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McLANE (SAM BROOKS) PAPERS, 1940-1961

Descriptive Summary

Title: Sam Brooks McLane papers

Dates: 1940-1961

Accession Number(s): 2007-009

Extent: 2 inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

Sam Brooks McLane (1891-1968) was a Presbyterian educator and administrator in Texas who devoted most of his life's work to the Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute (now the Presbyterian Pan-American School) in its beginning years. McLane originally had aspirations of being a businessman, and it was while beginning to pursue this dream by working as a secretary in his local church that McLane had the life-changing revelation that he should devote his life to mission school service. Turning down a lucrative offer in the business world in 1910, McLane instead entered Austin College.

In 1913, his senior year at Austin College, McLane became interested in the Tex.-Mex. Industrial Institute, a fledgling mission school for Mexican boys opened the previous year in Kingsville, Texas by Dr. J.W. Skinner. When he graduated in 1913, McLane worked at Tex.-Mex. for one school term, from January 1914 until June. McLane left Tex.-Mex. at Skinner's urging to accept an offer to work as a high school teacher. After a year of teaching, McLane entered Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, but was forced to leave after just a year due to poor health. McLane went on to serve the Y.M.C.A. during World War I and work as a colporteur for the American Bible Society before returning to Tex.-Mex. as principal in 1919. In 1920 McLane married fellow Tex.-Mex. teacher Curren Rogers, with whom he had three sons. McLane was elected president of Tex.-Mex. upon Skinner's death in 1932, and remained in the position until 1955. The school grew and flourished under McLane, who was elected president emeritus upon his retirement. McLane went on to serve as moderator of the Synod of Texas and an instructor at the Schreiner Institute before he passed away in 1968.

Scope and Contents:

Two inches of typescript addresses, creative works, correspondence, printed material, and photographs (1940-1961) document Sam Brooks McLane's tenure as president of the Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute. The addresses, which comprise nearly half of

the collection and many of which are undated, are typescript copies of speeches presumably given at various events, glorifying the mission, history, and students of the Tex.-Mex. Industrial Institute. Several of the addresses were written by former students, who tell of how they benefited from the education they received at the institution. Correspondence includes photocopies of the letters confirming the donation of the land that would become the Tex.-Mex. Industrial Institute, and correspondence with former students. One folder contains biographical sketches of McLane, and one folder a variety of pamphlets and newspaper clippings relating to McLane, particularly to his retirement from Tex.-Mex. The three photographs include portraits of McLane.

Materials in accession #2007-009 were originally held at the Montreat office of the Presbyterian Historical Society. They were transferred to the Austin Seminary Archives in 2007.

Restrictions:

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

Index Terms:

McLane, Sam Brooks, 1891-1968.
Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute.
Hispanic American children--Education--Texas.
Home missions.

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Inventory:

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C111	Photographs, 1955, undated