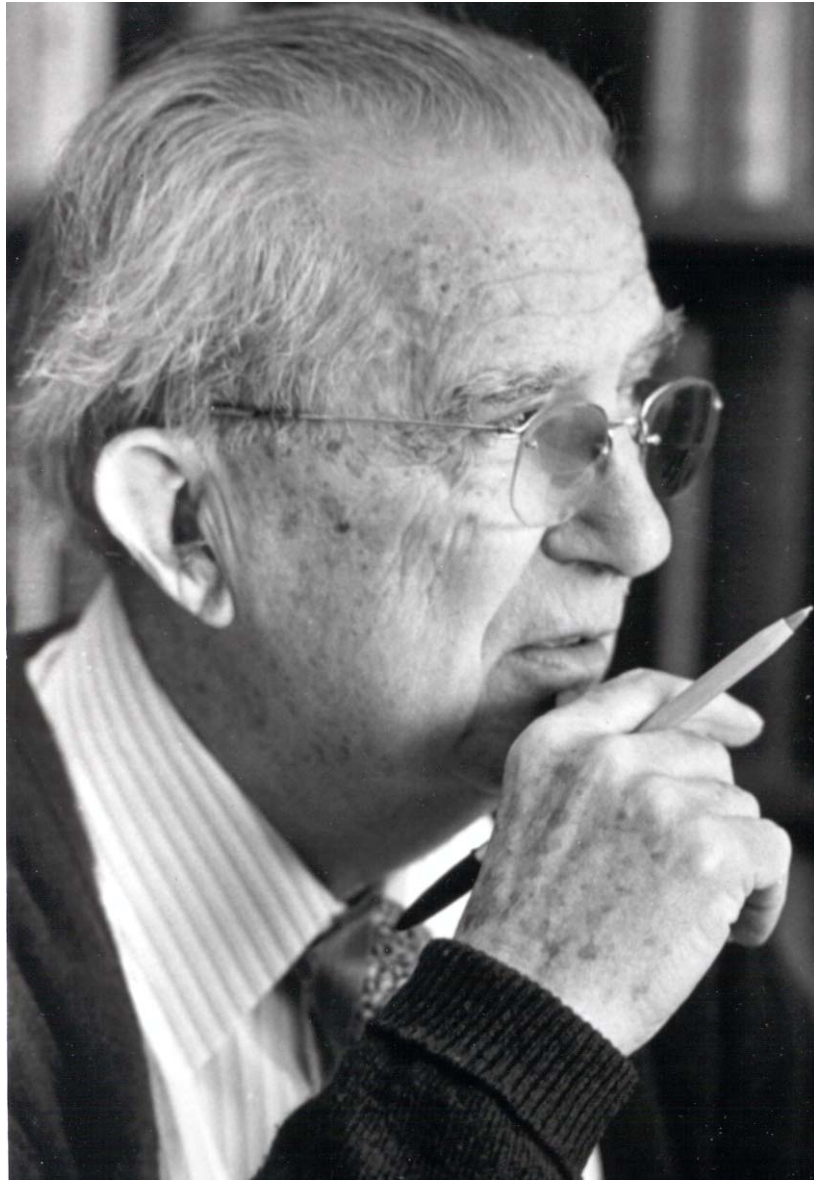


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Summary

Main Entry: Thomas Buford Maston Collection

Date Span: 1955 – 1988

Abstract: Collection mainly consists of articles related to Christian ethics written by T.B. Maston. Also includes biographical information on Maston.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch

Thomas Buford Maston was born November 26, 1897, in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas Christian University, and Yale University.

Maston was Professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary from 1922 to 1963. From 1963 until his death in 1988, he held the title of professor emeritus at the seminary. He was described as the “conscience of Southern Baptists” and a pioneer in Christian ethics. During his tenure at Southwestern, Maston led the racial desegregation movement among Southern Baptists, writing about the subject as early as 1927. He published twenty-three books on the subject, and in 1959, urged Baptists to integrate. He continued this role among Southern Baptists until his death, writing a series of articles on ordination as recently as 1987. Maston was a popular speaker for several years at missionary orientations for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and traveled to more than twenty-five countries.

