

Salem UMC Archives
Finding Aid for the
*Verda Leonard Collection of
Salem United Methodist Church
Material*

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Salem United Methodist Church Archives, 1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63131. Phone: (314) 991-0546. Email: eterryhistory@gmail.com Website: salemstlouis.com

Creator: Verda Leonard

Title: Verda Leonard Collection of Salem United Methodist Church Material

Dates: 1849-2008

Quantity: 1.3 linear feet

Language: English and German

Biographical Sketch

Verda Kautz was born May 28, 1924. She married Clark Leonard on June 9, 1946. Together they had three children. Reverend Clark Leonard served Salem for 27 years. He passed away in 2008. Verda Leonard passed away on July 25, 2009 in Salem, Missouri.

Scope and Content Notes

These miscellaneous materials (photos, paper documents, and booklets) were collected by Mrs. Verda Leonard. The materials are related to Salem UMC, though indirectly in some cases.

Administrative Information**Source of Collection**

This material was given to Archives by Robert S. Appel

Accruals**Processing Information**

Compiled by Elizabeth Terry, 2009-2012

Restrictions**Access Restrictions**

There is no restricted material in this collection.

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Varied Material

Box 1

Folder 1

Newspaper clippings regarding Salem's 110th Anniversary, and Ludwig Jacoby

Eden M.E. Church concert program and Diamond Jubilee program, 1898

Photo, Mrs. Jacoby

Miscellaneous religious postcards, most from The Art Institute of Chicago

Biographical sketch of Rev. Franz Piehler, pastor of Salem

Folder 2

Manual of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Saint Louis and Suburbs, 1906 (Directory of the Officers of the churches, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, and all of the Various Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church). Includes advertisers and their information, directory-style.

Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, pg. 70: information includes photo of church and pastor, location, hours of service, meeting days / times, choir members, Board of Trustees members, Board of Stewards members, all committee members, Sunday School teachers, and a membership roll.

Folder 3

110th and 115th celebration material

Folder 4

Various letters, some regarding family histories

"The Eternal Flame" newsletter from Valhalla Cemetery. Article gives details about moving Salem's members' bodies to Hiram Cemetery, as well as Jacoby's memorial.

Includes Jacoby's gravestone memorial.

Family tree information for the family of Franz Heinrich

Various letters regarding family histories from Eden and Salem.

Folder 5

Various letters regarding family histories

Information / correspondence regarding the preservation of documents involving moving Salem's members' bodies to Hiram Cemetery.

Map of St. Louis German Conference, 1918

Photo of M.E. church in New Haven. It was moved there in 1895 from Berger Bottom where it was built in 1860s. Named Anna Bell Chapel. Rev. Wm Schreck preached there.

Photo of home of Ernest Heinrich (Henry) Meyer. First Quarterly Conference of the German Methodist Church was held there in 1842, near Herman, Mo.

Photo of the grave markers of Ernest Heinrich and Christine Meyer, who hosted the First Quarterly Conference of the German Methodist Church in their home in 1842.

Photo of grave marker of Wm. Schreck near Berger, Mo. He was first German missionary sent by Ludwig Jacoby into the territory.

Memoirs of Henry F. Kleinschmidt, 1914.

Letters

Funeral programs and obituary for Clark Leonard

Item 2

Oversized material

1946 campaign posters of Clark Leonard, Republican Candidate for the Nomination for Congress, 8th Missouri District.