



BHC-MSS 0196

Guide to the Papers of J.H. Mansfield related to the United Society of Christian
Endeavor
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Mansfield, J.H.

Title: Papers of J.H. Mansfield related to the United Society of Christian Endeavour

Dates: 1831-1950

Quantity: .5 liner feet

Abstract. J.H. (James Henry) Mansfield served as a local leader for the southern Connecticut group for the United Society of Christian Endeavor, an interdenominational, Christian organization that encourages greater familiarity and cooperation among Christian youth. The material represents early programs, events, and conventions that were held to address societal issues and encourage young members to get involved.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

J.H. (James Henry) Mansfield served as a local leader for the southern Connecticut group for the United Society of Christian Endeavor. He began the group in New Haven on November 18, 1885, with meetings held in both New Haven and Bridgeport. A minute history of the local group for 1885 to 1910 can be found in folder 9. It is unclear what happened to the group, and if its demise coincided with Mansfield's passing on October 1, 1936.

The group, currently called the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour is an interdenominational, Christian organization that encourages greater familiarity and cooperation among Christian youth. It was founded in Portland, Maine, in 1881 by Francis Edward Clark and is best understood as a church youth organization.

The group organized programs, sponsored events, and held conventions to address societal issues at a national scale, usually with delegations from various states. Individual ministers could choose to open chapters in their area and oversee the group.

The organization is now internationally known as the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour and remains operational.

Scope and Content note:

Material serves as a snapshot of some of the activities and publications by the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

Arrangement Note:

Collection places correspondence and personal notes before convention programs, periodicals, and pins.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1996.03, donor unknown

Preferred Citation:

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Names and Subject Tracings*Personal names*

Mansfield, J.H. (John Henry)

Corporate names

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour

Subject tracings

Christianity

Protestantism

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

8. Correspondence, 1889-1910
9. Notes, history of group, c. 1910
10. Convention programs, 1892-1918
11. Periodicals 1895-1937
12. Ribbons from conventions, 1892-1918
13. Pins from conventions, 1892-1918
14. Pins from conventions, 1892-1918