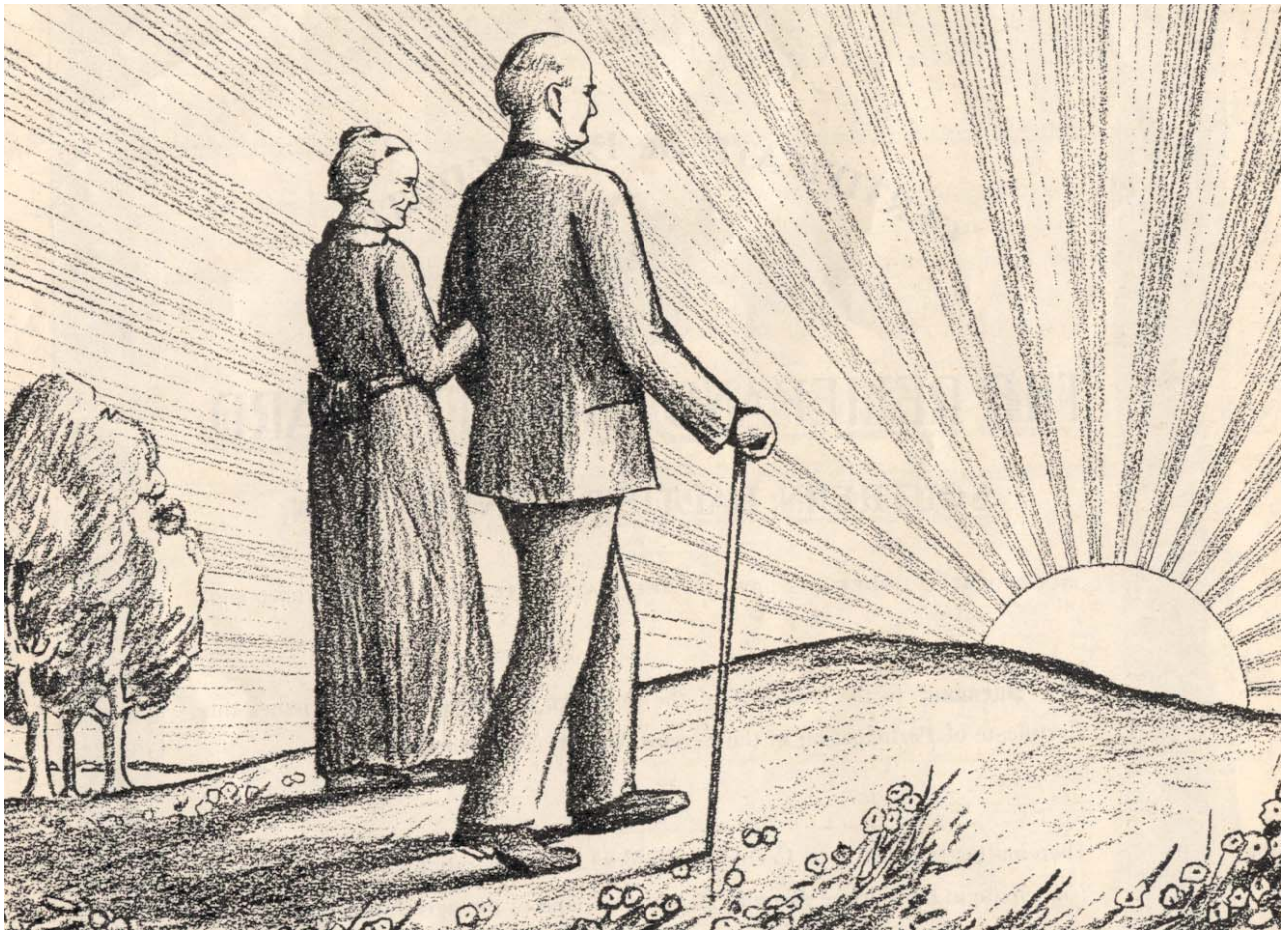


SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUITY BOARD RECORDS

AR 632



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Summary

Main Entry: Annuity Board Records

Date Span: 1918 – 1984

Abstract: The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was established for Southern Baptist pastors' and their widows' economic security in their old age. It was later broadened to include retirement, health insurance, and life insurance needs of Southern Baptist Board employees.

Size: 12 linear ft. (10 boxes)

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Historical Sketch

The Relief and Annuity Board was established in 1918 for the purpose of making provision for the economic security of Southern Baptist pastors and their widows in old age. Later, eleven new plans to meet retirement needs of employees of Southern Baptist Boards, hospitals, schools, and orphanages were added. William Lunsford was instrumental in the creation of the Relief and Annuity Board and served as its first executive director. Lunsford was succeeded by Thomas Watts, who held the post for eighteen years. In 1947, Walter R. Alexander became executive director. The director files of these three leaders are included in the collection. In 1955, R. Alton Reed became executive secretary, and a new building was occupied in 1959. In 1960, the Convention authorized the change in name to Annuity Board. The Board programs and plans expanded to meet the retirement, health insurance, and life insurance needs of pastors and denominational employees. In 2004 the Annuity Board changed its name to GuideStone Financial Resources to reflect its expanded services.

Scope and Content Note

Materials in this collection date from 1919 – 1984

Materials included are:

- (1) Annual reports, 1919 – 1980 (Printed)
- (2) Annuity Board Reports, 1953 – 1983 (Annual & Semi-Annual)
- (3) Audit reports, 1925 – 1984
- (4) Executive Director files
 - (a) William Lunsford
 - (b) Thomas J. Watts
 - (c) Walter R. Alexander.
- (5) Pension Reports, 1981 – 1984
- (6) Trustee Manual, 1984

The material is arranged in the above order. The executive directors' files are alphabetical under each director's name. There are 10 boxes of material included in the collection.

The Executive Directors' files document the early history of the Board and its effort to meet the retirement needs of Southern Baptist pastors. These files date from 1918 to the early 1950's.

Arrangement

Alphabetically by series title

Provenance

The records were deposited in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, by the Annuity Board, in 1985 and 1986.

Preferred Citation

Southern Baptist Convention. Annuity Board Records, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Annuities

Insurance

Pensions

Clergy – Salaries, pensions, etc.

Clergy – Retirement

Southern Baptist Convention. Annuity Board.

Southern Baptist Convention. GuideStone Financial Resources.

Related materials

Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Committee Records. Administrative and Program Planning Files. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 627-1.

Baker, Robert. *The thirteenth check : the jubilee history of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1918-68*. Broadman Press, 1968.

Container List**Box 1**

- 1.1 Annual Reports, 1942 – 1943 (printed reports)
- 1.2 Annual Reports, 1944 – 1952
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