

MINING THE PAST FOR TODAY'S MISSION



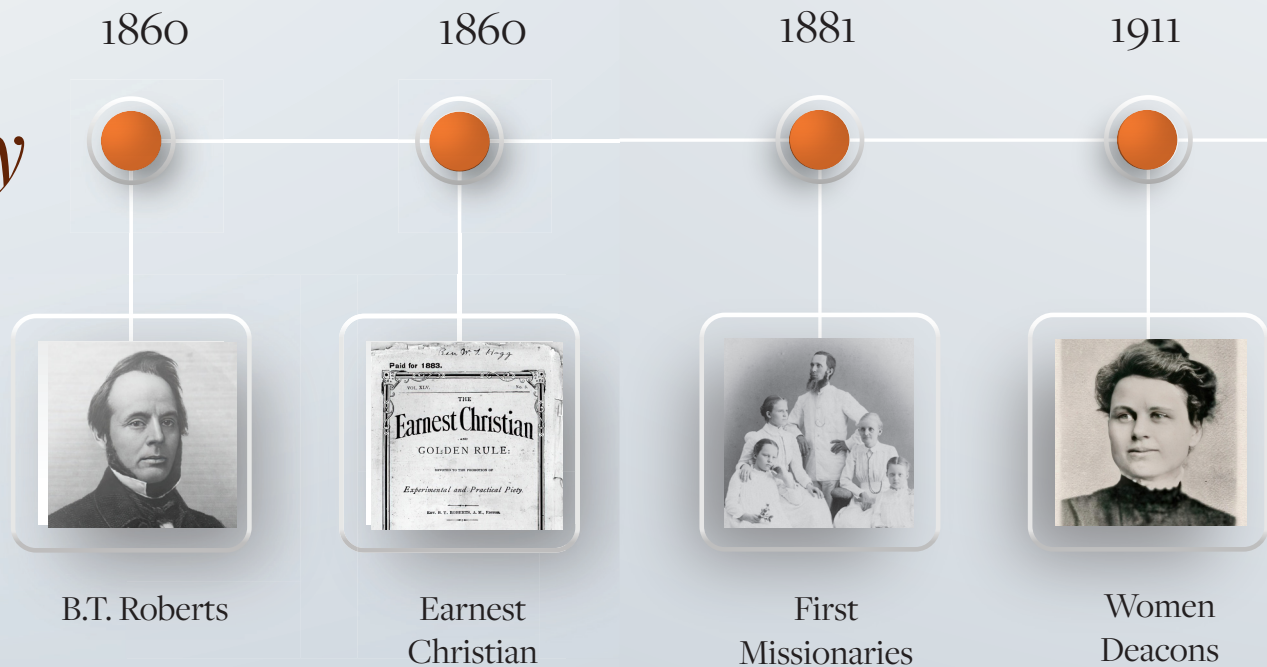
St. Charles, IL circa 1878

Working to preserve Free Methodist heritage and transmit it faithfully to each new generation in order to assist the Free Methodist Church in fulfilling its mission.



MARSTON
MEMORIAL
**HISTORICAL
CENTER &**
FREE METHODIST ARCHIVE

Our Legacy



“My search led me to visit several historical archives including the **Marston Memorial Historical Center** where I expected to find information about my topic in the periodicals, reports, and letters contained in the archive, but I was delighted to discover that the **center’s resources included much more breadth and depth than I had anticipated.**”

-Researcher Laura Chevalier



Rev. Estelle Martin, National Prayer Summit 2018

How the MMHC ministers to the Free Methodist Church – USA and the global FMC:

- **Care** for and uphold the integrity of the increasingly growing collection in the FM Archive of 160+ years.
- **Collect** anything written by FMs in the Hugh A. White Library. This also houses Methodist history including Wesleyanna material.
- **Offer** tours of the MMHC - including the Zahniser Chapel and museum space.
- **Provide** online research material.
- **Virtual assistance** - visit the website fmcusa.org/historical to view and download FM resources.
- **Assist researchers** with access to original sources.

1944



Light & Life
Hour Radio
Broadcast

1965



ICCM schools
in Hong Kong

2007



Set Free
Movement

2019



First female
bishop-Linda
Adams

How can you help?

- Support these efforts through outright gifts.
- Leave a legacy gift through your will or trust.

This can be done by one or more steps:

1. **Send a gift** to the address on the back of this brochure.
2. **Become an annual supporting partner** by completing, returning the enclosed form by mail or by going online to give.fmcusa.org/givemarston.
3. **Contact FM Financial for estate planning assistance** (see contact information on back.)



WHAT IS THE MARSTON MEMORIAL HISTORICAL CENTER (MMHC)?

A service to more than one million Free Methodists worldwide and the wider Church. Located in the FM World Ministries Center in Indianapolis.

HOLDINGS SUMMARY:

- **Official denominational records** – organizational, legal, personal.
- **Select research library** of over 10,000 books, including hundreds by FM authors.
- **Over 100 annual conference and organizational boxes** of statistical and other records; archives of conferences or churches which have closed or merged.
- **Original letters and photographs** in the thousands.
- **1,100 linear feet** of FM Publishing House productions over time.
- **Personal journals of key leaders** including William Kendall and Levi Wood (first generation FMs), missionaries such as Grace Allen, and bishops such as C.V. Fairbairn; early Pentecost Bands members.
- **Thousands of original sound recordings** of sermons, events, and Light & Life Hour broadcasts.
- **Artifacts from early missionary frontiers** giving an archaeological map of the FMC (from elaborate Zulu belts to delicate porcelains and items of clothing).
- **Doctoral dissertations and theses** by and about Free Methodists and on such issues as women's ordination, mission history, social ministries, education, and debates about sanctification.
- **Growing digital and microform collections** of key source documents such as *The Earnest Christian* magazine.



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