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Summary

Main Entry: John David Hughey Papers

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Abstract: John David Hughey was a missionary to Europe, president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland, teacher, and Foreign Mission Board administrator. His papers include articles, clippings, manuscripts, notes, and sermons.

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Biographical Sketch

John David (J. D.) Hughey, Jr., was born January 9, 1914 in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He was baptized at age 7 into the Rehoboth Baptist Church, Edgefield. Valedictorian of his high school graduating class, Hughey earned the Bachelor of Arts, with honors, in 1936, from Furman University. Furman awarded Hughey an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1963. Hughey taught school at Richmond Academy, Augusta, Georgia, from 1936 to 1940. He received the Master of Theology degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1942. During his college and seminary days, Hughey pastored churches in South Carolina and Kentucky, including the Chesterfield Baptist Church (SC). Hughey married Evelyn Wells of Sumter, SC, in 1942. Preparing for possible missionary service in Russia, Hughey studied the Russian language and culture at Columbia University, New York, New York, in 1943 – 1944, receiving the M.A. in 1944. He also studied Spanish in the event Russia remained closed.

Hughey accepted a temporary assignment with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA), serving in Europe and the Middle East in 1944 – 1945. He directed activities in a refugee camp in Egypt and later headed a repatriation team for Yugoslavians.

After the war doors remained closed to Russia, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appointed the Hugheys to Spain. When they arrived in Spain in 1947, Spanish Baptists were just entering upon a period of limited religious toleration, after a time from 1939 to 1945 when all their churches were closed. Hughey became a champion for religious liberty in Spain, authoring the book Religious Freedom in Spain: Its Ebb and Flow (London: Carey Kingsgate, and Nashville: Broadman, 1955). He received the Ph.D. from Columbia in 1951, writing his dissertation on “Spanish Governments and Protestantism (1868 – 1931).” He also published Historia de los Bautistas en Esgana (History of Baptists in Spain; Barcelona: Junta Bautista de Publicaciones, 1957).

In 1952, Hughey became a professor at the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, where he taught practical theology and church history. Hughey continued his advocacy of religious liberty in Spain, through visits, letters to U.S. congressmen and ambassadors, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and religious and government leaders. He also held membership on the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights. While at Ruschlikon, Hughey wrote Dig Baptisten: Lehre, Praxis und Geschichte (The Baptists: Teachings, Practices, and History; Kassel: Oncken Verlag, 1959).

Hughey was elected president of the Ruschlikon Seminary in 1960, serving until 1964, when he became Area Secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. Hughey helped lead the Ruschlikon Seminary towards greater recognition academically and enhanced its role as an agent for reconciliation in Europe. He also led in the move towards trustee election by national Baptist bodies, instead of the Foreign Mission Board.

As Area Secretary, Hughey advocated a policy of “Partnership Missions,” Southern Baptist missionaries working through existing Christian and Baptist structures. His books, Europe – A Mission Field? (Nashville: Convention Press, 1972), and Baptist Partnership in Europe (Nashville: Broadman, 1982), reflect this approach to missions. When Hughey became Area Secretary, Southern Baptist missionaries in Europe and the Middle East worked in eleven countries; when he retired in 1981, 13 countries had been added (though four countries – Iran, Turkey, Luxembourg, and Iceland – were subtracted). After Hughey retired from the FMB, he conducted extensive visits with Baptists in Europe and the Middle East and intended to return to Ruschlikon for a special teaching assignment. But he was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. The Hugheys returned to Richmond, where he continued to write, teach a Sunday School class, and preach until early 1984. He died July 8, 1984, in Richmond.

(See Thomas W. Hill, “John David Hughey, Jr., Apostle of Partnership Missions,” Baptist History and Heritage 23 (January, 1988):42 – 50, and Baptist Biography 8566 in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives)

Scope and Content Note

The collection reflects John David (J. D.) Hughey’s academic and theological interests and development, his philosophy of missions, and his administrative and personal involvement in Southern Baptist foreign missions over forty years. The collection contains materials primarily from Hughey’s years as the Foreign Mission Board’s Area Secretary for Europe and the Middle East (1964 – 1981). It includes Hughey’s reports to the FMB and FMB reports to the Southern Baptist Convention for those years. The collection contains subject files on countries in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia, and on a variety of theological, social, ethical, and political issues. The subject files contain clippings from numerous religious and secular sources. Also included is historical material, information on earlier periods but collected or noted in the period listed on the folder. Country files may also contain personal notes, with comments on the Baptist situation and missionaries. Some files contain photographs.

Strong sections of the collection include material on religious liberty in post-World War II Spain, with some nineteenth- and early twentieth-century documents on Baptist beginnings in Spain. Material on the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland is also

extensive. The collection includes miscellaneous minutes of Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee meetings.

The collection contains more than 200 of Hughey's sermons in English, two in French, 26 in German, and almost 50 in Spanish. Box 11 contains eight audiocassettes of Hughey's sermons, addresses, and his funeral service. Hughey's unpublished manuscripts "Baptists in Spain" and "A Look at Baptists" are included in the collection.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within categories. Sermons listed alphabetically by title

Provenance

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 Baptist World Alliance
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 Freedom of religion – Spain
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Related Materials

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- 9.16 Spain – Baptists, 1982 – 1984
- 9.17 Spain – Baptists – Personal Notes, 1954 – 1966.
- 9.18 Spain – Baptists – Personal Notes, 1967 – 1974 (includes correspondence).
- 9.19 Spain – Baptists – Personal Notes, 1975 – 1982.
- 9.20 Spain – Legal Situation, 1975 – 1982
- 9.21 Spain – Protestants

Box 10

- 10.1 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (a shorter version)
- 10.2 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (First draft)
- 10.3 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (Revisions and changes made by Whittens)
- 10.4 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (Corrected)
- 10.5 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (Revised)
- 10.6 Spain – Manuscript: Baptists in Spain (and related materials)
- 10.7 Stewardship
- 10.8 Suffering (Evil and Trouble)
- 10.9 Sweden, 1954 – 1983
- 10.10 Switzerland, 1956 – 1983 (and historical notes)
- 10.11 Tolerance and Prejudice
- 10.12 Tunisia – Personal Notes and Letter, 1979.
- 10.13 Turkey – Personal Notes and Correspondence, 1966, 1979.
- 10.14 War and Peace

- 10.15 Work
- 10.16 Worship
- 10.17 Yemen, 1964 – 1981
- 10.18 Yemen – Personal Notes, 1965 – 1981.
- 10.19 Yugoslavia, 1957 – 1981
- 10.20 Yugoslavia – Personal Notes, 1967, 1980.

Box 11 Eight audio-cassettes

- 11.1 Inauguration of J. D. Hughey as President of the Ruschlikon Baptist Theological Seminary, 1961
- 11.2 Ruschlikon Mission Day, February 24, 1976
- 11.3 The Gospel of John, Interlaken Assembly of European Baptist Convention, July, 1977
- 11.4 Glasgow, Scotland, Church service, September 6, 1981
- 11.5 Sermon, Glasgow, Scotland, September, 1982
- 11.6 Oklahoma Baptist University, Baccalaureate and Commencement, May, 1984
- 11.7 Last sermon, “When it is Difficult to Praise God,” 1982
- 11.8 Funeral service for J. D. Hughey, July 10, 1984, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia