



**Finding Aid to the
Carlton R. Young Collection of
1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission Records
*The Archives at Bridwell Library***

Overview

- Creator:*** Young, Carlton R.
- Title:*** Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records
- Inclusive Dates:*** 1897-2010
- Bulk Dates:*** 1928-1937
- Extent:*** 4 boxes (5 linear feet)
- Abstract:*** The 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission was created to revise the 1905 hymnal used by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records document the commission's process of selecting, researching, and organizing hymns to include in the hymnal. Materials include correspondence, tunes, hymns, minutes, programs, and photographs.
- Collection Number:*** BridArch 303.43
- Language:*** Material is in English.
- Repository:*** Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

Organizational Note

In 1928 the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appointed a commission to revise the hymnal and psalter which had been in use since 1905. The commission included thirty-six members from the Methodist Episcopal Church: bishops William F. Anderson, Edwin

Holt Hughes, Frederick D. Leete, H. Lester Smith, and Titus Lowe; ministers Henry Hitt Crane, Joseph M. M. Gray, Earl E. Harper, John W. Langdale, and Oscar Thomas Olson; and laymen Karl P. Harrington, James R. Houghton, Howard Wilder Lyman, Robert G. McCutchan, and Albert Riemenschneider.

In 1930, the commission united with groups from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church to form the Joint Commission on the Revision of the Hymnal and the Psalter.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South appointed the following: bishops Warren A. Candler, John M. Moore, Urban V. W. Darlington, Sam R. Hay, and A. Frank Smith; ministers Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., Ivan Lee Holt, D. N. Hotchkiss, Fitzgerald S. Parker, and Wilbur Fisk Tillett; laymen Walter Kirkland Greene, J. Abner Sage, Guy E. Snaveley, Henry N. Snyder, and Charles C. Washburn.

The Methodist Protestant Church appointed ministers John C. Broomfield (President), Hugh Latimer Elderdice, Harlan Luther Feeman, Charles Edward Forlines, J. W. Hawley, and Eugene C. Makosky.

Robert Guy McCutchan was elected editor of the Joint Commission, and John W. Langdale was elected editor of the Editorial Committee. Thousands of hymns were examined, some from previous editions and some that were new. The tunes of twenty-six hymns which had been questioned were replaced by new tunes or adaptations under McCutchan's leadership. Care was taken to continue to associate words and music that had grown familiar by long continued use.

Attention was given to the selection and arrangement of the most helpful responsive readings which were published for trial use in 1932. Thus, there is a 1932 date in the hymnal copyright notice. The Joint Commission constantly held in mind the perpetuation of the Wesley tradition, the varied desires of the church, the different ages of church members, the continued value of evangelism, and the emphasis upon applying the Gospel to everyday life.

The revised hymnal contained 210 new hymns, 206 new tunes, and 163 hymns from other hymnals. Two hundred hymns were removed. Hymns by Charles Wesley were reduced from 121 to 54 and those of John Wesley from 50 to 17. However, Wesley hymns continued to be the foundation of the hymnal. In 1939, the hymnal became the authorized hymnal of The Methodist Church, formed that year from the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1780; The Methodist Protestant Church, 1828; and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1844.

Carlton R. Young, the creator and donor of the collection, served as the editor of the 1966 Methodist Church and 1989 United Methodist Church hymnal revisions. Young directed graduate studies in church music at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University from 1964 to 1975.

Sources:

“Carlton R. Young,” Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (BridArch 303.43).

“Joint Hymnal Collection” article, Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (BridArch 303.43).

“Religion: Hymns for 8,000,000.” *Time.com*. October, 14, 1935.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records chronicle the seven year process the commission went through revising the *Methodist Hymnal*. The materials, produced and collected by Robert G. McCutchan and John W. Langdale, indicate the difficult process of compiling a hymnal that would suit a geographically scattered and theologically diverse faith community. The collection contains five linear feet of correspondence, tunes, hymns, minutes, pamphlets, programs, and photographs produced between 1897 and 2010.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection has been arranged into seven series:

- Series 1: Research on Hymn Sources, 1897-1945
- Series 2: Hymnal Revision 1935, 1924-1945
- Series 3: Tunes, 1910-1955
- Series 4: Committee Records, 1930-1937
- Series 5: Photographs, 1925-1935
- Series 6: 2010 Additions, 2004-2010
- Series 7: Oversize, 1921-1937

In processing, photographs and oversize materials were removed from their original folders and made into separate series. Otherwise, the collection remains in original order. The first four series were named after the box labels that Carlton R. Young created.

