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1990.021 Baptist Indian Missions

Brochure, “Baptist Indian Missions In Oklahoma,” a short history of the work with American Indians in Oklahoma.

1982.089 Barde, Frederick S.

The Fred S. Barde Collection contains correspondence, research, and writings of Fred S. Barde. Purchased by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1917, the Barde Collection is a founding collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society. It has been arranged topically and placed in alphabetical order by subject. Included in the collection are folders relating to Baptist missions and missionaries.

1989.011 Bemo, Katie Edwards Mitchell

The Katie Edwards Bemo Mitchell Collection contains the handwritten diaries of Mrs. Bemo Mitchell from the time of her youth in 1865, through years teaching in the Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, and married and pioneer life of the late nineteenth century. Mrs. Bemo Mitchell was married to Alexander Douglas Bemo, a Muscogee (Creek) Seminole man who founded the first school of the Seminole Nation.

1985.104 Bryce, John Young

Correspondence between Bryce and R. L. Williams of the Oklahoma Historical Society includes research by Bryce concerning Methodism in Oklahoma, missionary correspondence, and business correspondence relating to his time as the secretary of the OHS.

1982.076 Butterfield, A. E.

1939 documents concerning the life and religious career of A. E. Butterfield, who was a missionary to the Comanche in Oklahoma.

1990.036 Catholic Indian Mission Work Collection

The collection contains a history of Catholic Mission work in North America.

1982.032 Chamberlin, A. N. (Amory Nelson)

The Amory Nelson Chamberlin Collection contains writings and manuscript materials in English and Cherokee languages. Also included are books used by Reverend William Chamberlin and his son, Amory Nelson. The collection contains research on the history of missions in the Cherokee Nation and the history of the Presbyterian Church in the Cherokee Nation.

1982.055 Chambers, Hobart Mrs.

Contains three pages of information on the career and family of Reverend Cyrus Kingsbury.

1966.043 Cherokee Hymn Book

Includes a Cherokee hymn book published in 1909 by The Dwight Mission Press in Marble City, Oklahoma, in the Cherokee language.

1985.069 Constant, Antoinette Snow

Handwritten papers of Antoinette Snow Constant, who, along with her husband David, were missionaries to the Seminole Indians for seven years (1873–81). Materials include brief histories of the Five Tribes and

the Wyandotte. Additionally, the collection includes the story of the Seminole witch trial; and also family data.

1982.005 Dwight Mission Church Records Collection

The Dwight Mission Church Records Collection contains the handwritten journal of Reverend Worcester Willey, who came to Dwight Mission in 1845. The volume begins with the organization of the first church on April 12, 1822, consisting of eight members: Alfred and Susan Finney, Cephas and Abigail Washburn, James and Minerva Orr, and Jacob and Nancy Hitchcock. The church records include names of persons joining the church, baptisms, marriages, and deaths among the congregation. In addition to Reverend Willey's journal are membership reports 1849–52, 1858, and 1860; United States Senate Reports #371 of February 20, 1871, and #486 of March 1, 1888; and a biography of Reverend Willey.

1981.132 Dwight Mission School Collection

The Dwight Mission School Collection contains records of students enrolled 1842–45. Also included are school regulations and essays written by students on the topics of politeness, hope, and faith.

1981.105 Federal Writers Project Collection

The Administrative Files contain correspondence between the program operator and the US Federal Government discussing regulations, personnel issues, pay, and working conditions of the writers. The narratives and biographies series includes typescript notes from interviews and biographical research on a number of individuals residing in Oklahoma. The topical files series contains research conducted for the *Oklahoma Guide*, part of The American Guide Series of books published nationwide by the Federal Writers Project. The collection includes materials on Black churches and missions as well as American Indian mission schools.

1983.229 Foreman, Grant

The Grant Foreman Collection contains correspondence, research, and writings of Grant Foreman on Oklahoma history and regarding the Oklahoma Historical Society. The collection includes brochures, diaries, documents, and extensive data on the Five Tribes, ledgers, maps, news articles, and scrapbooks. The collection contains folders on missions and missionaries from several tribes.

1990.019 Friends Mission Executive Report

Report of the Friends Missions in Oklahoma, with a map of the missions

2006.054 Goodland Indian Orphanage Collection

Contains the history of the Goodland Indian Orphanage and its students. Includes pamphlets and booklets on Indian missionaries and churches, and minutes of the Durant Presbytery.

2008.125 Heimann, Beth W.

The collection consists of the papers of Beth W. Heimann. The papers have genealogical value as births, marriages, and deaths are recorded, but no original documentation is present. The papers are primarily index cards with historical information about teachers, missionaries, and their families that worked with Indian tribes, primarily from 1820 to 1864. Heimann also collected historical quotes from Indian leaders about issues of the time, such as the Civil War, the value of education, and white men. Church and school information printouts of the American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Cherokee

Missionaries from 1820 to 1860 also are in the collection. The collection is in the original order arranged by Beth W. Heimann.

1990.018 Hillside Indian Mission

Contains historical information about Hillside Mission in Skiatook, a Quaker mission founded in 1884 by John Murdock.

Historic Oklahoma Collection

The Historic Oklahoma Collection contains ephemera, publications, and other items that are not part of other collections. The Historic Oklahoma Collection is essentially a vertical file of primary source documents and historic material. The folders are filed alphabetically by subject, proper name, or geographic area. The collection includes several folders regarding missions and missionaries from various faiths as well as information regarding missions and American Indian tribes.

1982.053 Holloway, Hope

The Hope Holloway collection contains materials on the Union Mission, Nez Perce reservation, and other missions and missionaries.

1984.065 Hudson, Peter J.

The collection includes Choctaw information, including genealogy, Choctaw language, and Choctaw families, along with publications and employee information for the Choctaw missions.

