Register of the
Oakland, Wisconsin, Seventh-day Adventist Church Records
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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All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron's Agreement” and “Researcher's Code of Conduct.”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)
   The Oakland Church, a poem written by Hettie Huntington.
   Drawing of the Oakland SDA Church.

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