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McLAURIN (EUGENE WILLIAM) PAPERS, 1941-1969 and undated

Descriptive Summary

Title: Eugene William McLaurin papers

Dates: 1941-1969 and undated

Accession Number(s): 1996-047; 2001-001; 2007-009; 2013-006

Extent: 2.5 inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

Eugene William McLaurin (1888-1978) was a Presbyterian minister and educator in Texas. McLaurin grew up and attended college in Mississippi before coming to Texas to further his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Texas. Licensed and ordained in 1916, McLaurin held pastorates at Edna (1916-1920), Sweetwater (1920-1923), and Ballinger (1923-1936), Texas, with a brief break to serve as an ambulance driver in World War I. While serving as pastor in Ballinger, McLaurin earned a Doctorate of Divinity from Daniel Baker College in 1932. He then moved to Houston to act as superintendent of home missions for the Brazos Presbytery from 1936-1938. He returned to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary as a professor of Greek language from 1938-1958. McLaurin retired honorably to the small east Texas town of Waskom in 1958, and passed away in 1978.

In addition to his work as a pastor and educator, McLaurin served on the Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. in 1941. He also served as moderator for the Synod of Texas in 1949.

Scope and Contents:

The Eugene William McLaurin papers (1941-1969 and undated) include two volumes of bound legal documentation, reports, pamphlets and correspondence documenting McLaurin's involvement with the court case *King et al. v Richardson et al.* and the Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms (1941-1949) as well as unbound letters and typed memos regarding lay missions in Texas (1950).

The two bound volumes are titled "Dispensationalism Material" (Vol. 1 and Vol. 2), though it appears only Vol. 2 deals with dispensationalism, the subject the Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms was created to discuss.

Vol. 1 records the events and results of the King et al. v Richardson et al. court case, which arose from confusion in interpretation of a gift left to either a Presbyterian church or to Presbyterian causes in the will of Lunsford Richardson, Jr. McLaurin was on the judicial commission to act on this case as appointed by the General Assembly in 1949. Vol. 2 documents the Presbyterian Church's response to the growing belief in the theological world in dispensationalism through the Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and the committee's final decision that dispensationalism was heretical in the Presbyterian Church. McLaurin served as secretary of that committee.

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. All materials were stamped with the accession number used at the former facility and are not original to the documents.

Additional materials have been added to the collection through donations by Jerry Tompkins.

Restrictions:

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

Related material:

See also: Eugene William McLaurin's faculty file in the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Records.

Index Terms:

McLaurin, Eugene William, 1888-1978.

Richardson, Lunsford, Jr.

Richardson, Mary Lynn.

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.--General Assembly--Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

Dispensationalism.

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undated