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COLLECTION, 1831-1972**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Indianapolis Indiana Presbytery Collection is comprised of minute books, treasurer's records, the minutes of mission committees, a history published by the presbytery, financial records, minister's biographies and the records of the Indianapolis Presbyterial Society.

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

The Presbytery of Indianapolis was created from a portion of the Crawfordsville Presbytery in October 1830 and included the counties of Marion, Johnston, Bartholomew, Decatur and the territory north of these counties along a line from the top of Hamilton County, which was the boundary between the two presbyteries. In 1835 the Logansport Presbytery was created and took the northwest portion of the Indianapolis Presbytery.

For the majority of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the boundaries included Putnam, Hendricks, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Johnson, Monroe, Brown and Bartholomew Counties. While the boundaries changed over the years, the presbytery existed until 1973 when it became part of the Ohio Valley and the Whitewater Valley Presbyteries. For further information on the boundaries of the presbytery, please view the maps available in the archives.

## PROVENANCE

The Indianapolis Presbyterial Society records were donated to the Presbytery by Mrs. Hazel Stuart of Indianapolis, who found the records in her attic. Since Hanover College's roots are in Presbyterianism, many records throughout Indiana have been donated at various times to the Presbyterian Archives of Hanover College.

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**SERIES 1 MINUTES, TREASURER'S BOOKS, MISSION MINUTES,  
HISTORY, REGISTER, FINANCIAL RECORDS, AND  
MINISTER'S BIOGRAPHIES, 1831-1972****Box 1 Minutes, 1831 Apr. 7-1870  
3 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1831 Apr. 7-1837 Oct. 9  
1 v. : 326 p.

Fd. 2 Old School Minutes, 1837 Oct. 12-1853 Sep. 28  
1 v. : 474 p.

Fd. 3 Old School Minutes, 1853 Nov. 17-1870  
1 v. : 363 p.

**Box 2 Minutes, 1839 Oct.-1870 Jul. 3  
2 Fd.**

Fd. 1 New School Minutes, 1839 Oct.-1863 Oct. 10  
1 v. : 463 p.

Fd. 2 New School Minutes, 1863 Sep. 18-1870 Jul. 3  
1 v. : 198 p.

**Box 3 Minutes, 1870 Jul. 5-1894 Oct. 10  
3 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1870 Jul. 5-1878 Apr. 10  
1 v. : 446 p.

Fd. 2 Minutes, 1878 Apr. 10-1886 Apr. 27  
1 v. : p. 447-948

Fd. 3 Minutes, 1886 Jul. 19-1894 Oct. 10  
1 v. : p. 949-1452

**Box 4 Minutes, 1894 Sep. 18-1915 Nov. 22  
2 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1894 Sep. 18-1904 Oct. 12  
1 v. p. 1453-1952

**Box 4 Cont.**

Fd. 2 Minutes, 1904 Sep. 20-1915 Nov. 22  
1 v. 501 p.

**Box 5 Minutes, 1916 Jan. 7-1930 Oct. 7  
2 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1916 Jan. 7-1924 Mar 17  
1 v. : 503 p.

Fd. 2 Minutes, 1924 Apr. 21-1930 Oct. 7  
1 v. : 521 p.

**Box 6 Minutes, 1930 Dec. 8-1956 Jun. 14  
3 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Minutes, 1930 Dec. 8-1939 Jun. 14  
1 v. : 300 p.

Fd. 2 Minutes, 1939 Jun. 13-1948 Sep. 20  
1 v. : 300 p.

Fd. 3 Minutes, 1948 Jan. 19-1956 Jun. 14  
1 v. : 301 p.

**Box 7 Minutes, 1956 Jun. 12-1968 Jun. 11  
2 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Typed Minutes, 1956 Jun. 12-1964 Jun. 11  
1 v. : 298 p.

Fd. 2 Typed Minutes, 1963 Jun. 17-1968 Jun. 11  
1 v. : 299 p.

**Box 8 Minutes and Treasurer's Book, 1871 Apr. 9-1972 Jun. 28  
4 Fd.**

Fd. 1 Typed Minutes, 1968 Jan. 15-1971 Sep. 20  
1 v. : 299 p.

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**Box 8 Cont.**

Fd. 2            Typed Minutes, 1971 Sep. 20-1972 Jun. 28  
                  1 v. : 71 p.

Fd. 3            Treasurer's Book, 1871 Apr. 9-1884 Jun. 2  
                  1 v.

The binding of this volume is missing and the pages are loose. The leather is very fragile and has some red rot.

Fd. 4            Treasurer's Book, 1906 Apr. 16-1936 Sep. 19  
                  1 v. : 187 p.

**Box 9            Mission Minutes, *History of Indianapolis Presbytery*, and Presbytery  
Minutes 1875 Apr. 7-1959 Jan. 19  
                  7 Fd.**

Fd. 1            Minutes of the Committee on the Work among the Foreigners at the  
Cosmopolitan Mission, 1914 Oct. 14-1917 Sep. 19  
                  1 v. : 27 p.

Fd. 2            *History of Indianapolis Presbytery* by a Committee of the Presbytery,  
1900  
                  1 v.

Fd. 3            Presbytery minutes, 1937 Apr. 6-1947 Sep. 16  
                  1 v.

Fd. 4            Presbytery minutes, 1948 Apr. 6-1959 Jan. 19  
                  1 v. : 280 p.

Fd. 5            Woman's Foreign Missionary Society minutes, 1875 Apr. 7-  
1895 Mar. 28  
                  1 v. : 180 p.

Fd. 6            Woman's Missionary Society minutes, 1896 Mar. 25-1917 Apr. 6  
                  1 v. : 192 p.

