



Samuel Rodgers Dillman Papers (C0046)

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Collection Title: Samuel Rodgers Dillman Papers

Dates: 1890-1955

Creator: Dillman, Samuel Rodgers, 1874-

Abstract: Correspondence, bills, receipts, clippings, pamphlets, and church supply catalogues of a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dillman held pastorates in St. Louis, where he was engaged in settlement house work; Berwyn, Nebraska; and several towns in southwest Missouri. Papers are from the St. Louis and southwest periods of his ministry.

Collection Size: 3 cubic feet, 2 oversize volumes
(262 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Samuel Rodgers Dillman was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on May 5, 1874. He was ordained as an elder by the United Brethren Church at Oregon, Pennsylvania. He was licensed by the United Brethren at Trenton, Missouri, April 9, 1894, and admitted to the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on September 16, 1900.

Dillman attended high school in Illinois; Avalon College, Trenton, Missouri; Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville; and Washington University, St. Louis. He married Daisy Dean Drinkard.

Before 1911, Dillman held pastorates at Brookfield, Trenton, Brashear, Raymore, Hunnewell, and Monticello, Missouri. From 1911 to 1913, he was pastor of Kingdom House, a settlement house of the Methodist Church in St. Louis. From this position, he was transferred to Bellefontaine Methodist Church in the St. Louis suburbs.

During World War I, Dillman apparently left the ministry and resided around Saratoga, Wyoming. Sometime in 1920 he sought admittance to a Methodist Conference and was admitted to the Eastern Nebraska with a pastorate at Berwyn. While at Berwyn, he sought admittance to the Missouri Conference and was admitted to the Southwest Missouri Conference. He held pastorates in Montrose, Chilhowee, Appleton City, and Eldorado Springs among other places. He retired and lived in or near Trenton, Missouri, after 1945.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Correspondence
Miscellaneous
Books

The **Miscellaneous** series has been arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions can be found in the container list.

Container List:

Correspondence Series

f. 1-28 Family and business correspondence dealing with Methodist Church, Kingdom House, St. Louis, Bellfountain Church, Berwyn, Nebraska, Chilhowee, Montrose, and other Missouri churches.

Miscellaneous Series

f. 29 Transcripts and records of college work done at Washington University, St. Louis
f. 30 Account book containing records of salary and church membership from

- 1927-1929
- f. 31-44 Agricultural bulletins on bees, general information, poultry, beekeeping supplies, and general small agricultural supplies, and seed catalogues
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 - f. 50 Bank book from the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Montrose, Missouri, and savings book from the Missouri Savings Association Bank, Kansas City, Missouri
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 - f. 75-79 Bills and receipts, August 25, 1914-February 28, 1933
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 - f. 81-89 Materials dealing with church organization; pacifism; publications (including anti-Mormon matter); supplies in the form of book lists, equipment, and offering envelopes; and Sunday School supplies
 - f. 90-144 Clippings dealing with death, divorce, William J. Bryan, children, churches, Christian life, Christmas, clergy, S.R. Dillman, economics, education, evolution, fashion, foreign countries, gardening, health, history, house plans, humor, illustrations, literature, marriage, Memorial Day, Missouri, Missouri highways, Mother's Day, pictures, poetry, politics, prohibition, women's suffrage, Woodrow Wilson, and World War I
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 - f. 170-175 Maps: Kansas City, Missouri; Missouri; Nebraska; St. Louis, Missouri; Wyoming
 - f. 176-189 Methodist Church finances; church membership; St. Louis Conference Journal, 1914, 1918; Southwest Missouri Conference Journal, 1922-1923, 1935; Conference programs and clippings; district materials;

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