Bordoville [Enosburgh], Vermont
Church Records
Collection 175

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 20th 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**

7 boxes [2.5 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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Inventory

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 March
Box 8 O.S. Fld 2 1917 April to 1922 Aug
Box 9 O.S. Fld 1 1922 Sept to 1927 March
Box 9 O.S. Fld 2 1927 April to 1931 April
Box 10 O.S. Fld 1 1931 May to 1937 June
Box 10 O.S. Fld 2 1937 July to 1941 June
Box 11 O.S. Fld 1 1941 July to 1945 Jan
Box 12 O.S. Fld 1 1951 July to 1955 March
Box 12 O.S. Fld 2 1955 April to 1958 Jan
Box 12 O.S. Fld 3 1958 Jan to 1961 Sept

Systematic Benevolence Record
Box 1 Fld 5 1878-1880 (includes cash account, 1878-1902)

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

Minutes and Reports
Box 5 Fld 13 1924 to 1926

Missions
Missionary Volunteer Record Book
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
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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

Guestbook
Box 7 Fld 2 1976 to 1988

Loose Papers
Box 7 Fld 3 Miscellaneous

Removed from Collection
Richford Church Record Book (1916-1952)

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