Fd. 7            Home Mission Committee account book, 1926 Apr. 17-1928 Apr. 13  
                  1 v.

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**Box 10**      **Mission Records, Board of Trustees Minutes, and Statistical Reports,  
1903 Jun. 15-1961 Dec. 31  
5 Fd.**

- Fd. 1      Foreign Missions account book, 1903 Jun. 15-1919 Dec. 14  
            1 v. : 404 p.
- Fd. 2      Home Mission Committee minutes, 1916 Oct. 23-1941 Nov. 24  
            1 v. : 99 p.
- Fd. 3      Board of Trustees minutes, 1945 Jun. 25-1957 Oct. 9  
            1 v.
- Fd. 4      National Mission Committee correspondence, 1930 Apr. 15-1952 Jan. 21
- Fd. 5      Presbytery statistical reports, 1914-1961 Dec. 31  
            1 v.

**Box 11**      **Register, Financial and Insurance Records, and Programs, 1908-  
1959 Jan. 8  
6 Fd.**

- Fd. 1      Membership register, 1931 Dec. 31-1940 Aug. 29  
            1 v.
- Fd. 2      Financial record, 1958 Dec. 31-1959 Jan. 6  
            1 v.
- Fd. 3      Y.P.C.U. financial records, 1935 Apr. 1-1959 Jan. 8  
            1 v.
- Fd. 4      Insurance records, 1957 Oct.-1967 Mar. 11
- Fd. 5      Programs and reports, 1908-1949 Mar. 11
- Fd. 6      Programs and reports, 1908-1946 Nov. 7

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**SERIES 2 MINISTER'S BIOGRAPHIES AND INDIANAPOLIS  
PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY RECORDS, 1882-1972****Box 12 Ministerial Biographical Post Cards and Indianapolis Presbyterial  
Society Treasurer's Books, 1882 Mar.-1950s  
5 Fd.**

- Fd. 1 Ministers biographies, 1930s-1950s
- Fd. 2 Ministers biographies, 1930s-1950s
- Fd. 3 Presbyterial Society treasurer's book, 1882 Mar.-1895 Mar. 5  
1 v.
- Fd. 4 Presbyterial Society treasurer's book, 1894 Jun. 16-1907 Apr. 3  
1 v.
- Fd. 5 Presbyterial Society treasurer's book, 1907 Jun. 21-1913 Mar. 31  
1 v.

**Box 13 Indianapolis Presbyterial Society Records, 1901-1937 Apr. 14  
7 Fd.**

- Fd. 1 Society treasurer's book, 1922 Apr. 1-1925 Apr. 1  
1 v.  
  
The volume contains financial information on societies of  
women's missionary groups and Christian Endeavor groups.
- Fd. 2 Society treasurer's book, 1925 Apr. 1-1929 Apr. 1  
1 v.  
  
The volume contains financial information on societies of  
women's missionary groups and Christian Endeavor groups.
- Fd. 3 Foreign Secretary's book, 1901-1907  
1 v.
- Fd. 4 Foreign Secretary's book, 1908 Feb. 9-1913  
1 v.
- Fd. 5 Foreign Secretary's book, 1914-1922  
1 v.

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**Box 13 Cont.**

Fd. 6           Addresses and duties in corresponding secretary book  
                  2 p.

Fd. 7           Register, 1927 Apr. 19-1937 Apr.14  
                  1 v.

**Box 14           Indianapolis Presbyterial Society Records, 1933 Apr. 10-1969  
                  7 Fd.**

Fd. 1           Executive Board minutes, 1933 Apr. 10-1938 Feb. 9  
                  1 v.

Fd. 2           Executive Board minutes, 1951 Mar. 2-1961 Sep. 29  
                  1 v.

Fd. 3           Executive Board minutes, 1962 Feb. 23-1969  
                  1 v.

Fd. 4           Annual meeting minutes, 1941 Apr. 15-1961 Apr. 13  
                  1 v.

Fd. 5           Annual meeting minutes, 1962 Apr. 5-1969 Jan. 31  
                  1 v.

Fd. 6           District 1 minutes, 1942 Oct. 27-1961 Oct. 17  
                  1 v. : 150 p.

Fd. 7           District 1 minutes, 1962 Oct. 8-1968 Oct. 20  
                  1 v.

**Box 15           Indianapolis Presbyterial Society Records, 1923 Aug. 3-1972  
                  8 Fd.**

Fd. 1           District 2 minutes, 1941 Oct. 1-1962 Oct. 9  
                  1 v.

Fd. 2           District 2 minutes, 1963 Oct. 8-1968 Oct. 16  
                  1 v.

Fd. 3           District 3 and Women's Missionary Society minutes, 1933-1963 Sep. 7  
                  1 v.

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**Box 15 Cont.**

- Fd. 4 District 3 minutes, 1962 Oct. 11-1968 Oct. 20  
1 v.
- Fd. 5 By-laws and minutes, 1969-1972  
1 v.
- Fd. 6 Meeting programs, 1928-1943 Mar. 30  
24 items
- Fd. 7 Spring meeting programs, 1951 Apr. 11-1971 Apr. 28  
21 items
- Fd. 8 Fall meeting programs, 1956 Oct. 31-1970 Oct. 20  
15 items

**Box 16 Indianapolis Presbyterial Society Records, 1923 Aug. 3-1946  
7 Fd.**

- Fd. 1 Correspondence, reports, and news, 1923 Aug. 3-1938
- Fd. 2 Local church reports, 1927-1946
- Fd. 3 Local church reports, 1938-1946
- Fd. 4 Local church reports, 1939-1944
- Fd. 5 Society reports, 1932-1934
- Fd. 6 Society reports, 1932-1935
- Fd. 7 Society reports, 1936-1945