



Austin Seminary Archives, Stitt Library

MAXWELL (GLENN) PAPERS, 1932-1958

Descriptive Summary

Title: Glenn Maxwell papers

Dates: 1932-1958

Accession Number(s): 2007-009

Extent: 2.5 inches

Language: Materials are written in English. A small amount of material is in Portuguese.

Biographical Note:

Glenn Maxwell (1905-1979), a Presbyterian minister, missionary, and seminary professor, was born January 21, 1905 in Illinois. Maxwell was licensed and ordained in 1935 after earning bachelor's degrees of art and divinity at Western Kentucky Teacher's College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, respectively. From 1938-1940 Maxwell served as a missionary in Brazil. Maxwell was a staunch opponent of Roman Catholicism, and was known to give talks and publish articles on the topic.

Though he occasionally served as a pastor, Maxwell's life's work was in theological education. Maxwell was a professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Austin College. Maxwell was extremely well-liked as a professor, and developed close relationships with students. He is characterized as sarcastic, full of bad jokes, fond of outrageous postcards, caring, supportive, and unselfish. Maxwell retired from Austin College in 1970 after teaching there for 26 years. Nine years later in 1979, he died.

Scope and Contents:

Two and a half inches of correspondence, grade reports, printed material and seminary application material (1932-1958) documents the work of Glenn Maxwell in the Presbyterian Church, particularly as a professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The material is divided in three series: Louisville Seminary, 1932-1941; Correspondence, 1941-1958; Brazilian Mission, 1936-1942.

The first series, Louisville Seminary, 1932-1941, records Maxwell's time as both a student and professor at the seminary. The series is comprised of Maxwell's student grade reports, printed material such as pamphlets and church service programs, drafts

of an application form, students' applications, and a small amount of correspondence relating to committees on which Maxwell served.

The richest and most voluminous material in the collection, abundant letters from current students, former students and acquaintances within the Presbyterian Church, is found in the second series, Correspondence, 1941-1958. The letters are in a casual, personal, and playful tone, revealing how well-liked by and intimately acquainted Maxwell was with his students. Additional letters from acquaintances show a great deal of trust and respect for Maxwell as a person, spiritual guide, and educator. A large amount of correspondence from students relates to what must be running jokes continued from class, poking fun at his distaste for Roman Catholicism and admiration of Eleanor Roosevelt and Calvinism, among other things. Primary correspondents are Glenna (Mrs. D.T.) Pritchard, an acquaintance, and John Olert Jr., a former student at Louisville. Almost no outgoing correspondence exists in this series.

The third series, Brazilian Mission, is comprised of one folder of material relating to Maxwell's missionary trip to Brazil, and primarily contains newspaper clippings in Portuguese. The material that is in English includes an itinerary and a manuscript entitled "Partial History of the Work of the South Brazil Mission."

Restrictions:

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

Index Terms:

Maxwell, Glenn, 1905-1979.
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary--Faculty.
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary--Study and teaching.
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