RED (WILLIAM STUART) COLLECTION, 1847-1936

Descriptive Summary

Title: William Stuart Red collection
Dates: 1847-1936
Accession Number(s): 1996-072; 2007-009; 2010-006
Extent: Four feet and eight inches
Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:
William Stuart Red (1857-1933), a Presbyterian minister, author, and historian, was born in 1857* in Texas to parents who were among the first Presbyterians in the Republic of Texas. Red studied at Austin College, Princeton Theological Seminary, Austin School of Theology, and abroad in Germany and Scotland. Red served many churches in Texas, was chaplain of Texas A&M from 1892-1894, editor of the Texas Presbyterian from 1894 to 1897, and moderator of the Synod of Texas in 1902. Red was an advocate of historical preservation and theological education in Texas, and was instrumental in the foundation of what are now the Historical Foundation of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches at Montreat, North Carolina, and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.

Red retired from the pastorate in 1919 to focus his efforts on writing two historical books, The Texas Colonists and Religion (1924) and A History of the Presbyterian Church in Texas (1936). Red spent many years of his life gathering materials for the latter book, and at least the last ten years of his life writing it. Red died before he could complete the book and his widow and nephew, using his collected research material and manuscripts, completed the volume.

*Note: Some sources (including the Ministerial Directory of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., 1861-1941) list Red’s birth in 1860.

Scope and Contents:
Four feet, two inches of research files comprised of correspondence, typewritten transcripts of newspaper articles, minutes, published material, drafts, record books, and handwritten notes (1847-1936), used in the completion of William Stuart Red’s A History of the Presbyterian Church in Texas, reveal Red’s research methods and processes. The material is largely undated, and refers to early Presbyterians,
Presbyterian schools and other Presbyterian institutions in Texas. Material is arranged in five series in accordance with the sections in Red’s history: Pioneer Days, The Synod and Presbyteries, Texas Presbyterians and Education, Pioneer Presbyterians, and a General file, respectively. The bulk of the material found in each series is typewritten transcripts of newspaper articles from the 1840s and 1850s, which is undated but was likely created and compiled in the 1920s and early 1930s. Also voluminous throughout the collection are solicited accounts of the lives of Presbyterian pioneers in Texas written in letters to Red by the pioneers’ family members. Additional research material includes notations from archival research in the Austin and Bexar collections, newspaper clippings, and early drafts of each chapter of the book.

Series I, Pioneer Days, reports upon the many difficulties early Presbyterians in Texas had in light of the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in the area. The material in Series II, The Synod and Presbyteries, records the formation of the structure of Presbyterian Church in Texas, including splits in the church. Section III, Texas Presbyterians and Education, is the most voluminous, and contains detailed files on the history and evolution of Texan Presbyterian educational institutions, in particular Austin College and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Series IV, pioneer Presbyterians, contains biographical sketches of more than 160 pioneer ministers and ministers’ wives, though only a fraction of these are included in Red’s history. The final series, General, is comprised primarily of Red’s “clippings” files, which contain various notations, typewritten transcripts of newspaper articles, and newspaper clippings relating to the history of Presbyterianism in Texas. This series also includes a folder of material relating to Red from Rev. Malcolm Purcell including a clipping, photograph, and some handwritten notes.

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. Original folder titles and folder/subject groupings have been retained, but the order of folders has been changed from the order in which they arrived.

Materials in accession #2010-006 were found in a box of materials gathered from a 1992 inventory of the archives and added to the collection by the archivist in 2010.

Two copies of newspapers have been removed from the collection, from within the General series: The Gonzales Inquirer “Anniversary Edition,” Thursday July 19, 1923, Vol. 71, No. 5, and The Orphans Herald, January 1931, Vol. 22, No. 7. Other newspaper articles and clippings in the collection have been replaced with photocopies and discarded.

Related collections:
See also the Rizpah Bowers Red historical sketches at the Austin Seminary Archives.
Restrictions:
Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:
Austin College (Sherman, Tex.)
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.–Synod of Texas.
Presbyterian Church–Texas–History.
Presbyterian universities and colleges.
Texas–History–Religion.

Preferred Citation: William Stuart Red collection, 1847-1936, Austin Seminary Archives,
Stitt Library, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Inventory:
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C059 Series I: Pioneer Days (Section 1), 1900-1933
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   Early History of Texas, undated
   History of Texas, sundry letters (1 of 2), 1919-1933
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Minutes of Texas Presbytery/Synod (Cumberland), undated
Notations for history of Synod, undated
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C061 Texas Presbytery (New School), 1927-1928, undated
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Education, undated
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  1930, undated
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary:
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Antonio newspaper, [includes information on William Stuart Red and rest of Red family], October 1933
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