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"A LIVING HERITAGE" PROJECT RECORDS, 1981-1982

Descriptive Summary

Title: "A Living Heritage" project records

Dates: 1981-1982

Accession Number(s): 1996-075

Extent: 2 inches, one cassette and one roll of film

Language: Materials are written in English, with a small amount in Spanish.

Historical Note:

In 1981 the Mexican-American Coordinating Council conducted taped interviews with Mexican-American Presbyterian leaders in Texas (particularly from the disbanded Texas-Mexican Presbytery) which aimed at recording the history of Presbyterianism among this population. The end product of the project was a filmstrip entitled "A Living Heritage" or "Herencia Vivente," which was narrated in both English and Spanish. The filmstrip, which was completed in 1982, was available for viewing in churches of the Mission Union Presbytery.

Scope and Contents:

Two inches of interview transcripts, a cassette tape and a filmstrip (1981-1982) represent working files and the end result of the "A Living Heritage" filmstrip project conducted by the Mexican-American Coordinating Council in 1981 and 1982. The collection is comprised almost entirely of alphabetically arranged interview transcripts with leaders, pastors, and the adult children of leaders and pastors from the Texas-Mexican Presbytery, which was dissolved in 1955. The interviews, upon which the "A Living Heritage" filmstrip was based, discuss among other topics the tensions between newly converted Mexican-American Presbyterians and their Roman Catholic families, the founding and the subsequent financial difficulties of churches in the Texas-Mexican Presbytery, and the unpleasant feelings surrounding the dissolution of that presbytery. While most of the material is undated, project documentation suggests that the interviews were conducted in the spring of 1981, and that the filmstrip and cassette soundtrack were completed in 1982. A copy of the filmstrip, audio cassette, and filmstrip index are also contained in the collection.

Restrictions:

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:

Mexican-American Coordinating Council.
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.--Presbytery of Texas-Mexican.
Mexican Americans--Southwest, New--Religion.
Filmstrips.
Oral histories.

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B077b	Cassette tape and filmstrip, 1982