

The South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ Archives  
The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) Archives was established at Yankton College in 1980, when the records that had been removed in 1976 from the Conference Office at Huron, South Dakota, were combined with two collections at the college—the Santee Normal Training School Collection and Oahe Mission Collection, both of which document the work of the Riggs missionary family in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Following the closing of Yankton College, in 1984, the records were moved to First Congregational Church, Sioux Falls. In 1985, the records were placed on deposit at the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College. The following year, several boxes of Riggs family papers were added to the Oahe Mission Collection by Conference historiographer Elizabeth Riggs Gutch. Included in the Riggs family papers are the papers of Stephen Return Riggs, missionary to the Dakota Sioux of western Minnesota, as well as the papers of his sons, Alfred Riggs and Thomas Riggs. Detailed information about the Riggs papers can be found in the article “The Riggs Family Papers at the Center for Western Studies,” by Harry F. Thompson, in *South Dakota History* (Spring 1992): 64-74.

An essay on Congregationalism in South Dakota and a folder-level description of the archives are available in the book *Guide to the Archives of the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ*, by Harry F. Thompson (Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies, 1986). The annual deposits of Conference records are also available at the Center for Western Studies.

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