

Register of the

**Bordoville [Enosburgh],  
Vermont Church Records**

Collection 175

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Andrews University  
Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104-1400  
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# **Bordoville [Enosburgh], Vermont Church Records Collection 175**

## Scope and Content

This collection consists of 12 linear inches (one linear foot) of records contained in two large archive boxes and one small box.

The official church record books date from the founding of the church in 1861 to 1950. The books contain a list of members--when added, and when taken "off the books." They also contain the minutes of church board meetings.

Another book is the Society Record book. This book contains the minutes of all meetings of the society, which apparently held ownership of the land in the early days of the church. This record exists for the years 1865 to 1949.

The Richford, Vermont church record book for the years 1916 to 1952 are included. Richford was disbanded in 1952, and many of the members apparently joined the Bordoville Church.

Systematic Benevolence was the equivalent of the current SDA practice of tithing. A record of who committed a certain amount of S.B. and when they paid it is recorded in one book. There is also a cash account book.

The Tract and Missionary (T and M) Society was responsible for literature distribution. Members would distribute literature and attempt to secure subscriptions to denominational publications. Two books record the financial aspects of these endeavors. One book records the minutes and other records of the T and M Society.

Each church viewed their local area as a mission field to be evangelized for Christ. Four Church Missionary Secretary record books record the extent and results of that effort.

The Sabbath school was a vital part of the church. It met typically before the worship service on Sabbath. Twenty Sabbath School Record and Register books record the minutes of the weekly meetings, and provide attendance and financial statistics.

## Provenance

This collection was donated to the Adventist Heritage Center by the Bordoville, Vermont, Seventh-day Adventist Church, Chester Arthur Road, RR 2, Box 1975, Enosburg Falls, Vermont 05450. The church is still functioning.

Andrews University history professor, Brian Strayer, was invited to speak at the church in the spring of 1991. At that time church members showed him the church records stored in a cupboard near the wood burning stove. Dr. Strayer suggested these records ought to be preserved in a safer location, and suggested the AHC. The

head elder, John Robertson, arranged for the transfer of the records.

The Bordoville, Vermont church apparently was known as the Enosburgh (Enosburg), Vermont church in its early years. When the name change occurred is uncertain.

Included in this collection is a record book from the Richford, Vermont Church for the years 1916 to 1952. In 1952 this church voted to disband with a number of its members joining the Bordoville Church. After disbanding, the last church record book for this church was apparently kept at the Bordoville Church.

### Use

All users of this collection will be required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulations specified in the “Patron Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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## **Bordoville [Enosburgh], Vermont Church Records Collection 175**

### **Inventory**

#### Box 1

Church record books

1861-1881

1881-1932

1933-1950

Record book of the Enosburgh, VT [Bordoville SDA Church] Society Records,  
1865-1949

Church record book of the Richford, VT church, 1916-1952

1 S.B. [Systematic Benevolence] record book, 1878-1880 (also includes the  
cash account, 1878-1902)

Tract and Missionary Society account books, 1878-1887

#### Box 2

Track and Missionary Society record book, 1899-1911 (also includes:

Young People's accounts, 1915;

Librarian Work accounts, 1914; and

Home Missionary Money accounts, 1918-1919, 1923, 1925]

Church Missionary Secretary's record books, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946

Sabbath School Record and Register

1884

1888

1889

1891

1893

1895

1896

1898

1899

1900

1901

#### Box 3

1902

1904

1905

1906

1907

1924

1925

1926

1930

1943

1948

Sabbath School class record

1904-1906

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