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HORATIO NELSON OGDEN (1843-1934) COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

This collection was stored in a sealed expandable “pocket wallet” from 15 June 1934 until 15 June 1984 when it was unsealed and the contents removed by TCHA curatorial staff members.

On the outside of the sealed packet was the following: “Dr. Horatio N. Ogden, June 15th 1934. Not to be opened for Fifty Years. To the Battleground Collegiate Society.” The packet was placed in TCHA collections 15 June 1934.

A listing of the items in order of their removal from the packet is available (see Processing File for collection).

The TCHA Accession number assigned to the packet: 3163.

Horatio Nelson Ogden was born in Battle Ground, Indiana, 20 August 1843. His parents were Mary (Barnes) and Daniel Ross Ogden. HNO attended the Tippecanoe Battle Ground Institute for at least a portion of his schooling (1858 to 1860 documented in collection). In 1864, at the age of twenty, he enlisted in the 135th Indiana Infantry, Company E, for 100 days service, during which he kept a daily account of his experiences. Prior to his enlistment, he was a miller, as stated on his discharge paper.

The collection contains grade reports from The Battle Ground Collegiate Institute, 1868, 1869, and also exhibition programs from 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1865.

According to the obituary for HNO published by the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1934, Horatio N. Ogden “offered himself to the North West Indiana Conference in its session at Lafayette, Indiana, in 1869.” The collection contains a license to exhort granted to HNO by the Methodist Episcopal Church, Battle Ground, Indiana, circuit in 1867. He was ordained a Deacon (1871) and Elder (1873) of the M.E. Church, North West Indiana Conference. He served a number of area churches; in 1891 he was appointed Presiding Elder for the South Bend District.

Ogden received honorary degrees from DePauw University and Upper Iowa University. He continued active service with the Methodist Episcopal Church in various capacities until his retirement in 1912. He and his wife, Julia (Hull), resided in Indianapolis at the time of his death, 18 June 1934.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 2-1/2” Document box
Flat file folder

CONTAINER LIST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. GENESEO CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

BOX 1

FOLDER 1

Note giving history of Geneseo Class, formed Fall 1837 by Hon. H. Bruce. Lists names of early members of "The circuit including Big Creek, Monticello, Monon, Rensselaer, Salem, Armstrong, Wesley Chapel, and many others." 2 pp.

Certificate of admission. Horatio N. Ogden, Geneseo Sunday School, Delphi District, 9 May 1854. [age 10]

CIVIL WAR SERVICE 10 MAY 1864 TO 21 SEPTEMBER 1864

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER 2

Civil War diary. Written inside cover: "Horatio Ogden, Co. E, 135th Ind. Vol."

Printed song lyrics. "Home We Come to Love and Thee" and "From the Crimson Fields They're Coming," both by W. W. Montgomery, Civil War soldier. (Songs inserted in pocket of diary.)

Discharge paper. Horatio N. Ogden, musician of Company E, 135th Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers, enrolled to serve 100 days, 10 May 1864 to 21 September 1864.

FOLDER 3

Receipt for pension declaration. Horatio N. Ogden, Indianapolis, Ind. 11 May 1912.

Printed notice from Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, directing that as of 1 July 1916 pensioners will no longer be required to exhibit pension certificate when signing pension check at bank.

FLAT FILE STORAGE

Certificate of commission. Horatio N. Ogden as Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief of the GAR. 15 May 1922.

Certificate of commission. H. A. Ogden as Aide-de-Camp of the Grand Army of the Republic. 9 September 1925.

TIPPECANOE BATTLE GROUND INSTITUTE/BATTLE GROUND COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER 4

Grade reports. Tippecanoe Battle Ground Institute for H. Ogden (2): Second term, 1858-59; Second term, 1860. Battle Ground Collegiate Institute for H. N. Ogden (3): First term, 1868; Winter term, 1869; Spring term, 1869.

Programs. Tippecanoe Battle Ground Institute for First Exhibition, 26 March 1858; Union exhibition of the Philomathean and Platonean Literary Societies, 22 December 1858; First exhibition of the Harrison Philomathean Society, 8 July [1858?].

Programs. Battle Ground Institute for the first exhibition of the Platonean Literary Society, 3 April 1860; Annual Spring exhibition of the Philomathean Literary Society, 28 March 1861 (2 copies); Union exhibition of the Platonean and Sigouean Literary Societies, 29 March 1861; Annual Spring exhibition of the Philomathean Literary Society, 28 March 1862 (2 copies); Prize declamations, a contest between the Philomathean and Eldorado Literary Societies, 27 June 1862; Annual Spring exhibition of the El Dorado Literary Society, 3 April 1863; Annual Spring exhibition of the El Dorado Literary Society, 23 March 1865.

