RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

COLLECTION

AR 795-555



Ridgecrest Conference Center, 1925

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Summary

Main Entry: Ridgecrest Conference Center Collection

Date Span: 1905 – 1978

Abstract: Collection contains correspondence, yearbooks, brochures, subject files, programs, minute books, financial records, stockholder and property records, hotel

registers, and scrapbooks relating to the history of the center.

Size: 14 linear ft. (20 boxes)

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Historical Sketch

Ridgecrest Conference Center is owned and operated by LifeWay (formerly the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention). The conference center presents programs dealing with every phase of the denominational program and ranging from the inspirational to the practical.

The idea of a summer assembly for Southern Baptists was first conceived by Bernard Washington Spilman when he was beginning his work as Sunday School secretary in North Carolina in 1896. In 1907, the Southern Baptist Assembly was chartered for a location near Asheville, North Carolina. The following year, a group of stockholders met, and the corporation was organized and plans made for beginning construction. In 1907, the Southern Baptist Convention endorsed the assembly without assuming any financial responsibility.

The Education Board of the Convention administered the assembly from 1921 – 1928. When the Education Board was dissolved and its work transferred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, this committee requested the Sunday School Board to assume responsibility for the program and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. In 1944, the title to all the properties was transferred to the Board.

In cooperation with other Baptist agencies and organizations, conference programs are provided for training and leadership for Sunday School Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist student work, church music, church media library, Centrifuge, and every phase of Baptist life.

Under conference center supervision, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys has been in operation since 1930. Camp Crestridge for Girls was opened in 1955.

For additional information on the history of Ridgecrest see:

Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists.

McAnear, Kenneth. Ridgecrest: Mountain of Faith, 1982.

Middleton, Robert Lee, A Dream Come True: A History, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, 50th Anniversary, 1957.

Moore, Hight C, Story of Ridgecrest, 1950.

Spilman, Bernard W., Ridgecrest: Past-Present-Future, 1928.

Additional manuscript collections dealing with Ridgecrest include:

Alldredge, E. P. Papers, AR 795-134.

Moore, Hight C. Collection, AR 69.

Spilman, B. W. Papers, AR 795-157.

Scope and Content Note

In 1972, material was removed from Ridgecrest, transferred to the Dargan-Carver Library, and later transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. This material included museum items, record books, scrapbooks, photographs, and files. The museum material was cataloged as museum artifacts.

Portions of the collection were microfilmed without arrangement and description. (MF# 759).

The collection consists of yearbooks, brochures, correspondences, subject files, programs, minute books, financial records, stockholders' records, hotel registers, and scrapbooks. The photographs were added to the Dargan-Carver Library Photograph Collection. The collection spans the years 1905 – 1992 and includes 14 linear feet of material.

The collection has been arranged alphabetically with oversized materials that include minutes, property records, financial records, stockholder records, hotel registers, and scrapbooks. Researchers should note that Box 19 and Box 20 are arranged by size.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives from the Dargan-Carver Library

Preferred Citation

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Southern Baptist Convention

Church conference centers - North Carolina

Congresses and conventions – North Carolina

Baptists – Congresses

Baptists - North Carolina

Baptists – United States

Ridgecrest (N.C.)

North Carolina – Churches and religious affairs – Baptist

North Carolina – Congresses and conventions

Guest registers

Scrapbooks

Yearbooks

Container List

A. Subject Files

Box 1

- 1.1 Account Book Individuals (Sale of lots, cash accounts, expense accounts) 1913 1919
- 1.2 Account Journal, 1919 1912, 1922 1931
- 1.3 *The Advance* Foreign Mission Conference
- 1.4 Architectural Drawings
- 1.5 Brochures Centrifuge, 1990
- 1.6 Brochures Crosspoint, 1990
- 1.7 Brochures First Southwide Pastors' Evangelistic Conference, 1944
- 1.8 Brochures General
- 1.9 Brochures Jericho: A Southern Baptist Missions Festival, 1990 1991
- 1.10 Brochures Senior Adult Chautauqua, 1990
- 1.11 Brochures SonRise, 1991
- 1.12 Cakira, 1946
- 1.13 Cakira, 1947
- 1.14 Cakira, 1949
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- 1.16 Cakira, 1951

- 2.1 Cakira, 1952
- 2.2 Cakira, 1953
- 2.3 Cakira, 1954
- 2.4 Cakira, 1955
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- 3.1 Cakira, 1961
- 3.2 Cakira, 1962
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- 3.4 Cakira, 1964
- 3.5 Cakira, 1965
- 3.6 Cakira, 1967
- 3.7 Cakira, 1971
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- 4.1 Cakira, 1973
- 4.2 Cakira, 1974 1975
- 4.3 Cakira, 1977
- 4.4 Cakira, 1978
- 4.5 Camp Crestridge Historical Material
- 4.7 Camp Crestridge Informational Brochures, 1956 1959
- 4.8 Camp Crestridge Informational Brochures, 1960 1964

