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**MS 1372**  
**Fort Lowell Union Church Records**  
**1915 - 1960****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection is comprised primarily of materials related to the operation and management of Fort Lowell Union Church and Fort Lowell Union Sunday School. The records pertaining broadly to the church consist of miscellaneous notes and correspondence, including an undated church brochure; three books of church minutes, spanning the years of 1916-1951; and two treasurer's ledger books, which record the Church's income and expenses from 1944-1950 and from 1955-1960.

Those records related more specifically to the Fort Lowell Union Sunday School include a series of Secretary and Treasurer's school record books which list aggregate Sunday school attendance and donations, from 1918-1959, non-inclusive; a number of Sunday school class books, also listing school attendance and donations, here organized by class and maintained by individual Sunday school teachers, from 1916-1917 and 1944-1949; and nine attendance envelopes from the early 1940s. Finally, these records also include four books of carols and hymns.

4 Boxes, 1.75 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Fort Lowell Union Church was founded in 1916 as a **non-denominational church**, in response to a call for greater access to regular religious services within the Old Fort Lowell section of Tucson. Sunday school classes began in May of 1916 and religious services began in the following June, both initially conducted within the Fort Lowell school house. In March, 1917, an acre of land adjoining the school grounds was donated to Fort Lowell Union Church, and work on the new church building began in June. As Fort Lowell Neighborhood long remained outside Tucson city limits, Fort Lowell Union Church first appears in the Tucson City Directory in 1941, where its address is listed as 5115 E Ft Lowell. Reverend EC Clark officiated at many of the early services, although reverends from the broader Tucson community were also frequently brought in. Other Fort Lowell Union pastors include Reverend A Brownlee (circ. early 1930s) and Russel Schaefer (circ. mid 1940s). According to an online resource, the Church closed in 1963, and the Pan-American Literature Mission now uses the old church building.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by the Pan American Literature Mission in 1990

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Leta Davis in July 2009.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Fort Lowell Union Church Records, 1915 – 1960

Folder 1 Church Brochure	N.D.
f.2 Service Arrangement Notes and Correspondence	N.D.
f.3 Church Correspondence	1963
f.4 Church Minutes #1	1916-1919
f.5 Church Minutes #1 (Miscellaneous Loose Items)	1915/1920/N.D
f.6 Church Minutes #2	1944-1945
f.7 Church Minutes #2 (Miscellaneous Loose Items)	Circ. Mid 1940s
f.8 Church Minutes #3	1946-1951
f.9 Church Minutes #3 (Miscellaneous Loose Items)	N.D
f.10 Treasurer's Ledger #1	1944-1950
f.11 Treasurer's Ledger #1 (Loose Items)	1955
f.12 Treasurur's Ledger #2	1955-1960

#### Series 2: Fort Lowell Union Sunday School Class Records, 1916 - 1959

f.13 Sunday School Record Books #1	1918-1919
f.14 Sunday School Record Books #1 (Miscellaneous Loose Items)	1918-1920
f.15 Sunday School Record Books #2	1930-1932

### Box 2

f.16-17 Sunday School Record Books #3-4	1933-1940
f.18-19 Sunday School Record Books #5-6	1944-1959
f.20 Sunday School Records	1936-1937
f.21 Sunday School Superintendent's Record	1952-1953
f.22-23 Sunday School Class Books	1916-1917
f.24 Sunday School Class Book	1944

### Box 3

f.25-28 Sunday School Class Books	1944-1946
f.29 Sunday School Class Books	1949
f.30 Sunday School Attendance Envelopes	1941-1943/N.D

#### Series 3: MISC Items, 1902-1941

f.31 Revival Songs	N.D.
f.32 Pentecostal Hymns	1902

### Box 4

f.33 School Carols	1914
f.34 Tabernacle Hymns	1941