

MS-32, Dayton Gospel Mission Records

Collection Number: MS-32

Title: Dayton Gospel Mission Records

Dates: 1922-1962 (bulk 1929-1945)

Creator: Dayton Gospel Mission (Ohio)

Summary/Abstract: Consists of records from the Dayton Gospel Mission while under the leadership of Frederick S. Hixon. Included are some of Hixon's sermons and poems, Sunday school records, attendance and financial records, a building ledger, service records, flyers, and photographs.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository: Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition: The records were donated to Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University by Treva E. Hixson, the wife of Mr. Frederick S. Hixson, on July 15, 1976.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms32.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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Arrangement: The records consist of 19 volumes and 11 photographs and are divided into four groups: I. Personal writings of Frederick S. Hixson. II. Gospel Mission Records. III. Sunday School Records. IV. Photographs.

Historical Note:

The Gospel Mission was started on April 20, 1912 by Edwin P. McInturf, who felt that the people living in the area of First and Meigs Streets in East Dayton needed ministry. There was a large church nearby but it was not attended by the people of the neighborhood.

Mr. McInturf was a member of the First united Brethren Church but started the mission as non-denominational. He and Mrs. McInturf bought a two story frame house at 728-30 East First Street which was on the corner of First and Meigs. The mission met on the first floor and the upstairs was rented out. Although their concern was primarily spiritual, there were times when a special offering would be taken for someone who needed money for food. When they were getting started Mr. McInturf frequently bought candy and used it to attract the choirs from all denominations participated in the mission services.

When Mr. McInturf died on August 19, 1929 Mr. McInturf asked Frederick S. Hixson to be the superintendent. Mr. Hixson had started attending the mission in 1922. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church on Valley Street, and for some time had been teaching at the Trinity Church in the morning and helping at the Mission Sunday School in the afternoon. Mr. Hixson continued to work at his full time job as a Dayton Post Office clerk while he ran the mission.

The neighborhood began a gradual change from a residential area to an industrial one, and finally the mission was closed in December 1945 when it too was sold for industrial use.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of sermons, Sunday school records, attendance and financial records, a building ledger, flyers, and photographs.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Hixson, Frederick S.

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – Religion

Subjects (General)

Gospel missions

Material Types

Financial records

Sermons

Photographs

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Sermons of Frederick S. Hixson 1 Vol. (handwritten) Frederick S. Hixson, <u>More Sense than Nonsense</u>	1934-1936 1962
	2	Gospel Mission Preaching, Attendance, and Offering Record (4 Vols.) – indicates number of people attending services, amount of collection, who preached and on what topic. The last column is the offering for the rent of the Mission rooms. After Mrs. McInturf's death it was given to the estate administered by their son.	1929-1932; 1934-1945
	3	Saturday Night Services – 1 Vol. – Orders of Worship	1929-1933
		Building Ledger – 1 Vol. – rent income and building expense	1943-1944
	4	Sunday School Record Book – 1 Vol.	1933-35
		Sunday School Address Book – 1 Vol.	undated
		Sunday School Lesson Outlines – 1 Vol.	1931
	5	Sunday School Lesson Books – 8 Vol. (printed textbooks)	1922-1929
	6	Photographs (includes photographs of Mrs. McInturf)	undated