Box 5

- 5.1 Camp Crestridge Informational Brochures, 1968 1969
- 5.2 Camp Crestridge Informational Brochures, 1970 1973
- 5.3 Camp Crestridge Informational Brochures, 1974 1978
- 5.4 Camp Crestridge *Starduster* Newsletter, 1974
- 5.5 Camp Ridgecrest Historical Information
- 5.6 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1949, 1952 1954
- 5.7 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1955 1959
- 5.8 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1960 1964

- 6.1 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1965 1969
- 6.2 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1970 1973
- 6.3 Camp Ridgecrest Informational Brochures, 1974 1977
- 6.4 Carver, Alice At Ridgecrest, 1928
- 6.5 Cash Book, 1910 1911
- 6.6 Centrifuge Job Descriptions, 1983
- 6.7 Correspondence A C, 1925
- 6.8 Correspondence D G, 1925
- 6.9 Correspondence H J. 1925
- 6.10 Correspondence K O, 1925
- 6.11 Correspondence -P-Z, 1925

- 7.1 Correspondence Mays, Livingston
- 7.2 Earth Dam Materials
- 7.3 Expense Sheet, 1925
- 7.4 General Information
- 7.5 Handbook Mississippi, 1956
- 7.6 History
- 7.7 Minutes Executive Committee Southern Baptist Assembly, 1915 1920
- 7.8 Minutes of Meetings/Ridgecrest Stockholders, 1909 1913
- 7.9 Poster Fall Festival of Marriage, 1990
- 7.10 Press Releases, 1949

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- 8.1 Press Releases, 1951
- 8.2 Pritchell Hall Reminisces, 1925 1962
- 8.3 Programs, 1909 1916
- 8.4 Programs, 1920s
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- 10.2 Programs Training Union, 1951
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- 13.1 Programs, 1970 1971
- 13.2 Programs, 1972 1973
- 13.3 Programs, 1974 1978
- 13.4 Programs, 1979
- 13.5 Record of Meals Served, 1941
- 13.6 Reports and Rates
- 13.7 Schedule of Events, 1991
- 13.8 Schedule of Summer Conferences, 1992
- 13.9 Schedule of Summer Events, 1990 1991
- 13.10 School of Evangelism, 1991
- 13.11 Scrapbook Clippings
- 13.12 Ski Bible Conference, 1991
- 13.13 Songs
- 13.14 Stock Authorization Statements, 1913 1914
- 13.15 Stocks Data, 1920s
- 13.16 Summer Personnel, 1990
- 13.17 Survey Map, 1937
- 13.18 Train Schedules to Ridgecrest, 1914
- 13.19 V for Victory Week, July 7 13, 1943
- 13.20 Workbook "You Can Take It With You," 1946

- 14.1 Account Book, 1909 1913
- 14.2 Account Book Construction, 1925
- 14.3 Cash Book, 1909 1910

- 14.4 Cash Book, 1910 1911
- 14.5 Cash Book, 1911 1912
- 14.6 Cash Book (Expenses/Receipts), 1907 1909
- 14.7 Charter
- 14.8 Clippings
- 14.9 Deed/Lot Book, 1908 1909
- 14.10 Lease Data Oklahoma
- 14.11 Legal Agreements, 1925
- 14.12 Legal Documents Umatilla, Florida Assembly
- 14.13 Minutes Ridgecrest Stockholder, 1909 1933
- 14.14 Minutes Southern Baptist Assembly Board of Directors, 1909 1930
- 14.15 Ordinances, 1911
- 14.16 Property Owners, 1918

- 15.1 Register, 1922 1927
- 15.2 Register, 1931 1932
- 15.3 Register, 1927 1931
- 15.4 Stock Book, 1913 1921
- 15.5 Stock Certificate Book, 1913 1921
- 15.6 Stock Certificates and Receipts, 1927
- 15.7 Stockholders Ledger (Indexed), 1907 1908

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- 15.8 Scrapbook, 1905 1945
- 15.9 Scrapbook, 1934 1936

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- 16.1 Scrapbook, 1938
- 16.2 Scrapbook, 1940
- 16.3 Scrapbook, 1942
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- 18.2 Scrapbook, 1959
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- 18.4 Scrapbook, 1965
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- 18.6 Scrapbook, 1971
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- 19.1 Receipt Book
- 19.2 Scrapbook, 1949 1950
- 19.3 Scrapbook, 1952
- 19.4 Scrapbook, 1953
- 19.5 Scrapbook, 1954
- 19.6 Scrapbook Drama, 1956

- 20.1 Scrapbook, 1964
- 20.2 Scrapbook, 1925 1936
- 20.3 Register, 1933 1936
- 20.4 Register, 1937 1938