

# **Carroll County, Names Listed in Women's Missionary Society Minutes, 1923–1926**

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The Women's Missionary Society was a women's religious organization that met on a monthly basis, except in August. The record book of minutes, which is available at the Indiana Historical Society, ranges from 1923 to 1933. Meetings often followed a general routine, frequently including a luncheon. They opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by a time of devotions led by one of the members. After a prayer, members read and discussed reports, including the previous meeting's minutes and any ongoing projects. In many sessions a member or guest also gave presentations on specific topics, ranging from travel, missionary work in other countries, different human groups, and nearby conferences and meetings. The society's secretary recorded the minutes during the meeting in a bound notebook. In a few cases, undated newspaper clips were pasted into the notebook in lieu of handwritten reports. Typical attendance was six to fifty women.<sup>1</sup>

Below are yearly lists of names that appear within the minutes from 1923 to 1926. Discussion topics from meetings are also listed at the end of each year. Names are only mentioned once per year, however any possible iterations (e.g., alternative spellings, identification by first name or husband's name) are also included. Names are in order as they first appear in the ledger. Note that a few of the names are those of guests and not members of the society.

## **Notes**

1. First Presbyterian Church Records (Delphi, Ind.), 1916–1933, SC 2549, folder 2, Indiana Historical Society.

### **Names Inscribed in Meeting Minutes for the Year 1923**

Mrs. Baum	Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Schaffer	Mrs. Kerlin of Rockfield
Mrs. Dooley	Flora Snoddy
Mrs. B. B. Mayhill	Mrs. H. G. Rice
Mrs. Greta Robinson	Mrs. Coulter
Mrs. Allen	Mrs. H[a/u]rley
Mrs. Sterling	Mrs. John Smith
Maud Elizabeth Smith	Miss Mable J(a/o)kes
Mrs. Swatts	Mrs. E. W. Bowen
Mrs. Ballard	Mrs. Matthew Storling
Mrs. C. Gross/Gros	Mrs. Ed Baum
Mrs. Gardner	

### **Meeting Presentation Topics for the Year 1923**

- The Lepers
- The Meeting at Crawfordsville
- The Menace of Mohammedism [*sic*]
- The Tribe of God in Africa
- Alaska
- The Woman's Synodical Meeting in Indianapolis
- Syria

### **Names Inscribed in Meeting Minutes for the Year 1924**

Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. C. Gross
Mrs. Dooley	Mrs. Gerrard
Mrs. Schnep	Mrs. C. Best
Mrs. Quick	Misses Snoddy
Mrs. Rea Martin	Mrs. Leatherman
Maud E. Smith	Mrs. Abe Burkholder
Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Gouche[---]our
Mrs. Schaffer	Rep. [---] R. [N/W]ood
Mrs. Ed Baum	[Sen./Seu.] Samuel Watson

James Watson  
Miss McCurty  
Mrs. J. H. Allen  
Mrs. F. Robinson  
J. H. Allen  
[Mrs. W. N. Bowers?]  
Mrs. Robinson  
Miss Minnie Robertson  
Mrs. Bessie Robinson  
Mrs. Geo. Hall  
Mrs. Chas. Gros  
Mrs. Chas. Best  
Miss Cox's uncle  
Mrs. Gardner  
Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. N. [U/W] Bowen

Mrs. Sterling  
Mrs. Downey  
Miss Jakes  
Mrs. Ernest Ewers  
Mrs. [Boman?]  
Mrs. Hepburn  
Mrs. Will Smith  
Mrs. Luther McCain  
Mrs. Florence Cox  
Mrs. Hall  
Mrs. John Smith  
Mrs. [Breckbril?]  
Mrs. Murphey  
Mrs. Garfield Shaffer and Mother  
Mrs. Edwin Baum

#### **Meeting Presentation Topics for the Year 1924**

- The Feast of Dedication
- Iron Ranges
- Little Folks of the Orient
- Foreigners in America
- Mexico
- Booker T. Washington
- The Philippines
- Alaska
- Dr. S. Hall Young
- County Missionary Meeting
- England
- Japanese

#### **Names Inscribed in Meeting Minutes for the Year 1925**

Mrs. John Carney  
Mrs. Dickerson  
Mrs. Gros  
Mrs. Robinson  
Mrs. Breik[f/b]iel  
Mrs. Nat Bowen  
Mrs. Gerard  
Mrs. Gardner

Mrs. Aickeus of Siam	Mrs. A. C. Clauser
Mrs. Barley	Mrs. H. Brewer
Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Echart
Mrs. Baum	Mrs. Fauber
Mrs. Schnepp	Mr. Amick
Mrs. Shaffer	Mr. Fauber
Mrs. C J Amick	Mrs. Swatts
J. H. Allen	Mrs. Downey
Mrs. G. A. Shaffer	Mrs. F. A. Robinson
Mrs. E. Baum	Rev. [LaCount/Count?]
Mrs. Ena J. Dooley	Miss Fauler
Chas. Gros	Mrs. Schne[k/p][k/p]
Mrs. Will Smith	Mrs. Hall
Mrs. Sterling	Mrs. Dickerson
Mrs. Ballard	Mrs. McClure
Mrs. Dickson	Mrs. LaCount
Mrs. Crowl	Miss Harris
Mrs. A[---]	Miss S[n/uo]ddy
Mrs. Todd	Miss Fanber
Mrs. Julius	Miss Beckbiel
Mrs. Chas. [Schwepp?]	Miss Love
Mrs. E. N. Bower	Mrs. Edwin Baum
Mrs. J. N. Kerlin of Rockfield	Mrs. John Smith

### **Meeting Presentation Topics for the Year 1925**

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| • Japan                 | • Philippines |
| • Foreigners in America | • China       |
| • Africa                | • Siam        |
| • Latin America         |               |

## Names Inscribed in Meeting Minutes for the Year 1926

Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Lorenz Hildebran
Mrs. Camey	Mrs. Abe Burkholder
Mrs. Bessie Robinson	Mrs. Henry Martin
Mrs. Mayhill	Mrs. Dora Thompson
Mrs. Amick	Miss Haughly
Mr. Greest	Mrs. McFarland
Mrs. Ann Reed	Mrs. Bradshaw
Mrs. Edwin Baum	Mrs. Barley
Mrs. G. A. Shaffer	Miss Lee, Chinese student from Purdue
Mrs. Gros	Mrs. Myron Ines
Mrs. Cro[---]nel	Mrs. Feathers
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Clauser
Mrs. Griffith	Mr[s?]. Presley
Mrs. Albert [G/C]lauser	Mrs. B. B. Mayhill
Mrs. Best	Mrs. Pearl Allen
Mrs. Chas. Best	Mrs. Retta Gardner
Mrs. Ballard	Mrs. Eva Dooley
Mrs. Dooley	Mrs. John Smith
Mrs. Gardner	Mrs. Hepburn
Mrs. McCain	Mrs. Crowl
Mrs. Sterling	Mrs. Julius
Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Todd
Mrs. Shaffer	Mrs. Smith
Mrs. LaCount	Miss Camp
*also spelled LeCount	Miss Amick
Lulu Fauber	Minnie Baum
Mrs. Mary Smith	Mrs. Matthew Sterling
Mrs. Will S. Smith	Mrs. John Todd
Mrs. Barnard	Miss Adelle Camp
Nettie Gill	Mary Belle Adams

Betty Amick

Mrs. Rohrbaugh

Mrs. Frank Robinson

**Meeting Presentation Topics for the Year 1926**

- American Indian
- Foreign Speaking People
- Jews
- India