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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

William Irvin Hughes (1871-1949), American Minister, was born in Cocke County, Tennessee on April 28, 1871. In 1883 he moved to Cullowhee, North Carolina and attended high school, there. Hughes became licensed to preach by quarterly conference in 1894. He also received certification for deaconship in 1899 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He joined the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church in 1909. On September 6, 1910 Hughes married Anna Dowdle. He is known to be the last of the circuit riders. As a circuit rider he conducted most of his ministry in Western North Carolina's mountains. In 1929, Hughes retired and moved to Rutherford College. During retirement, Hughes taught Men's bible class at Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church. He also prompted his people to rebuild his home church. He died on January 2, 1949. He was buried in Hickory, Catawba, North Carolina.

Scope and Content Note

Folder content consists heavily of hand-written notes, most likely for sermons in his travels as a circuit rider. Notes also regard dedication for Hughes' home church. Content also includes photographs of Hughes as well as a letter signifying his license for preaching. Certifications for deacon, preaching and church membership as well as copies of church minutes from the Western North Carolina conference for the Methodist Episcopal Church South, are also included.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner.

Related Material

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Use Access

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Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, William Irvin Hughes Papers, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

Subject Terms

Clergy
Ministry

Geographic Terms

North Carolina.

Genre Terms

Legal documents
Minutes
Photographs.
Sermons

Subject Names - Corporate Bodies

Methodist Church
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Occupation Terms

Minister

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1600-2-7:1	Western North Carolina Minutes	1922
1600-2-7:2	Western North Carolina Minutes	1927
1600-2-7:3	Photographs	1908-1911
1600-2-7:4	Addresses and Teaching Outlines	1946
1600-2-7:5	Sermons and Supporting Information	1908-1947
1600-2-7:6	Ministerial Credentials	1894-1910
1600-2-7:7	Legal Documents - April 1	1938