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**KNIGHTSTOWN BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COLLECTION, 1853-1972**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The collection contains session and congregational minutes, two church registers, a handwritten history written at the church's 75th anniversary, church programs, and newspaper clippings.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

According to the first few pages of the first session book, the church was organized in the home of John Bell on Dec. 24, 1832. There were eighteen founding members. Knightstown is located in Henry County, Indiana in the central eastern part of the state due east from Indianapolis.

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**SERIES 1 MINUTES, REGISTER, ANNIVERSARY HISTORY, CLIPPINGS,
1853-1972****Box 1 Session Minutes, 1853 Aug. 14-1968
5 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1853 Aug. 14-1870 Apr. 2
1 v. : 298 p.

At the back of the volume there is a list of the early members of the church.

Fd. 2 Minutes, 1870 Apr.-1906 Mar. 29
1 v. : 320 p.

The last few pages list church members.

Fd. 3 Minutes, 1906 Apr. 1-1952 Apr. 23
1 v. : 294 p.

Fd. 4 Minutes, 1912 Apr. 7-1915 Feb. 24
1 v. : 80 p.

Fd. 5 Session records, 1968
1 v.

The bound volume is a copy of session minutes from May 5, 1905 to Mar. 21, 1911.

**Box 2 Session Minutes, 1860 Dec. 7-1972 Nov. 6
4 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Session minutes, 1960 May 4-1972 Nov. 6
1 v.

Fd. 2 Congregational minutes, 1860 Dec. 7-1885 Nov. 19
1 v.

Fd. 3 Congregational minutes, 1888 Mar. 29-1914 Mar. 31
1 v. : 96 p.

Fd. 4 Congregational minutes, 1914 Apr. 1-1952 Jan. 15
1 v. : 172 p.

**Box 3 Congregational Minutes, Registers, History, Programs, and
Newspaper Clippings, ca. 1880-1960 Jun. 28
4 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Congregational minutes and register, 1952 Jan. 21-1960 Jun. 28
1 v.

The second half of the book contains the minutes. In the front of the book there are a few membership entries.

Fd. 2 Church register, ca. 1880-1951 Sep.
1 v.

Fd. 3 Church anniversary history and programs, 1908 May 10-1957
4 Items

Item

- 1 History for 75th annual church anniversary by William Edwards, 1908 May 10
 - 2 Program for the 125th anniversary service, 1957
 - 3 Sunday service program, 1954 Sep. 26
 - 4 Rededication and homecoming service program, 1954 Sep. 26
- Fd. 4 Newspaper clippings, 1932 Dec. 9-1954 Oct. 14