

Guide to the Benjamin F. Stucki Papers, 1902-1958

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Summary Information

Title: Benjamin F. Stucki Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1902-1958

Creator: Stucki, Benjamin F., 1893-1961

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Abstract: Papers of the Reverend Benjamin F. Stucki, long-time director of the Winnebago Indian School, Neillsville, Wisconsin. Included is general correspondence; articles and sermons related to Winnebago Indians; correspondence and reports of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers, 1935-1958; and correspondence with the American Bible Society, 1902-1909, regarding publication of the Winnebago Bible. Also present is a manuscript version in Winnebago of a portion of the *Bible*, written by the Reverends John Stacy and Jacob Stucki in 1906.

Language: English, Ho-Chunk, Algonquian languages

Biography/History

Benjamin Stucki, the son of the Reverend Jacob Stucki, was born in 1893. He graduated from the Mission House College in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and attended the medical school of the University of California. He left the University of California in 1919 to become superintendent of the newly established Winnebago Indian School at Neillsville, Wisconsin. This school, which was under the sponsorship of the former Reformed Church in the United States, was started many years earlier by his father, the Reverend Jacob Stucki, at Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

In 1930, Mr. Stucki was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Sheboygan Classis, and in 1957 Mission House College gave him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Reverend Stucki was one of the founders and a charter member of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers, 1935-1956.

Reverend Stucki spent forty-two years of his life teaching and preaching among the Winnebago Indians at Neillsville, first at the newly established Winnebago Children's Home, where he served as treasurer. Reverend Stucki died at Neillsville on October 3, 1961, survived by his wife and seven children.

Scope and Content Note

The Benjamin Stucki Papers are concerned primarily with the Reverend Stucki's work with the Winnebago Indians and include general correspondence, 1903-1957; correspondence with the American Bible Society, 1902-1909, regarding the publication of the Winnebago Bible; and correspondence and reports of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers, 1935-1958.

The collection also contains articles and printed material relating to the Winnebago Indians, including articles and sermons, 1932-1953, and Arthur R. Casselman's 1932 manuscript for *Winnebago Finds a Friend* (designated "Winning the Winnebago"). Included in the collection is a list of Indian pupils at the Winnebago Indian School since 1878 and health records of the students, 1922-1936.

The collection's only volume is a manuscript version, in Winnebago, of the four Gospels, Acts, Genesis, and chapters 19-20 of Exodus, written by the Reverend John Stacy and Jacob Stucki in 1906.

Administrative/Restriction Information

Acquisition Information

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Search Terms/Subject Terms

- American Bible Society
- National Fellowship of Indian Workers
- Winnebago Indian School (Neillsville, WI)
- Bible—Versions
- Winnebago Indians
- Winnebago language
- Indians of North America—Education—Wisconsin
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