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Summary information

Repository:	United Church of Canada Living Skies Archives
Title:	G.G. Heffelfinger fonds
ID:	PR6
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

G.G. Heffelfinger was a Presbyterian and later United Church minister, whose Saskatchewan pastorates included Buchanan, Grenfell, Vanscoy, Melfort, Sixth Avenue United Church (Regina), and Watrous. Born in Nebraska, Heffelfinger and his family moved to Drinkwater, Saskatchewan, in 1907. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1916. During the First World War, he served as a stretcher-bearer with the Canadian Medical Corps (12th Field Ambulance) overseas, and was awarded the Military Medal. After the war, Heffelfinger pursued theological training, at New College (Edinburgh) and St. Andrew's College (Saskatoon), and was ordained by the Presbyterian Church, in 1921. He married Jean Watkins, in 1922.

Heffelfinger served as minister in Buchanan, Saskatchewan, 1921–1924, and Fort William, Ontario, 1924–1929. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from United College (Winnipeg). Returning to Saskatchewan, he served in Grenfell, 1929–1933, Vanscoy, 1933–1934, Melfort, 1934–1936, and Oxbow, 1937–1942. After receiving a Bachelor of Education degree, he became Saskatchewan director for the Canadian Legion Educational Services.

After the Second World War, Heffelfinger served as minister at Sixth Avenue (later called St. John's) United Church, in Regina, 1946–1956, then at Atwood and Springfield (London Conference), in Ontario, until he retired, in 1962. Returning to Saskatchewan, he came out of retirement to serve as minister to Watrous, where he remained from 1962–1964.

Custodial history

Records in the fonds were likely transferred to the archives between 1925 and 1986. Their original provenance is unclear.

From 1925 through to 1982, the official repository for Conference, Presbytery and local records of the United Church in Saskatchewan was at St. Andrew's College (Saskatoon). In 1982, the Conference signed an agreement to house their records with the Saskatchewan Archives Board (later Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan), while still retaining ownership and management responsibilities. The collections were gradually relocated and continue to be stored with the Provincial Archives, to the present day.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Rev. Heffelfinger's sermon "Sympathy", written for March 1st, 1924, with biblical citations for scripture readings and first lines of praise selections (hymns).

Notes

Title notes

- **Variations in title:** Previously identified as G.G. Heffelfinger papers (A676.XVII.F).

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Finding aids

GS-168 includes original file and series listings, in section A676.XVII.F.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Heffelfinger, Galen Gordon
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Hymns (documentary form)
- Sermons (documentary form)
- Religion (subject)
- United Church (subject)
- Saskatchewan (place)
- Saskatchewan (place)