

Methodist History Resources

The titles listed below are some of the basic resources useful for your research in Methodist history. Methodism materials may be housed in the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library as well as in the Divinity School Library.

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Div. Sch. BMRC BX7990.H6 H55 2001

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General Resources

Print:

Annual Conference Journals

(The most current journal for each conference in the United States is located in the BMRC with older journals from other United Methodist conferences and their antecedents are found in the stacks. See a reference librarian if you have difficulty locating a particular conference journal.)

The Book of Discipline (and its antecedents)

Methodist Episcopal Church. 1828-1936 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8241 .D3555

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. 1846-1938 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8241 .M4845

Methodist Church. 1939-1964 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .M48465

United Methodist Church. 1968 - to date Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5582

Evangelical United Brethren Church. 1942-1967 Div. Sch. BX7556.A2 E9365

Methodist Protestant Church. 1831-1936 Div. Sch. BX8403 .M484

The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church. 1968 - to date.

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5583

Decisions of the Judicial Council

http://archives.umc.org/interior_judicial.asp?mid=263

- Also found in the *General Minutes*. Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5584

Journal of the General Conference

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. 1846-1938 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8241 .G4646

Methodist Episcopal Church. 1796-1936 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .G4645

Methodist Church. 1940-1964 Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .G464

United Methodist Church. 1968 - to date Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .G4648

Evangelical United Brethren Church. 1946 Div. Sch. BX7556.A1 E944

Methodist Protestant Church. 1834-1936 Div. Sch. BX8403 .G464

Minutes of the Annual Conferences (continued as General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church). 1773 - to date.

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .M4842

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8241 .M4847 (for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1845-1940)

Rogal, Samuel. *Guide to the Hymns and Tunes of American Methodism*. Greenwood Press, 1986.

Div. Sch. Ref. ML102.H95 R6 1986

United Methodist Hymnal

Div. Sch. M2127 .U555 1989 / Located in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

Wesleyan Methodist Church. Conference Minutes. 1744-1866, 1870-1875.

Div. Sch. BX8351 .A12

Online:

The General Commission on Archives and History for The United Methodist Church

<http://www.gcuh.org>

- Includes full text resources, annual conference archive contacts, and brief explanations of topics in United Methodist history.

John Rylands University Library of Manchester, Methodist Archives and Research Centre

<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/specialcollections/collections/methodist/>

- Includes an online text library, web exhibits, and several online research guides in addition to information about the Archive's print resources.

The Methodist Church of Great Britain

<http://www.methodist.org.uk>

- The official website of The Methodist Church of Great Britain.

United Methodist Information

<http://www.umc.org/>

- The official website of The United Methodist Church

Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene College

<http://wesley.nnu.edu/>

- A collection of online resources related to the holiness tradition and Wesleyan theology

Works of John and Charles Wesley

Print:

The Journal of the Rev. Charles Wesley. 2 vols. Methodist Reprint Society, 1977.
Div. Sch. BX8495.W4 A34 1977.

The Letters of the Rev. John Wesley. Edited by John Telford. 8 vols. The Epworth Press, 1931.
Div. Sch. BX8495.W5 A33 1931 / copies in stacks and BMRC

Poetical Works of John and Charles Wesley. Edited by George Osborn. 13 vols. Wesleyan-
Methodist Conference Office, 1868-1872.
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The Unpublished Poetry of Charles Wesley. Edited by S.T. Kimbrough, Jr. and Oliver A.
Beckerlegge. 3 vols. Kingswood Books, 1988-1992.
Div. Sch. PR3763.W4 A6 1988 / copies in stacks and BMRC

The Works of John Wesley. Begun as "The Oxford Edition of the Works of John Wesley"
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Div. Sch. BX8217 .W5 1975 / copies in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

The Works of John Wesley (on compact disc; includes the full Jackson edition and the
Bicentennial edition vols. 1-4, 7, 18-24)
Check out cd from Circulation Desk; insert into one of the computers across from the Circulation
Desk. Click on the "Circulating CDs" icon; click on the title.

The Works of the Rev. John Wesley. Edited by Thomas Jackson. 14 vols. Wesleyan Methodist
Book Room, 1829-1831.
Div. Sch. BX8217 .W54/ Copies in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

Online:

CCEL Wesley Full-text

<http://www.ccel.org/index/author-W.html>

- Includes public domain editions of *Collection of Hymns, for the Use of the People Called Methodists*; *Journal of John Wesley*; *Plain Account of Christian Perfection*; *Sermons on Several Occasions*; and *Wesley's Notes on the Bible*

Charles Wesley's Hymns via Cyberhymnal

http://www.cyberhymnal.org/bio/w/e/s/wesley_c.htm

- While Charles Wesley's page includes the most material, subsequent pages list some hymns written by other members of the Wesley family, including Charles Wesley, Jr., John Wesley, Samuel Wesley, Jr., Samuel Wesley, and Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

The Wesleys and Their Times

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umhistory/wesley/>

- A collection of primary and secondary materials pertaining to John, Charles, and Susanna Wesley.

