

The Filson Club Historical Society

**The Papers of
Edward Lindsay Powell**

The papers of Edward Lindsay Powell, minister and pastor of the First Christian Church,
Louisville, Ky.

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Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

3 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

Edward Lindsay Powell was born in King William County, Va., 1860. He graduated from Christian University in Canton, Mo., in 1881. Ordained Christian (Disciples) Ministry, 1881. Powell was a pastor in Va. at Charlottesville, Gordonsville, Norfolk and Lynchburg; in Ky. in Maysville, and First Christian Church in Louisville beginning in 1887. In that year, he married Lida Smoot, of Maysville, Ky. Lida died in 1907 and Powell married Dr. Anna M. D. Gordon in 1909. Powell died in 1933.

Scope and Content Note

Papers include correspondence, 1886-1936, discussing routine church and personal matters; sermons and addresses; annual reports as pastor of the First Christain; articles; commissions and membership certificates; church bulletins; membership lists; theological notebooks kept while a student at Christian University at Canton, Mo.; and a manuscript biography of Dr. Powell.

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A Edward Lindsay Powell
P882 Papers. 1886-1936.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence to Powell, 1886-1914.
- fl. 2 Correspondence to Powell, 1915-1929.
- fl. 3 Correspondence from Powell, copies, 1912-1931.
- fl. 4 Anna D. Powell correspondence, 1932-1936.
- fl. 5 Correspondence to Anna D. Powell and others about the memorial tablet to Powell at the First Christian Church, 1935-1936.
- fl. 6 Notes on John P. Starks.
Report on distribution of fund for the needy in Louisville, 1930.
- fl. 7 Excerpts from Powell diary, 1887.
Certificate of membership in Woodmen of the World, 1910.
Commissions as a member of Ky. State Library Commission, 1919 and 1923.
- fl. 8 Biographical notes on members of Powell's family.
- fl. 9 Notes on the history of the First Christian Church.
Circular letter presented to the Long Run Association of Baptists, 1825.
- fl. 10 Annual reports as minister of the First Christian Church.
- fl. 11 Power of attorney from Powell to his wife, 1929 Apr. 25.
- fl. 12 Obituary notices, etc., 1933.
- fl. 13 Portraits of Powell, his brother John Powell, and Elder D. Pat Henderson.
- fl. 14 E. L. Powell and the Long Pastorate.

Box 2

- fl. 15 Sermons.
- fl. 16 Sermons (A).
- fl. 17 Sermons (B-C).

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- fl. 18 Sermons (D-E).
- fl. 19 Sermons (F-H).
- fl. 20 Sermons (I-N).
- fl.. 21 Sermons (O-P).
- fl. 22 Sermons (R-S).
- fl. 23 Sermons (T-W).
- fl. 24 Sermon: Young faith vanquished, or Allen's Reign of Law. A review.
- fl. 25 Sermon: What is worth while.

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- fl. 26 Addresses.
- fl. 27 Idle inklings abroad, 1908.
- fl. 28 Irving Bacheller.
- fl. 29 Religious instruction in the public schools.
- fl. 29a Robert Burns.
- fl. 30 Foreword and introduction by E. S. Jouett to a volume of Powell's sermons.
- fl. 31 Miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 32 Sermons. Pamphlets, 1888-1916.

Box 5

- fl. 33 Newspaper clippings of sermons and addresses, 1886-1922 and n.d.
- fl. 34 Newspaper clippings of sermons, 1890-1927.
- fl. 35 Newspaper clippings of sermons delivered at McCauley's Theatre, 1902-1909.
- fl. 36 "My Litany."
"My Business Creed."
- fl. 37 Newspaper clippings about Powell.
- fl. 38 Newspaper clippings about the First Christian Church.
Address from the Pastor to the Board of Officers, Finance Committee and
Membership.
- fl. 39 Newspaper clippings about the dedication of the First Christian Church, 1911.
- fl. 40 Newspaper clippings about the Louisville Free Public Library.

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- 41 Newspaper clippings of sermons, 1885-1912.

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- fl. 42 Newspaper clippings about annual banquets.
- fl. 43 Newspaper clippings of "articles political and otherwise."
- fl. 44 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.
- fl. 45 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.
- fl. 46 Miscellaneous pamphlets.

Box 8

- 47 Mss. of a biography of Powell by his wife, Anna D. Powell. "Edward Lindsay Powell, Preacher, Citizen, Friend."

- pkg. 48 Notebooks on theology; old sermons, etc.

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- pkg. 54 Index Rerum, kept by Powell starting 1881 Oct.
- pkg. 56 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings including sermons delivered at Hopkinsville, Ky., in 1883.

Box 9

- fl. 57 Correspondence, 1911-1912.
- fl. 58 Clippings.
- fl. 59 Church bulletins, registers of members, sermons.

fl. 60 Material relating to the history of the First Christian Church.