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**Braddock Street United Methodist Church Records**  
**Collection Number: 925 THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1989. Last updated by Buffy Knappenger in October 2024.

**EXTENT:** 4.64 linear feet

**CREATOR:** Braddock Street United Methodist Church

**DATE:** 1778-1992

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

Some records in this collection have been microfilmed. These items are denoted by an [M] in the list below. Microfilm reels are kept in the reading room.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Braddock Street United Methodist Church Records contains include church registers (1778-1927); minutes and treasurers records (1879-1934), and other official records. There are items from the Woman's Missionary Society, Braddock Street United Methodist Church Sewing Society records, quarterly conferences (1883-1989), as well as monographs relating to the history of Methodism and Braddock Street United Methodist Church.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Braddock Street United Methodist Church formed from the Market Street Methodist Church following a dispute over reserved seating for students from the nearby Valley Female Institute. It was formally organized on July 24, 1858, under the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by Sunday School Superintendent William R. Denny. The first minister was Reverend George H. Ray, who arrived in November 1858. During the Civil War, the church was used as a hospital by both sides. The church building underwent a major renovation in 1898-99. Between World War I (1914-1918) and World War II, (1939-1945) the church acquired additional land and its membership continued to grow.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Quarles, Garland R., *Winchester, Virginia: Streets, Churches, Schools*, Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, Winchester, VA, 1996, pgs. 140-143.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Loan and gift of multiple donors.

## **CONTAINER LIST:**

### **BOX 1**

Church register, 1778-1887, containing a roll of the preachers who served Winchester and memorials, 109 pages, manuscript [M]

Church register, 1886-1891, 35 pages, manuscript [M]

### **BOX 2**

Tyler, Reverend George, membership book, 1886-1887, 34 pages, manuscript [M]

Church register, 1890-1900, 62 pages, manuscript [M]

Church register, 1900-1906, 40 pages, manuscript [M]

### **BOX 3**

Church register, 1906-1919, 76 pages, manuscript [M]

Church register, 1920-1927, 66 pages, manuscript [M]

### **BOX 4**

"First Christmas at Braddock Street," news clipping, 1858, 1 page, printed [M]

Record book, first Sunday School organized by the Methodists of Winchester, 1838-1857, 64 pages, manuscript [M]

### **BOX 5**

Records of the Woman's Missionary Society and Sewing Society Woman's Missionary Society - minutes, 1889-1897, 1 item, 37 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - minutes, 1898-1909, 1 item, 47 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - minutes, 1919, 1 item, 17 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - minutes, 1928-1934, 1 item, 104 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - treasurers records, 1879-1884, 1 item, 81 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - treasurers records, 1887-1899, 1 item, 71 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Missionary Society - treasurer's book, 1899-1904, 1 item, 24 pages, manuscript [M]

Sewing Society - minutes, 1913-1916, 1 item, 78 pages, manuscript [M]

Sewing Society - minutes, 1917-1919, 1 item, 20 pages, manuscript [M]

## **BOX 6**

Woman's Missionary Society - report and history, 1895, 3 pages, manuscript

Woman's Missionary Society - miscellaneous, 1891-1928, 25 leaves, manuscript; 4 items, printed

*Woman's Missionary Advocate*, 3 items, printed:

- October 1903
- February 1904
- March 1904

Woman's Missionary Society, Baltimore Conference, 25th anniversary, 1914-1939, 26th Annual Report, 1939, 1 item, printed

"Through the Years with the Woman's Missionary Society," by Emma V. Pepler and Jessie W. Dashiell, 1939, history of the Baltimore Conference, 1 item, printed

Woman's Missionary Society - minutes, 1930-1940, 1 item, 128 pages, manuscript [M]

Woman's Society of Christian Service - minutes, 1940-1947, with signatures of charter members, 1 item, 102 pages, manuscript [M]

## **BOX 7 - Church School Records**

Missionary Sunday School Society - record book, 1882-1902, 1 item, 54 pages, manuscript

Bible Board, Baltimore Conference, ME Church South - minutes, 1904-1921, 1 item, 45 pages, 3 leaves, manuscript

Bible Board, Baltimore Conference, ME Church South -minutes, March 23-24, 1922, 2 leaves, typescript

American Bible Society - correspondence and receipts, 1913-1922, 6 leaves, typescript; 11 leaves, manuscript on printed form

Comrade Class – directory, June 1957-June 1958, 2 pages, typed/mimeographed

Francis Asbury Educational Fund - records, 1942-1946, 94 leaves, typescript; 2 leaves, manuscript

Young Christians Sunday School class - roll book, 1924, 1 item, manuscript

Young Christians Sunday School class - officers, 1926, 1 page, manuscript

Young Christians Sunday School class, 1932-1936, 93 pages, manuscript; 2 pages, typescript; 1 printed bond with envelope

## **BOX 8**

*The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South*, 1894, 1 item, printed

*A History of Methodism*, by Holland N. McTyeire, 1884, Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, 1 item, printed

