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**SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ORAL HISTORIES, 1998–1999**

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

“Picking Up the Common Thread: The Ethnic and Religious Heritage of Southwestern Indiana’s United Church of Christ Congregations” was the recipient of an Indiana Heritage Research Grant (#98-3050). The abstract reads:

“This oral history project explores the recent history of the United Church of Christ (UCC) in southwestern Indiana. While members of the United Church of Christ are commonly identified as Congregationalists, the UCC really came into existence through a merger of four German-American and Anglo-American religious bodies that were part of the Reformed tradition. In southwestern Indiana almost all UCC congregations originally were affiliated with the German Evangelical Synod of North America, a denomination that was strongly committed to pietism and the German Union Church tradition, the union of Lutheran and Reformed confessions that existed in many German states. Heiko Muehr, an oral historian affiliated with the Oral History Research Center, interviewed ten community residents in Warrick and DuBois counties. All ten interviews have been transcribed and are available to researchers at Indiana University’s Oral History Research Center.”

The original transcripts and recordings are housed in the Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice by the Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a final project report and transcripts from ten oral histories conducted by Heiko Muehr with church members from Warrick and DuBois County.

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