STREET (T. WATSON) PAPERS, 1952-1960

Descriptive Summary
Title: T. Watson Street papers
Dates: 1952-1960
Accession Number(s): 1996-046
Extent: 2.5 inches
Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:
Thomas Watson Street (1916-1994), born and raised in Alabama, was a Presbyterian pastor and seminary professor in Texas and the south, as well as a devoted scholar of church history and missions. Street had a life-long dedication to strong academic achievement, marked by his graduations summa cum laude from Davidson College in 1938 as valedictorian, and from Union Theological Seminary where he earned the degree Master of Sacred Theology. Street continued to exhibit this same dedication while a professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS) from 1947-1961 with his stringent and somewhat notorious requirements of students. Street is among the APTS professors credited with raising the level of academic expectation and achievement of APTS students.

While at APTS, Street taught courses in church history and in mission work, and took missionary trips to Mexico each year with students. Street’s interest and work in missions was continued through a twelve year appointment as executive secretary of the Board of World Missions starting in 1961 when he left APTS.


Scope and Contents:
Two and a half inches of notes, correspondence and writings (1952-1960) document the career of T. Watson Street during the latter years of his tenure at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The bulk of the material is correspondence, primarily handwritten drafts of outgoing letters, relating to Street’s role as a professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and to his work with the Board of World Missions, in particular a mission in the Belgian Congo. Also in this collection are two
APTS notebooks, containing lecture notes for Street’s course in church history and handwritten accounts of faculty meetings. The remaining two items in the collection are Street’s review of APTS’s Department of Church History and Missions, and his essay on Thomas Smyth, which was published in the Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

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

Index Terms:
Street, T. Watson (Thomas Watson), 1916-
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.--Board of World Missions.
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