William L. Troyer Diaries

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Title: William L. Troyer Diaries
Dates: 1924-1955
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Creator/Collector: Troyer, William L.
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Abstract: A resident of Pasadena, California, William L. Troyer (1863 – 1955) was an itinerant preacher for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a Los Angeles prison chaplain, Bible class teacher, and a handyman for members of his congregation and neighbors. He kept a daily diary for over 30 years, from 1924 to 1955. The diaries are full of comments on churches, preachers, missions, camps and movements of his era. Mentioned preachers include representatives of the Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan Methodist, and Nazarene churches such as John Church, H. M. Coughenour, Ada Beard, Bud Robinson, Lettie Cowman, H.J. Olsen and Paul W. Thomas.
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Biography/Administrative History
William L. Troyer (1863 – 1955) was an itinerant preacher for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a Los Angeles prison chaplain, Bible class teacher, and a handyman for members of his congregation and neighbors. In 1924, he took a cross-country automobile journey with a “Brother Blemquist” of Fresno, California, escorting two missionary ladies to Nebraska. Starting from the mission in Sawtelle, passing through Salt Lake City, where they attended a Mormon temple service, on through Wyoming, Nebraska and Michigan to Jamestown, New York, their return journey took them through Montana, Washington and Oregon. Along the way, they visited with many church leaders, attended services, tent meetings and prayer meetings.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains 27 volumes of William L. Troyer’s journals from 1924-1955. Daily entry logs include comments on churches, preachers, missions, camps and movements of his era, as well as his own daily round of prayer meetings, street evangelism, repair work, gardening, church preparation, Sunday School lessons and visitation. Mentioned preachers include representatives of the Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan Methodist, and Nazarene churches such as John Church, H. M. Coughenour, Ada Beard, Bud Robinson, Lettie Cowman, H.J. Olsen and Paul W. Thomas.
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