



Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society Minute Book (SP0135)

Collection Number: SP0135

Collection Title: The Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society Minute Book contains the records of the Christian Endeavor Society of Dudenville, Missouri, from January 3, 1915, to March 10, 1918. The book includes an index of active members and church leaders, as well as the minutes of the society's weekly meetings.

Dates: 1915-1918

Creator: Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society (Dudenville, Mo.)

Abstract: The Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society Minute Book

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-springfield). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society Minute Book* (SP0135); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

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Historical Note:

Dudenville is an unincorporated rural community straddling the boundary line between Jasper and Dade County in Missouri. While it has been prominently associated with Dade County, the settlement's location at the crossroad made it an essential trading center for multiple areas, including Dade, Jasper, Barton, and Lawrence counties. The original name of the settlement was Sherrod's Place, as in the 1860s, when the village was first started, L.K. Sherrod opened and operated a general store. In 1876, John, Charles, and Elijah Chambers opened a large blacksmith shop, which changed the name of the settlement to Chambersburg, and later Chambersville. By the early 1880s, a German immigrant named J.F. Duden opened a second general store and was later approved to open a post office, changing the name to Dudenville.

The settlement gained a third general store in 1890 and later grew to accommodate multiple postmasters and resident physicians, two churches, a barbershop, an icehouse, a café, a drug store, and a movie theatre. The settlement also had an Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) lodge, a local chapter of the Anti-Horse Thief Association, a cemetery, and a one-room school called Unity, which closed in 1963 after the local school district joined with Golden City in 1960. The cemetery, named Dudenville Cemetery, was established on May 16, 1912, in Dade County. The last general store in Dudenville closed in 1969 and the Dudenville Methodist Episcopal Church concluded their weekly meetings in 2003.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, also known as the Christian Endeavor Society (CES) or Christian Endeavor (CE), was formed on February 2, 1881, in Portland, Maine by Reverend Francis E. Clark. The goal of the organization was to involve more young people in the congregation, in which they signed a pledge to be active participants for both Christ and the church. The Christian Endeavor was the first Christian youth fellowship and encouraged the modern Youth Ministry Movement for Protestant churches. It also remained interdenominational, accumulating over four million members and 67,000 societies by 1906. The organization is still active as of 2026, operating internationally through the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the minute book of the Dudenville Christian Endeavor Society of Dudenville, Jasper County, Missouri, from January 3, 1915, to March 10, 1918, and includes an index list of active members and leaders as well as the society's minutes. The minutes describe the entirety of the meetings, including who opened the meeting, who gave a sermon or lecture and on what topic, and the number of songs sung, references and papers read, questions discussed, prayers offered, and, occasionally, the motions voted on by the Society. The book also contains indexes on the society's leadership, including officers, such as the president and vice president, and committee members, such as the Devotional Chairman, Music Chairman, and Social Chairman. The collection has been maintained in its original order.

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