Introduction

William Ashley Sunday, Sr., better known as Billy Sunday, was an baseball player turned Christian evangelist of early twentieth century Progressive Era America. Through his large scale evangelistic campaigns Sunday helped advance the prohibition movement, stirred support for military action against Central Powers in World War I, and won souls to Christianity through a fiery, charismatic preaching style. Sunday’s wife, Helen Nell Thompson Sunday, better known as Ma Sunday, was instrumental in operating her husband’s evangelistic campaigns and after her husband’s death went on to be a speaker in evangelical and fundamentalist Christian circles.

The aim of this ongoing bibliography is to compile an as exhaustive as possible listing of secondary works referring to Billy and Ma Sunday. A second resource, An Annotated Bibliographic Guide to William “Billy” A. Sunday, aims to provide descriptive entries of key Sunday resources. Most of these works are located at Morgan Library of Grace College and Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. This library collects a comprehensive level of materials on Sunday and houses his papers. The neighboring Billy Sunday Home & Visitor Center contains the personal items of Sunday left intact since the death of Ma Sunday in 1957.

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