## **BOX 9**

Quarterly Conference, Winchester Station - record books for the following years: [M]

- 1883-1898
- 1898-1902
- 1902-1906
- 1906-1910
- May 1910 - March 6, 1911

## **BOX 10**

Quarterly Conference, Winchester Station - record books for the following years: [M]

- May 9, 1911 - March 15, 1915
- June 1915 - March 24, 1919
- July 7, 1919 - March 21, 1923
- June 20, 1923 - September 12, 1927
- March 4, 1927 - September 23, 1930

## **BOX 11**

Quarterly Conference, Winchester Station - record books for the following years: [M]

- June 17, 1930 - September 18, 1934
- December 12, 1934 - September 12, 1938
- 1939-1941
- January 29, 1941 - October 1, 1948
- October 1, 1948 - June 1954

## **BOX 12**

Board of Trustees, Winchester Station, 1893-1895, 1 item, manuscript [M]

Board of Stewards - record book, 1909-1917, 1 item, manuscript [M]

Treasurer's records, Braddock Street Methodist Church, 1946-1968, Shenandoah National Bank printed on cover, 1 item, manuscript

Official Board minutes, 1948-1949, 74 leaves, typescript/manuscript [M]

Official Board records, 1953-1955, 111 leaves, typescript/manuscript [M]

Official Board records, 1955-1957, 83 leaves, typescript [M]

### **BOX 13**

Board of Education - minutes, 5 items, typescript [M]:

- 1938-1944, 85 leaves
- 1944-1945, 17 leaves
- 1946-1950, 70 leaves
- 1950-1953, 65 leaves
- 1953-1956, 79 leaves

### **BOX 14**

Board of Stewards - minutes, 8 items:

- 1920-1925, 100 leaves, manuscript/typescript
- 1926-1927, 89 leaves, manuscript/typescript
- 1928-1930, 70 leaves, typescript
- 1931-1932, 53 leaves, typescript
- 1933-1934, 61 leaves, manuscript/typescript
- 1935-1936, 54 leaves, typescript
- 1937-1939, 49 leaves, typescript
- 1940-1944, 72 leaves, typescript

Directories (lists of members), printed:

- 1913, 3 items
- 1923, 3 items
- 1966-1967, 1 item
- 1973, 1 item
- 1978, 1 item
- 1981, 3 items
- 1989, 3 items

### **BOX 15**

News Articles – unnumbered leaves, printed (photocopy)

Bulletins – October 21, 1926; November 26, 1944, printed

Certificate of Church Membership – Linda Virginia Ebert, April 11, 1963, 1 booklet, 4 pages, printed and manuscript

"Church History Notes," by William G. Hardy, 112 leaves, typescript; 2 leaves manuscript; 13 leaves, carbon typescript

*History of Braddock Street ME Church*, by Charles D. Bulla, 1904, 1 item, printed

*Methodism in Winchester*, by John I. Sloat, 1926, 1 item, printed

"A History of the New Church Enterprise," 1926, 10 leaves typescript; 1 leaf, 1 page, printed; 2 leaves, printed (photocopy); 1 leaf, manuscript

"The First One Hundred Years of Braddock Street Methodist Church, 1858-1958," 2 items, 32 pages printed

"Brief Items of Braddock Street Church History," by Walter M. Shade, 1981, 2 items, 12 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

"A History of the Braddock Street United Methodist Church," by Garland R. Quarles, 1984, 1 item, printed

Civil War damages claim (National Archives Records), 180 leaves, photocopy

Correspondence, 1911-1955, 9 items, 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form; 1 leaf, typescript; 6 leaves manuscript with envelopes; 1 manuscript

Steele, Mary Louise - memorabilia, 1902-1986, 20 items, printed; 9 newspaper clippings

New education building, 1956, 1 brochure, printed; 26 leaves, typescript; 1 leaf, manuscript

*Restricted* - New education building, 1956, 1 leaf, blueprint

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 21**

New sanctuary, 1975, 1 brochure, printed; 16 leaves, typescript; 4 leaves, manuscript on printed form

Building Fund Campaign, 1992 (folder contains the following):

- "A Leap of Faith – A Mission Possible: A Building Fund Campaign" September, 1992, 4 pages, printed
- Notice to Adjoining Property Owners, by City of Winchester, September 3, 1992, 1 leaf, typescript
- Letter read to Planning Commission, September 15, 1992, 2 leaves, typescript

Poetry by Church members, 4 leaves, manuscript; 1 envelope

Sunday School - miscellaneous, 6 items, printed; 3 leaves, manuscript; 13 leaves, typescript

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

**[925-001]** Group photograph of members of the Braddock Street United Methodist Church Golden Rule Bible Club, outdoors in front of the old church Sunday school building. Several men with musical instruments, five women. No members identified, circa early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**[925-002]** Aerial photo showing neighborhood around Braddock St. Methodist church at 107-111 South Braddock Street, Winchester, VA, circa 1956.