1990.015 Indian Missions

Collection contains an excerpt from a diary kept by Father Cassall in 1885 in Indian Territory.

1990.022 Indian Mission Journal Collection

Collection contains a 1904 Report of the Indian Mission Conference of the Methodist Church.

1967.006 Jamison, M. E., Mrs.

The collection includes two handwritten letters from Mrs. M. E. Jamison, recalling time spent at the Methodist Mission at the Creek Agency, dated January and February 1931.

1982.061 McBeth, Sue L.

This box contains personal journals and accounts of Sue McBeth and her travels as a missionary among the Choctaw who came to the Goodwater Mission at Boggy Depot. Also included are biographies of Reverend Cyrus Kingsbury and Reverend Alfred Wright.

1983.035 McIntire, Forrest

This collection contains a variety of materials. There are items and documents from WWII, such as correspondence, articles, and a US blood chit. As Executive Secretary to the governor, McIntire had many encounters with high-level members of state government. Materials include correspondence, awards ceremonies, appointment to many high-ranking state positions, with newspaper articles, magazine articles, photos, and awards. There is also much information on his brother, Carl McIntire, complete with letters, stories, articles, and personal accounts. Included is a biography of Mary Semple Hotchkin

detailing her life as a Presbyterian missionary in Indian Territory, information on the Goodland Indian Orphanage, and the family Bible.

1996.053 Methvin, J. J.

Collection contains a biography of J. J. Methvin, a missionary to the American Indians.

2005.005 Missions and Missionaries (Baptist) Collection

Contains various early booklets on Baptist missions and missionaries in Indian Territory.

1983.039 Moravian Missionaries

Biography of two Moravian missionaries in the Cherokee Nation.

1982.108 Murrow, Joseph S.

The Joseph S. Murrow Collection includes correspondence from Reverend Joseph S. Murrow on personal and Masonic matters, pages from Murrow's diary that includes an index and newspaper clippings. Short biographies written by contemporaries about Murrow are included. There are also speeches, essays and sermons by Murrow and other religious figures of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The collection includes many publications such as newsletters from *The Home Mission Monthly*, *The Indian Education*, and *The Indian Baptist*. It also includes pamphlets and booklets from various Baptist associations including the Choctaw-Chickasaw Baptist Association and the Baptist Indian Orphan School in Atoka. The collection includes documents from the Methodist Episcopal Church South and African Methodist Episcopal Church.

1990.017 National Indian Association

Contains the 1904 and 1907 "Reports of Indian Missions In the United States."

1966.006 National Indian Association Report of Missions

1908 Publication of The National Indian Association titled *The Report of Missions*. Includes data about the Greenville Mission of California, the New Klamath Mission in Oregon, and information about other tribes around the country.

2015.058 Oakerhater, David Pendleton

The collection contains the journals of David Pendleton Oakerhater.

1982.046 Peery, John Thompson

Peery was a Methodist minister and teacher at the Indian Manual Labor School, Shawnee Mission, Kansas Territory. The collection includes a typed copy of Peery's diary 1817–90 and minutes of the Indian Mission Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1844–77.

1997.061 Phelps, G. Lee

Information on G. Lee Phelps, a Baptist Missionary in Indian Territory, includes daily diaries, notes on sermons and articles, and other materials related to his religious activities.

1982.100 Ragland, Hobert D.

Includes documents, writings, and research material created by Methodist pastor and historian Hobert D.

Ragland include sixteen volumes of “Historic Sites of Oklahoma Counties” (organized by county), maps, plats, sketches, interviews, and more. Included in the collection are Ragland’s writings on missions.

1982.065 Requa, Susan Comstock

The Susan Comstock Requa Collection contains letters sent to and received by Mrs. William C. Requa during her time at Harmony, Hopefield, and Union Missions among the Native Americans in the Indian Territory.

1990.023 The American Friend Collection

The collection contains *The American Friend*, publication of the Quaker Church in Oklahoma.

1995.091 The Indian Magazine

Contains *The Indian: The Magazine of the Mission Indian Federation*, a periodical published by the Mission Indians of California.

1986.001 Thoburn, Joseph

The Joseph Thoburn collection contains correspondence, writings, and research of Joseph Thoburn on a variety of subjects. Included in the collection are folders on various missions and missionaries.

1984.006 Tombigee Presbytery

Printed record of missionaries in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and record of the Tombigbee Presbytery.

2018.153 Treat, Harry H.

The collection contains business and personal information regarding Reverend Harry Treat, missionary to the Kiowa and Apache tribes. Also included is information regarding his second wife, Katherine Ellis Treat, and his third wife, Nora Swenson Treat.

1990.100 Union Mission

Article in the *Arkansas Gazette* about the missionaries who left to found the Union Mission.

1982.043 Union Mission Journal Collection

This collection contains a journal by an individual who worked at the Union Mission.

2012.056 Wheelock Mission Letter Collection

Correspondence to Mrs. Mary J. Semple Hotchkin, Chiloquin, Oregon, 17 January 1926 from E. J. Gardner, Valliant, Oklahoma, re: Wheelock history

1993.095 Wright, Harriet Newell Mitchell

Booklet telling the life story of Harriet Newell Mitchell Wright, missionary to the Choctaw and wife of Reverend Allen Wright. Includes a black-and-white image of the Harriet and Allen Wright residence before it was destroyed by fire.

1983.018 Wright, Muriel

The Muriel H. Wright collection contains documents, correspondence, biographical data, programs, legal

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documents, personal papers and personal recognitions. The collection is broken into four main series: Oklahoma Historical Society, Organizations, Wright Papers, and Books and Magazines. Included in the collection are reports and publications relating to missions in Oklahoma.