

WILLIAM L. TROYER DIARIES  
1924-1955

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## **Biographical History**

A resident of Pasadena, California, William L. Troyer (1863-1955) was an itinerant preacher for the Pilgrim Holiness Church. He also served as a Los Angeles prison chaplain, a Bible class teacher, and a handyman for members of his congregation and neighbors. Troyer kept a daily diary for over 30 years from 1924 to 1955.

Notably in 1924, Troyer took a cross-country automobile journey with a "Brother Blemquist" of Fresno, California. He was escorting two missionary ladies to Nebraska. Their journey took them from the mission in Sawtelle through Salt Lake City where they attended a Mormon temple service. From there, they went through Wyoming, Nebraska, Michigan and Jamestown, New York. Their return journey took them through Montana, Washington, and Oregon. They met with many church leaders, attended services, tent meetings, and prayer meetings.

## **Scope and Content**

William Troyer kept a daily diary for over 30 years, from 1924 to 1955. Each of the 27 diaries begin with the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day. The diaries mention many holiness preachers of Troyer's time, including representatives of churches from the Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan Methodist, and Nazarene denominations. Individuals include John Church, H.M. Couchenour, Ada Beard, Bud Robinson, Lettie Cowman, H.J. Olsen, and Paul W. Thomas.

## **Subjects**

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