

Inventory of the

George H. Wilson
DeKalb, Illinois

Papers

In the
Regional History Center

RC 206

INTRODUCTION

Christine Engstrom, great granddaughter of George H. Wilson, donated his papers to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on October 14, 1991. An addendum was added at a later date.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The George H. Wilson Papers contain sermons written by Reverend Wilson dating from 1881 to 1919. The collection also contains many undated sermons. Several pocket record books of Reverend Wilson's dating from 1912 through 1920, two letters to Reverend Wilson, miscellaneous printed materials, and notes are also included in the collection. George H. Wilson was pastor of the First Congregational Church of DeKalb from 1900 to 1909. For further information regarding the church's activities the researcher should refer to the church's collection, RC 17.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

George Haywood Wilson was pastor of the First Congregational Church of DeKalb (RC 17) from 1900 to 1909. While in this position he conducted a pre-nuptial program for engaged couples and was active in the Anti-Saloon League. While involved in the League he organized anti-liquor license committees throughout the county. Before coming to DeKalb, Rev. Wilson held the pastorates at the Congregational Church in Biddeford, Maine, for five years; Congregational Church at Ossowo, Michigan, for five years; the Hinsdale Union Church, Illinois, for nine years; and at Paxton, Illinois, for five years. He served on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Home Missionary Society, sponsored by the Congregational denomination, for a number of years. After leaving DeKalb, Reverend Wilson continued his ministry in Compton, California.

Reverend Wilson was born in Massachusetts on August 20, 1852. He married Harriet Elizabeth Knight, also of Massachusetts, in 1878. They had six children; Albert, Wendall, George, Sarah, Carrie, and Harriet. Albert and Carrie died in childhood. His daughter, Harriet Wilson Davy of DeKalb wrote Oxen to Jets, a history of DeKalb County (RC 3) for the U.S. Bicentennial. After leaving his ministry in California, Reverend Wilson moved to Evanston, Illinois, and later back to DeKalb. He died in DeKalb on June 11, 1924.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

First Congregational Church, DeKalb
 Religion
 Wilson, George H.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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ADDENDUM

	6	Diary, 1919
	7	The Congregational Church-Building by Rev. G.H. Wilson, May 20, 1896
	8	Bulletin, January 31, 1932
	9	Woman's Missionary Society Program, 1932
	1 volume	<u>Divine Healing Under the Lens</u> , by A. Berean
	1 volume	<u>The Fact of Christ: A Series of Lectures</u> , by P. Carnegie Simpson
6	1 2-9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	List of Sermons Sermons, (1888-1901) Sermon-Robert Browning Sermon-Bunyan Sermon-Fred Douglas Sermon-Napoleon Sermon-Jno. G. Paton Sermon-Socrates Jno. Wesley Sermons, n.d. Notes on Pilgrim Mothers, n.d. Notes on Wilberforce Notes from Sermons, n.d