Directories [listing former students]. Battle Ground Collegiate Institute, 12 August 1916 (2 copies); 10 August 1918, with minutes from reunion, August 1917.

Booklet. "Some reminders...1915," compiled by O. D. Kirk, 1915. Reprints of Battle Ground Institute exhibition programs, 1861...1875.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. MINISTERIAL

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER 5

License to exhort. Horatio N. Ogden to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Battle Ground Circuit, West Lafayette District, Northwestern Indiana Conference, 30 June 1867.

License renewal. Horatio N. Ogden as Exhorter by order of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Battle Ground Circuit of N.W. Indiana Conference, 20 July 1867.

Local preacher's license. H. N. Ogden as local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, 15 August 1868.

License renewal. H. N. Ogden to preach in M.E. Church, Battle Ground District, N.W. Ind. Conference, 25 June 1870.

Parchment order. Horatio N. Ogden to be Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North West Indiana Conference, 10 September 1871.

Official request. By members of the M.E. Church, Oxford, Ind. to J. W. T. McMullan to use his influence with the Bishop to have "our charge turned into a station and . . . return to us H. N. Ogden for our Pastor," \$600.00 is pledged for his support, 28 August 1872.

Parchment order. Horatio N. Ogden to be Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North West Indiana Conference, 14 September 1873.

Certificate of membership. Preachers' Aid Society of the North West Indiana Conference, 6 July 1876.

Official request. By "undersigned" to H. N. Ogden to deliver sermon on "some Sunday evening in the future. . . For the benefit of those who were not present" [when sermon was previously delivered]. n.d.

Letter. A. B. Yohn, Sec. of DePauw University to Rev. Horatio N. Ogden, A.M., 26 June 1890, re degree of Master of Arts conferred on Ogden by Trustees of DePauw University.

Letter. C. R. Carpenter, Sec. of the Board, Upper Iowa University to H. N. Ogden, Cincinnati, Ohio, 16 June 1905, re degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on Ogden by Trustees of Upper Iowa University.

License renewal. Bro. D. R. Ogden to exhort in the M.E. Church, by orders of Battle Ground Quarterly Conference, 8 August 1871.

FLAT FILE STORAGE

Parchment degree. Doctor of Divinity degree from Upper Iowa University, Lafayette, Iowa. [Text in Latin.]

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. EPWORTH LEAGUE, ATTICA, INDIANA

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER 6

Pamphlet. Epworth League, Attica, Indiana. Lists weekly Bible readings, officers of Simpson Chapter, No. 2429, n.d. [Ogden listed as President.] (2 copies)

Newsclippings (3). Re fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ogden, Battle Ground [parents of HNO]. Re contributors toward purchase of gold band china tea set,

presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ogden. Re presentation of gift of easy chair to H. N. Ogden, Oxford, Indiana, 4 March 1872.

Gift card. Addressed to Rev. H. N. Ogden, 16 October 1891 with list of names. [In pencil: "Gold headed cane."]

Ribbon. Epworth League, second anniversary, 1889-91, 17 May, Simpson Chapter, Attica, Indiana.

Enrollment card. Cottage Lyceum, n.d. [Blank.]

Acknowledge of sympathy cards (2). bishop David Hastings Moore family to [Ogden?], n.d.; Bishop Vincent and family to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ogden, n.d.

[The above items were from an envelope in the packet labeled "Epworth League Organization, Attica."]

PERSONAL

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER 7

Certificate of examination. Office of the School Examiner of Tippecanoe County certifying Horatio Ogden to teach in Tippecanoe County schools, 25 November 1865. [Signed by C. P. Jennings, Examiner.]

Tax receipts (2). H. N. Ogden, Tippecanoe County, 30 December 1865; 23 March 1867.

Masonic Dimits (2). Horatio N. Ogden, Master Mason, granted dismissal from membership in Williamsport Lodge, 12 March 1884; Horatio N. Ogden granted dismissal from membership in Kentland Chapter, 26 September 1892.

FOLDER 8

Leather notebook. "Family History, 20 January 1920" [Ogden Family]. Lists names, birth dates, marriage dates, deaths, P.O. addresses.

PEOPLE

Ogden, Horatio Nelson
Barnes, Mary
Ogden, Daniel Ross
Hull, Julia
Jennings, C. P.

CLASSIFICATION

Religion, Methodist
Wars/Civil War
Education/Battleground Collegiate Institute

SUBJECTS

Education
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SEARCH TERMS

Church, Methodist Episcopal
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Geneseo Class
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