Nevins M. Harlan Collection
Collection 242

Scope and Content:

Nevins M. Harlan was born in 1912 and died at the age of 89 in 2002. Harlan came from a family that made significant contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was the great-grandson of John Nevins Andrews, the Church's first foreign missionary. His father, Sanford M. Harlan, worked for the Review and Herald Publishing Association for fifty-five years. And his younger brother, Russell, who also worked for the Review, was a well-known artist.

While Nevins Harlan was not nearly as prominent as his great-grandfather or his brother, it is evident that he was dedicated to the cause of God, serving faithfully in pastoral work for four decades. Harlan pastored all over the United States in the states of Tennessee, Florida, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Washington.

The Nevins M. Harlan collection consists of various materials from this wide ministry, such as sermon notes, Bible studies, church bulletins and evangelistic brochures. This collection would be of special interest to anyone seeking to better understand the content of Adventist sermons in the mid-1900's.

Arrangement:

The Harlan materials are arranged in the following order: First, various items relating to Harlan and his family and materials relating to his father, Sanford M. Harlan. Following this are materials relating to the various churches where he was pastor. These materials are grouped together by state the church was located in. Next are the sermon notes and Bible studies that were bound in loose leaf binders, arranged chronologically. Then, loose sermon notes. Lastly are the miscellaneous items.

Provenance:

The collection was donated by the Walla Walla College Library in 2001. The collection was given to the library in response to an appeal for book donations to send to Kenya. Harlan's rare books were gleaned from the collection before it was donated to the library.

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All users of this collection are required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct."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. Harlan Family Documents
   Bx 1 Fld 1  N. M. Harlan family materials
   Bx 1 Fld 2  N. M. Harlan diary (1983)
   Bx 1 Fld 3  Appointment book with wedding plans for daughter's wedding
   Bx 1 Fld 4  Sanford Harlan materials

B. Church Documents
   Bx 1 Fld 5  Tennessee Church(es)
   Bx 1 Fld 6  Florida Church(es)
   Bx 1 Fld 7  Minnesota Church(es)
   Bx 1 Fld 8  Wisconsin Church(es)
   Bx 1 Fld 9  Washington (*Contains material from La Sierra SDA Church)

C. Sermon and Bible Study notes
   Bx 2 Fld 1  Binder 1 (1940)
      Titles of Sermons by Nevins M. Harlan
      Quotations on Conversion and Baptism of Children
   Bx 2 Fld 2  Binder 2 (c. 1947)
      Bible Studies: 20th Century Bible Course
      Collection of Choice Quotations
      Sermon Notes
   Bx 2 Fld 3  Binder 3 (1957)
      Bible Studies
      Sermon outlines
      Ingathering Statistics (unknown congregation)
   Bx 2 Fld 4  Binder 4 (1958)
      Sermon Notes/Bible Studies (including Mayse Studio filmstrip
      Bible lectures notes)
   Bx 2 Fld 5  Binder 5 (c. 1961)
      The Shaking, Spiritualism, Catholicism
   Bx 2 Fld 6  Binder 6 (1964)
      Manuscript for 5-day Stop Smoking Group Sessions
Bx 2  Fld 7  Binder 7 (1965-66)
    Sermons: Christian Witness, Short Books of the Bible

Bx 2  Fld 8  Binder 8 (1968)
    Prayer Meeting Studies (Nature of Christ, "Testimonies
     Countdown", etc.)

Bx 2  Fld 9  Binder 9 (1968)
    "New Dimension Series" Outlines: Seminar in Personal Soul
     Winning (Walla Walla College Church)

Bx 3  Fld 1  Binder 10 (c. 1960's)
    Twenty Bible Study Outlines

Bx 3  Fld 2  Binder 11 (1972)
    Stewardship Sermons:"Reach Out for Life" Evangelistic
     Sermons, Bible/health topics

Bx 3  Fld 3  Binder 12 (1972)
    "Reach Out for Life" Evangelistic Sermons and Outlines

Bx 3  Fld 4  Unbound Sermons
    "Mud Road Religion," "5 Steps I must take in order to have
     Eternal Life," thoughts on Enoch

D. Miscellaneous materials

Bx 3  Fld 5  Newspaper clippings, poems, letters, etc.
Bx 4  Fld 1  Portfolio (1963-1964)
    Newspaper Clippings about 5-Day Stop Smoking Program
ITEMS TRANSFERRED OUT


Origin of Sunday Observance in the Christian Church. (Tract)

Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government. Takoma Park, D.C.: 1940 (Booklet)


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Pingenot, E. L. Order of Events--in the travels of the Advent People to the Holy City. Lincoln, NE.


Wilcox, F. M. Quit Yerselves Like Men--An Open Letter to our Young Men in Camp and Field. Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., 1940

La Sierra SDA Church. Four Steps To Eternal Life. Riverside, CA. (Tract)

Walla Walla General Hospital. Home Health Care Service. (Pamphlets, two)

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