Register of the

S. Parker Smith Collection

Collection 249

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Scope and Content

S. Parker Smith is the son of Seventh-day Adventist Church pioneers Uriah and Harriet Smith. He was born at Battle Creek, Michigan, January 16, 1872, and died August 3, 1962, in San Fernando, California. He graduated from Battle Creek College in 1895, and four years later he married Bessie Stowell. In 1901 they went as missionaries in Inter-America for two years. On their return he began teaching at San Fernando Valley Academy, in California where he stayed until 1918. In 1952, six years after Bessie’s death, he married Catherine Small.

The S. Parker Smith Collection consists of eight folders mainly containing personal documents, including some photographs, along with letters between his parents, Uriah and Harriet Smith.

Arrangement

The collection was arranged by the Center. There are eight folders as detailed in the following inventory.

Provenance

The collection was donated by Catherine Thomas, a granddaughter of Catherine Small, Parker Smith’s second wife.

Use

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Inventory

I. Personal Documents

Correspondence

Family

Folder 1  Letters received by Parker Smith
Letter, Aug 28, n.d., from his mother
Letter, n.d., from Annie
Letter Mar 27, 1911, from Wilt just after mother’s death

Folder 2  Correspondence between Uriah and Harriet Smith
Letter, Jul 5, 1866
Letter, Jul 27, 1866
Letter, Jul 8, 1868
Letter, Sep 16, 1869
Letter, Oct 5, 1869
Letter, Nov 3, 1870

Other

Folder 3  Letter, Sept. 27, 1957, from a nephew, Mark L. Bovee to Parker Smith
Letter, April 24, 1962, from Arthur L. White to Mrs. Parker Smith (Catherine)

Photographs

Folder 4  Photographs of Parker Smith
A child
A young person
An adult
A teacher

Folder 5  San Fernando School and Parker’s house in San Fernando
Old San Fernando School
Parker’s house in San Fernando

Folder 6  Parker and his first wife, Bessie
Bessie and a girl
Parker, Bessie, and students
Parker and Bessie
Parker and Bessie
Bessie
Parker, Bessie, and other people
II. About Ellen G. White

Folder 7  Letter, May 7, 1909, from E. G. White to the teacher in Union College
Letter, Nov. 20, 1930, an experience of long ago by Ella King
Sanders and Edith Donaldson Brownsberger

III. Miscellaneous

Folder 8  News:  Do you Remember?  School Seats were Made Here
Graduation Program: San Fernando Academy, 1914
Grand deed: Burial lot for Bessie Smith, Los Angeles, California, July 5, 1946

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