – May 1939 by John R. Hoesman; June 1939 – Sept 1939 by Mils A Loppnow; Jan 1940 – May 1941 by James Weingarsh
1 item
Language: English
8. 1945 – 1956 by Albert Heiske
1 item
Language: English

2. Minutes of the Church Boards

The Board of Trustees oversaw the financial dealings of the congregation. Many of the minutes from the Board of Trustees were kept in the same book as the Board of Elders and the Joint Board, however they dominate these books. The Joint Board was made up of members from the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees. They generally met once a year to review the status of the Church. Together these boards worked on joint projects that required guidance from both groups, generally those of Church and Financial matters.

The books also contain minutes from the Board of Elders' stand alone meetings. The church council was made up of members of the congregation. They met once a year to review the past and future of the Church, and to update roll calls. The book was kept by the Pastor.

9. Minutes of the Board of Trustees, the Joint Board, and the Church Council, 1859 – 1896

1 item

Language: German and English

10. Minutes of the Church Council, 1897 – 1917.

1 item

Language: English

11. Minutes of the Board of Elders, 1897 – 1926.

1 item

Language: English

12. Minutes of the Church Council, Jan 1918 – 1971: includes all officers to any committee from 1940 – 1973.

1 item

Language: English

13. Minutes of the Board of Trustees and the Joint Board, Feb 1922 – May 1947.

1 item

Language: English

14. Minutes of the Joint Board, Jan 1928 – 1937.

1 item

Language: English

15. Minutes of the Joint Board and Board of Elders, Jan 1938 – Jan 1946.

1 item

Language: English

16. Minutes of the Joint Board and the Board of Elders, Jan 1946 – Jan 1948.

1 item

Language: English

17. Minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1947 – 1971.

1 item

Language: English

18. Minutes of the Joint Board and the Board of Elders, 1960 – 1967.

1 item
English

4. Minutes of Christian Endeavor Society

The C.E.S. was set up to promote Moravian ideals within the community and to spread it throughout neighboring ones. All of these books include monthly reports (sometimes weekly), enrollment, and financial pledges.

19. 1894 – 1897.
1 item
Language: English
20. 1899 – 1905.
1 item
Language: English
21. 1907 – 1919
1 item
Language: English
22. 1927 – 1928
1 item
Language: English
23. 1930 – 1935
1 item
Language: English
24. 1964 – 1968
1 item
Language: English

5. Pastor's Reports

The Pastor's Report was generally given once yearly in front of the Church Council. The Pastor would recount the year, and warn the council of possible problems that they may need to address.

25. 1897 – 1917 by John Greenfield, C.R. Kisney, and A. Petterson.
1 item
Language: English
26. 1918 – 1934 by Mark J. Andrews, H.J. Englke, George Westphal, and F.E.

Weber.
1 item
Language: English

6. Miscellaneous

This section contains a journal from the Door County Council of Religious Education, which meant once a year to teach and celebrate biblical lessons in Ephraim. The section also contains a history of early Moravian missions.

27. History of Early Missionary Labours Vol. I by A.M. Iverson, 1849 – 1899.
1 item
Language English
28. History of Early Missionary Labours Vol. II by A.M. Iverson, 1849 – 1899.
1 item
Language English
29. Report of Door County Council of Religious Education meetings (including programs), 1914 – 1958.
1 item
Language: English

6. Miscellaneous Membership Listings and Financial Records

30. Memberships Lists and Changes for 1926 and 1927
4 items
Language: English
31. Report of Hymnal Campaign of George C. Westphal, 1928.
Mission Disbursement Expenses, 1928 – 1929.
Statement of Accounts Received, 1929.
Official Annual Treasurer's Report, 1929.
Complete Account of Mission Disbursements and Expenses, 1929.
Official Annual Treasurer's Report, 1946.
6 items
Language: English
32. Ledger of accounts paid and received, 1873 – 1904.
1 item
Language: German and English