PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHWEST RECORDS, 1949-ongoing

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Administrative History:
The Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest (PHSSW), founded in 1978, studies and documents the history of the Presbyterian Church in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The Society has had an annual meeting each year and publishes columns, books, and pamphlets on historical issues. Other projects in which the Society has been involved include collecting church histories and historical documents of individual churches and encouraging churches to preserve their histories by microfilming important records and writing histories.

The Society’s documents in the Austin Seminary Archives are largely the collections of two men: Thomas White Currie, Jr. and John R. "Pete" Hendrick. Currie was the executive secretary of the Society until Hendrick assumed that role in 1995.

Scope and Contents:
These records include publications, research files, administrative records, and other materials documenting the work of the Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest.

The collection is divided into the following series: Church histories and related material, Biographies, Organizational files, Heritage columns, PHSSW Publications, Research files, and photographic and audio/visual material. Particularly useful for congregational history research is the section on “Church histories,” which consists of materials collected by the Society to document the history of individual congregations in the Southwest. The materials include published and manuscript histories, worship bulletins, photographs, and printed material. Organizational files are made up of the executive secretary files of Thomas White Currie, Jr. and John R. “Pete” Hendrick.
Restrictions:
Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

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