He was a member of the Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, for more than sixty-five years. He died in Ft. Worth, on May 1, 1988, at the age of ninety.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of photocopies of articles written by T.B. Maston covering a wide range of topics related to Christian ethics. A major portion of the articles deals with race relations. Some biographical information is also included. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. Many of these articles were copied from the files of the Christian Life Commission. The articles span the period 1956 to 1981 and include .5 linear ft. of material. The majority of Maston's papers have been placed in the library at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Collection compiled by Archives staff, 2003.

Preferred Citation

Thomas Buford Maston Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Christian ethics
Race relations
Social ethics

Related Materials

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Container List

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- 1.2 Funeral plans, 1974
- 1.3 Both/and (First in series), 1980
- 1.4 Both/and – Additional ones, 1981
- 1.5 Both/and – Alternatives and Paradoxes, 1981
- 1.6 Both/and – The Bible – A Human/Divine Book, 1981
- 1.7 Both/and – The Christian Life: Its Two Dimensional Nature, 1981
- 1.8 Both/and – The Church: A Divine/Human Institution, 1981
- 1.9 Both/and – Church and Sect, 1981
- 1.10 Both/and – Criticism: Destructive and Constructive, 1980
- 1.11 Both/and – Death and Life, 1981
- 1.12 Both/and – Decisions: Black, White and Gray, 1981
- 1.13 Both/and – Evangelism and Ethics, 1981
- 1.14 Both/and – Greatness and Service, 1981
- 1.15 Both/and – Jesus: A Divine/Human Person, 1980
- 1.16 Both/and – Love for God and Man, 1980
- 1.17 Both/and – Orthodox and Heretic, 1980
- 1.18 Both/and – Salvation: Past, Present, Future, 1980
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- 1.20 Both/and – Slaves and Free, 1981
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- 1.22 Both/and – Testaments: Old and New, 1980
- 1.23 Both/and – Theologians: Conservative and Liberal, 1981
- 1.24 Both/and – Theology and Ethics, 1981
- 1.25 “The Christian Family and Its Aged Members”
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- 1.28 “Could It Be,” 1961
- 1.29 “Criticism and Commitment,” 1981
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- 1.31 Ethical Issues: 1978- A resource paper prepared for the Christian Life Commission, SBC
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- 1.33 “The Impact of Culture on the Self-identity of the Religious Worker”, 1964
- 1.34 “The Impact of Culture on Traditional Concepts of Marriage,” 1964
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- 1.36 “Mommie” – A Personal Tribute to Essie Mae McDonald (Mrs. T. B.) Maston, 1980

- 1.37 “Principles of Christian Social Concern and Christian Social Action”
- 1.38 Race Relations – “The Christian citizen and Racial Tension”
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- 1.40 Race Relations – “The Christian Religion and Contemporary Racial Tensions in the South,” Ridgecrest, 1959
- 1.41 Race Relations – “The Impact of Culture on Society's Racial Dilemmas,” 1964
- 1.42 Race Relations – “Integration,” 1956 – Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes
- 1.43 Race Relations – “Let Us Not Be Weary in Well Doing”
- 1.44 Race Relations – Message at Glorieta – Christian Life Commission, August, 1955
- 1.45 Race Relations – “Paternalism Versus Fraternalism,” 1968
- 1.46 Race Relations – “The Role of a Pastor in a Community Facing Desegregation”
- 1.47 Race Relations – “The Word of God and the Races of Mankind”
- 1.48 Race Relations – “What If?”
- 1.49 “Reflections Regarding Democracy” – Opening Address Southwestern Baptist Seminary, September 12, 1962
- 1.50 “A State of Social Principles for Christian Social Concern and Christian Social Action,” Christian Life Commission, 1985
- 1.51 “To Sign or Not to Sign” (Creed signing) July, 1969
- 1.52 “Trends to Watch – A Closed Society”
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