The first three series retain their original folder designations. Series four was less organized than the first three series. Most items were not in folders, and the few folders present often lacked useful labels.

Restrictions***Access to Collection:***

The collection is open for research use.

Publication Rights:

Permission to publish materials must be obtained from the Director of the Bridwell Library.

Copyright Statement:

It is the responsibility of the user to obtain copyright authorization.

Access Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms in the Southern Methodist University Libraries' online catalog. Researchers desiring related materials may search the catalog using these terms:

Methodist Church -- Hymns.

Hymns, English.

Administrative Information***Preferred Citation:***

[Identification of item], Carlton R. Young Collection of 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission records, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

Acquisition Information:

Gift of Carlton R. Young, 1964.

Custodial History:

The contents of the collection were produced by Robert Guy McCutchan, hymnal editor, and John W. Langdale, Book Editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, during their service on the 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* Commission. The records were from four related but separately maintained and organized repositories which Carlton R. Young obtained and combined to create this collection. Dr. Young deposited the records at Bridwell Library in 1964 and officially donated them in 2010.

Processing Information

This collection was arranged and described in 2010 by Allison Osborn.

Encoded by Lara Corazalla, 2011.

Related Collections

Carlton R. Young papers, Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (BridArch 105.20).

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Research on Hymn Sources, 1897-1945

The first series, Research on Hymn Sources, consists of twenty-four folders of Robert G. McCutchan's research for his book, *Our Hymnody: A Manual of the Methodist Hymnal*. Hymn authors, tune writers, and origins of the hymn and tunes considered for the book are included. A majority of the correspondence concerns biographical information for the men and women contributing their work to the hymnal. Newspaper articles and sheet music are also included.

<i>Box</i>	<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>	<i>Dates</i>
565	01	Handbook 1A	1933-1945
	02	Handbook 1B	1935-1937
	03	Handbook 2	1937
	04	Hymn Tunes Notes-A	1934-1936
	05	Hymn Tunes Notes-B	1928-1936
	06	Hymn Tunes Notes-C	1879-1936
	07	Hymn Tunes Notes-D	1913-1936
	08	Hymn Tunes Notes-E	1936
	09	Hymn Tunes Notes-F	1928-1936
	10	Hymn Tunes Notes-G	1910-1936
	11	Hymn Tunes Notes-H	1935-1936
	12	Hymn Tunes Notes-I, J	1935-1937
	13	Hymn Tunes Notes-K	1936
	14	Hymn Tunes Notes-L	1928-1936
	15	Hymn Tunes Notes-M	1916-1937
	16	Hymn Tunes Notes-N	1935-1936
	17	Hymn Tunes Notes-O	1936
	18	Hymn Tunes Notes-P, Q	1935-1936
	19	Hymn Tunes Notes-R	1931-1936
	20	Hymn Tunes Notes-S	1928-1936
	21	Hymn Tunes Notes-T	1925-1942
	22	Hymn Tunes Notes-U, V	1936
	23	Hymn Tunes Notes-W	1934-1936
	24	Hymn Tunes Notes-X, Y, Z	1936

Series 2: Hymnal Revision 1935, 1924-1945

The second series, Hymnal Revision 1935, reflects the work and decision-making that went into revising the *Methodist Hymnal*. The correspondence between McCutchan and John William Langdale particularly represents the process involved in producing the book. In addition to correspondence, the sixty-six folders contain sheet music, newspaper and magazine articles, notes, programs, and pamphlets.