Full Text Databases

African American newspapers: the 19th century

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00787>

- Provides the full text of articles from the following newspapers: Freedom's Journal, The Colored American, The North Star, The National Era, Provincial Freeman, Frederick Douglass Papers, and The Christian Recorder.

Digital library of classic Protestant texts

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00667>

- Includes primary texts, facsimiles, and selected English translations 1500-1700

Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00681>

- A definitive resource for research on 17th and 18th century American history and life including such varied topics as agriculture, foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, science, philosophy, the Revolutionary War, temperance, and witchcraft.

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK01055>

- EEBO reproduces over 125,000 books, pamphlets and broadsides published in English between 1475 and 1700.

Eighteenth century collections online

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00959>

- The complete works of many 18th century authors, women writers of the 18th century and French Revolution collections are included.

Eighteenth Century Journals II

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK02000>

- Journals from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center collection of 17th and 18th century newspapers and periodicals.

Literature Online (LION)

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00376>

- A fully-searchable library of over 250,000 full text works of English and American literature dating from 600 CE.

North American women's letters and diaries

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00791>

- Includes records from more than 1500 women from colonial times to 1950

Women and social movements in the United States, 1600-2000

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK01698>

- Primary source document collections from colonial times to the present. Items are arranged by social movement, as well as by authors, sources, etc.

Periodical Indexes

ATLA Religion Database.

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00820>

- The database includes indexing of Methodist periodicals beginning with 1818.

Methodist Periodical Index v.1-15, 1961-75; incorporating United Methodist Periodical Index.
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Methodist Reviews Index, 1818-1985. comp. by Elmer J. O'Brien. 2 vols. General Board of
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Nineteenth Century Masterfile

<http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00613>

- Provides indexing to nineteenth century periodicals, books, newspapers, and government documents. Includes Index to periodical articles in religion, 1890-1899.

Wesley Historical Society Proceedings: General Index to vols. 1-30 and Publications 1-4, 1897-
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Div. Sch. BX8201 .W4754

Christian Advocate

(see Batsel, *Union List of United Methodist Serials* [BMRC BX8331.2 .B354 1974] for proper titles and then search online catalog for call numbers)

Methodist History. 1962 - to date
Div. Sch. BX8235 .M44

Methodist Quarterly Review. 1847-1930 and *Methodist Review*. 1818-1931
Located in BMRC (see sheet in the BMRC for title changes and call numbers)

Quarterly Review. 1980 - 2005
Div. Sch. BX8235 .Q378

Religion in Life. 1932-1980
Div. Sch. BR1 .R28

United Brethren Review [and *Quarterly Review of the United Brethren in Christ*] 1890-1908.
Div. Sch. BX9875.A1 U558

Wesley Historical Society. Proceedings. 1897 - to date
Div. Sch. BX8203.W51 A3

Microfiche/Microfilm

The People Called Methodists: A Documentary History of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and Ireland on Microfiche. IDC Publishers, 1998.

Print Guide: Div. Sch. BMRC BV2550.A27 P467 1998

Microfiche: Div. Sch. M1

- Includes primary sources from 1738-1932. Examples: letters, diaries, pamphlets, periodicals, monographs.

Missionary Files. Scholarly Resources, 1999.

Microfilm: Div. Sch. M2 – M3 – M4 – M5 – M6 – M7

- Covers the time period of 1846-1949 and includes materials (files, correspondence, etc.) from the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South related to missions in Africa and China.

Miscellaneous Serials

Arminian magazine (Philadelphia, Pa.). 1789-1790

Perkins Microfilm N455

Christian Advocate (Central) 1941-1968

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S13

Christian Advocate (Southwestern) 1873-1940

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S13

Christian Index 1938-1946

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S11

Daily Christian Advocate 1848-1938

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S8 and S9

Methodist Quarterly Review 1847-1930

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S17

Woman's Missionary Friend 1869-1940

Microfilm: Div. Sch. S12

Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Special Collections Library

Along with the substantial holdings in American Methodism, the collection of Wesleyana and British Methodism material comprises one of the most comprehensive Wesleyana collections in the world. See <http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/pathfinders/religious/> for more information.

Citation Style Guide

A citation guide with a link to Dr. Heitzenrater's "Citing Wesley Style Sheet" can be found on the Divinity School Library web site at: <http://library.duke.edu/divinity/help/citation.html>