BATES (HARRIS PARKER) PAPERS, 1929-1937

Descriptive Summary
Title: Harris Parker Bates papers
Dates: 1929-1937
Accession Number(s): 2007-009
Extent: 0.25 inch
Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:
Harris Parker Bates (1888-1937) was a Presbyterian minister in Texas and a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Bates was born in Centreville, Mississippi, July 15, 1888, and attended Southwestern Presbyterian University in Clarksville, Tennessee intermittently from 1906-1911 without obtaining a degree. In 1912, he moved to Texas and attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary until 1915, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity. He was ordained in 1915 by Fort Worth Presbytery and became the pastor in Spur and stated supply in Crosbyton and Lorenzo, Texas from 1915-1917. He was then pastor in Ballinger (1917-1920), San Marcos (1920-1927), and at Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Antonio (1927-1937). While in San Marcos, he attended Southwestern State Teacher’s College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Bates also received a Doctorate of Divinity from Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas in 1934. He died on November 10, 1937.

Scope and Contents:
The Harris Parker Bates papers consist of nine sermons and two funeral services that occurred at Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas (1929-1937).

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Index Terms:
Bates, Harris Parker, 1888-1937.
Westminster Presbyterian Church (San Antonio, Tex.)
Presbyterian Church--Clergy.
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