<i>Box</i>	<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>	<i>Dates</i>
565	25	Hymnal-A	1930-1934
	26	Bishop William F. Anderson	1928-1932
	27	Doctor William K. Anderson	1931-1936
	28	Rev. James Anderson	1937
	29	Hymnal-B	1928-1937
	30	John C. Broomfield	1934-1936
	31	Hymnal-C	1930-1937
	32	Bishop Warren A. Candler	1932-1934
	33	Hymnal-D	1931-1935
	34	Hymnal-E	1931-1936
	35	Hymnal-F	1930-1935
	36	Hymnal-G	1930-1936
	37	Doctor Joseph M. M. Gray	1931-1934
	38	Hymnal-H	1930-1936
	39	Doctor Nolan B. Harmon, Jr.	1931-1933
	40	President Earl E. Harper	1931-1935
	41	Professor Karl P. Harrington	1931-1935
	42	Doctor J. W. Hawley	1931-1935
	43	Doctor Ivan Lee Holt	1932-1934
	44	Professor James R. Houghton	1931-1933
566	01	Bishop Edwin H. Hughes	1931-1933
	02	Hymnal-I	1932-1935
	03	Hymnal-J	1931-1934
	04	Hymnal-K	1929-1936
	05	Hymnal-L	1931-1935
	06	Doctor John W. Langdale	1933-1934
	07	Doctor John W. Langdale	1932-1933
	08	Doctor John W. Langdale	1934-1937
	09	Doctor John W. Langdale	1932-1935
	10	Doctor John W. Langdale	1929-1934
	11	Doctor John W. Langdale	1934
	12	Doctor John W. Langdale	1934
	13	Doctor Calvin W. Laufer	1931-1935
	14	Hymnal-M	1930-1935
	15	Doctor O. Grant Markham	1931-1934
	16	Doctor E. C. Makosky	1931-1935
	17	Hymnal-Mc	1932-1936
	18	Bishop John M. Moore	1931-1935
	19	Hymnal-N	1924-1935
	20	Hymnal-O	1931-1933
	21	Doctor Oscar Thomas Olson	1933-1935
	22	Doctor Oscar Thomas Olson	1931-1933

<i>Box</i>	<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>	<i>Dates</i>	
566	23	Hymnal-P	1931-1935	
	24	Doctor Fitzgerald S. Parker	1933-1935	
	25	Doctor Fitzgerald S. Parker	1931-1933	
	26	Doctor Carl F. Price	1931-1935	
	27	Hymnal-Q	1932	
	28	Hymnal-R	1931-1937	
	29	Doctor Albert Riemenschneider	1931-1935	
	30	Hymnal-S	1930-1935	
	31	Hymnal-T	1930-1935	
	32	Dean W. F. Tillett	1931-1935	
	33	Charles A. Tindley	1937	
	34	Doctor Thomas Tiplady	1931-1935	
	35	Doctor Thomas Tiplady	1932	
	36	Hymnal-U	1932	
	37	Hymnal-V	1931-1932	
	38	Hymnal-W	1930-1935	
	39	Mr. B. A. Whitmore	1934-1937	
	40	Professor Charles C. Washburn	1931-1934	
	41	Hymnal-X, Y, Z	1932-1935	
	42	Permission & Copyright	1933-1935	
	43	Preface	1934-1935	
	44	A. P. Gilson/Production	1934-1935	
	567	01	Promotion	1933-1943
		02	Ritual-Post 1939	1928-1942
03		General Articles-Methodist Episcopal	1925-1945	

Series 3: Tunes, 1910-1955

The third series is comprised of six folders containing tunes submitted to the *Hymnal* Commission.

567	04	Unsolicited Tunes & Music	1932
	05	Text & Tunes	1910-1934
	06	Text & Tunes	1930-1933
	07	Music Submissions to RGM	1937-1955
	08	Misc. Tunes	1922-1932
	09	Misc. Tunes	1912-1935

Series 4: Committee Records, 1930-1937

Series 4, Committee Records, contains sixteen folders of correspondence, minutes, voting forms, hymns, and booklets from several of the commission's committees. These materials

reflect the arduous process the commission went through in selecting which hymns to include in the hymnal.

<i>Box</i>	<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>	<i>Dates</i>
567	10	Hymns	1931-1932
	11	Hymns	1931-1937
	12	Booklets	1932-1934
	13	Voting	1932-1934
	14	Minutes	1933-1934
	15	Hymn Lists	1932-1934
	16	Readings & Worship	1932-1934
	17	Intros, Responses, etc.	1923-1933
	18	Editorial Committee	1932-1933
	19	Committee on New Tunes	1930-1932
	20	Joint Committee on Hymn Selection	1933-1934
	21	Chicago 1934	1934
	22	Classification	1933-1934
	23	Chautauqua	1932-1933
	24	Editorial/Classification	1934
	25	Hymns Recommended for Omission	1932
Series 5:		Photographs, 1925-1935	
567	26	1935 Hymnal Commission	1935
	27	Portraits & Tunes	[1925-1935]

Series 6: 2010 Additions, 2004-2010

The sixth series includes biographical information, correspondence, and collection descriptions supplied by Carlton R. Young in 2010.

567	28	2010 Additions	2004-2010
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Series 7: Oversize, 1921-1937

Series seven contains oversize tunes, articles, hymns, and correspondence that were removed from their original folders.

1978	01	Oversize materials	1921-1937
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