

Inventory of the

**Sterling-Rock Falls  
Ministerial Association**  
Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 130**

## INTRODUCTION

Reverend David Beebe, President, donated the Sterling-Rock Falls Ministerial Association Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on March 2, 1981.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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 Number of containers: 1  
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Sterling Rock Falls Ministerial Association Records primarily comprise meeting minutes (1948-1978) detailing the organization's concerns, financial situation, and projects. Organized to promote cooperation among Christian ministers from the greater Sterling-Rock Falls area, the records detail the group's projects designed to educate citizens on local churches and their programs. Membership lists and lists of Chaplains working at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home and the Sterling Community Hospital complete the collection.

Researchers studying religious history in northern Illinois should consult the church record collections held by the Regional History Center; see the Center guide index for a listing. Church histories also are available in the reference room and several minute books from local churches can be found in the Vertical File Manuscripts Collection.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ministers in charge of a congregation in the greater Sterling-Rock Falls area and executives of the YMCA and YWCA organized the Sterling Rock Falls Ministerial Association in the late 1940's as the Council of Churches. The group's mission was to develop greater fellowship among Christian ministers, to study the common concerns and tasks of Christian ministers, and to inspire and further the cooperative work of churches. Several projects completed by the Association included doing a religious survey of the community, publishing a directory of all churches to be distributed by the local Welcome Wagon, cooperating with the Y.M.C.A. in Sunday Evening Club services, actively working for anti-liquor ordinances, and each year cooperating in a study project of varying topics. The Association continues to insure local church cooperation today.

## SUBJECT TRACINGS

Ministers Association  
 Religion, Associations  
 Rock Falls  
 Sterling  
 Sterling-Rock Falls Ministerial Association

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Constitution and By-Laws, 1967, 1975
	2-7	Minutes, 1948-1978
	8	Membership Lists, (1955-1975)
	9	Colonial Acres and Community Hospital Chaplains, 1971, n.d.