Register of the

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Scope and Content:

The May-Ellen Colon Collection consists of the raw data used by May-Ellen Colon in writing her PhD dissertation, entitled “Sabbath-keeping practices and factors related to these practices among Seventh-day Adventists in 51 countries.” A survey entitled “Sabbath Observance Exploratory Survey (SOES) was used to compile the data for Colon’s research. This collection includes a sample SOES as well as the study’s completed surveys. Surveys that were improperly filled out and could not contribute to the numerical data were categorized by colon as “excluded surveys.”

Due to time limitations, Colon’s research was restricted to only 5 divisions of the SDA Church. As of the processing date of this collection (2005), May-Ellen Colon is assistant director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries at the General Conference.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in three principal parts: 1.) A sample of the Sabbath Observance Exploratory Survey (SOES); 2.) Completed surveys, arranged alphabetically by division, and arranged alphabetically by country within each division; and 3.) Printouts of subjective data; that is, comments that the survey takers were able to write in.

Provenance:

May-Ellen Colon donated the collection on March 6, 2003.

Use:

All users of this collection are required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulations specified in the “Patron Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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Inventory

A. Sample Survey  
Bx 1  Fld 1  Sabbath Observance Exploratory Survey (SOES)

B. Completed Surveys

1. African-Indian Ocean Division  
   Bx 1  Fld 2  Burundi  
   Bx 1  Fld 3  Cameroon  
   Bx 1  Fld 4  Congo  
   Bx 1  Fld 5  Côte d'Ivoire  
   Bx 1  Fld 6  Gambia  
   Bx 1  Fld 7  Ghana  
   Bx 1  Fld 8  Réunion  
   Bx 1  Fld 9  Liberia  
   Bx 1  Fld 10  Niger  
   Bx 1  Fld 11  Nigeria  
   Bx 1  Fld 12  Rwanda  
   Bx 1  Fld 13  Senegal  
   Bx 2  Fld 1  Sierra Leone  
   Bx 2  Fld 2  Togo  
   Bx 2  Fld 3  Excluded Surveys

2. Euro-Africa Division  
   Bx 3  Fld 1  Austria  
   Bx 3  Fld 2  Bulgaria  
   Bx 3  Fld 3  France  
   Bx 3  Fld 4  Germany  
   Bx 3  Fld 5  Italy  
   Bx 3  Fld 6  Portugal  
   Bx 3  Fld 7  Romania  
   Bx 4  Fld 1  Spain  
   Bx 4  Fld 2  Switzerland  
   Bx 4  Fld 3  Excluded Surveys

3. Euro-Asia Division  
   Bx 4  Fld 4  Belarus  
   Bx 4  Fld 5  Moldova  
   Bx 4  Fld 6  Russia (part 1)  
   Bx 4  Fld 7  Russia (part 2)  
   Bx 5  Fld 1  Ukraine
4. **Inter-American Division**
   - Bx 5 Fld 2 Columbia
   - Bx 6 Fld 1 Dominican Republic
   - Bx 6 Fld 2 Mexico (part 1)
   - Bx 6 Fld 3 Mexico (part 2)
   - Bx 6 Fld 4 Venezuela
   - Bx 6 Fld 5 Misc. Countries
   - Bx 7 Fld 1 Excluded Surveys

5. **North American Division**
   - Bx 7 Fld 2 Bermuda
   - Bx 7 Fld 3 Canada (part 1)
   - Bx 7 Fld 4 Canada (part 2)
   - Bx 7 Fld 5 USA (part 1- Alaska)
   - Bx 7 Fld 6 USA (part 2- Hawaii)
   - Bx 8 Fld 1 USA (part 3)
   - Bx 8 Fld 2 USA (part 4)
   - Bx 8 Fld 3 USA (part 5)
   - Bx 8 Fld 4 USA (part 6)
   - Bx 9 Fld 1 USA (part 7)
   - Bx 9 Fld 2 USA (part 8)
   - Bx 9 Fld 3 USA (part 9)
   - Bx 9 Fld 4 Excluded Surveys

C. **Subjective Data [Written Comments]**
   - Bx 9 Fld 5 Additional Practices
   - Bx 9 Fld 6 Why do you keep the Sabbath?
   - Bx 9 Fld 7 What does the Sabbath mean to you...?
   - Bx 9 Fld 8 Subjective Data CD

*The End*