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**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH EATON CIRCUIT  
HISTORY, CA. 1880**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Circuits within the Methodist Episcopal church refer to geographic areas that encompass multiple churches. Pastors, known as circuit riders, would travel between the different church congregations within a circuit to conduct worship services. These pastors would meet for annual conferences each year where they would be assigned to different circuits within the region.

The North Indiana Conference was founded in 1844 with eighty ministers serving a population of 27,563 members. In 1851, after increased growth of conference congregations, the North Indiana Conference was divided to create the Northwest Indiana Conference.

The Eaton Circuit was organized under the North Indiana Conference in April 1873 with the headquarters in Eaton, Indiana. The circuit also included the Olive Branch, Mount Carmel, and Mount Zion churches from the Hartford City circuit, and Wheeling from the New Corner circuit.

Sources:

Detzler, Jack J. *The History of the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church, 1852-1951*. Nashville: The Parthenon Press, 1953.

Materials in collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a handwritten history of the Eaton Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The history was written by the David Heal Committee circa 1880. It contains information about the creation of the Eaton Circuit as part of the North Indiana Conference, the stewards and officers in the organization, different officers' salaries, circuit membership numbers, and member obituaries. It also contains blank copies of Certificate of Trustees' Election forms.

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