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.

Bibliographies


**Dictionaries and Encyclopedias**

Div. Sch. BX8211 .E5 1974 / Copies in stacks, Ready Reference shelves and BMRC

Div. Sch. BX8382.2.A4 K57 1996 / Copies in stacks and BMRC

Div. Sch. BMRC BX7990.H6 H55 2001

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8491 .R64 1997

Div. Sch. quarto BX8211 .S5 1878 / Other editions also located in stacks and reference.

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8211 .D52 2000

Div. Sch. BMRC BX 8211 .H57 2005

**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. 1939-1946  Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .M48465  
United Methodist Church. 1968 - to date  Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5582  
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 .G46

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)

  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.gcah.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:

Div. Sch. BX8495.W5 A33 1931 / copies in stacks and BMRC

Div. Sch. PR4763.W5 A17 1868

Div. Sch. PR3763.W4 A6 1988 / copies in stacks and BMRC

Div. Sch. BX8217 .W5 1975 / copies in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

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.

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

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.

Div. Sch. Ref. BX8201 .M4847

Div. Sch. BMRC q BX8201 .M484 1989

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.

Div. Sch. BX8203 .W475 1960 / Located in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

**Serials**

*Arminian Magazine* (London, Eng.). 1778-1797  
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

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

Div. Sch. BX9875.A1 U558

*Wesley Historical Society. Proceedings*. 1897 - to date  
Div. Sch. BX8203.W51 A3
Microfiche/Microfilm

Microfiche: Div. Sch. M1
  • Includes primary sources from 1738-1932. Examples: letters, diaries, pamphlets, periodicals, monographs.

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