

# **E. ALLISON HERRON COLLECTION**

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### **Summary**

Main Entry: E. Allison Herron Collection

Date Span: 1921 – 1981

Abstract: E. Allison Herron was a Southern Baptist denominational leader and the first director of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The collection includes articles, clippings, correspondence, publications, photographs, and writings. Much of the collection relates to the history of the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta, New Mexico.

Size: .5 linear ft. (one box)

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### **Biographical Sketch**

E. A. Herron was born in West Monroe, Louisiana, February 10, 1900. He and his family moved to Roswell, New Mexico when he was eleven. At the age of 14, Herron was converted to the Baptist faith (his parents were Presbyterians) and became active in Sunday School work both as a leader and a student. He was active in the Roswell First Baptist Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and deacon. He left Roswell to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. The depression shortened his seminary education, and Herron returned to Roswell.

In 1933, he was appointed Superintendent of the Baptist Convention in New Mexico, where he served until his transfer to a similar position in Alabama in 1945. Herron returned to New Mexico in 1950 as manager of the Sunday School Board conference center at Glorieta.

Under Herron's leadership, Glorieta held its initial meeting August 7 – 13, 1952, with 1,417 people from 18 states registered for pioneer week. Glorieta grew from an assembly, with one tent to a center covering 2,500 acres and with more than 150 buildings, by 1966 when Herron retired.

Herron married Bonnie Bell in 1925. They had one son, E. Allison Herron, Jr., born in 1926. Herron, Sr. died in 1985 in Cottonwood, Arizona.

See biographical folder in Archives for more information.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The E. Allison Herron Collection is a variety of materials related to Herron and the Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico. Herron planned to write a history of the conference but never

completed the project. Some of the material in the collection is related to his research on the Glorieta history.

The collection includes articles, clippings, publications, New Mexico Baptist Association annuals, and various subject files related to Glorieta. Of special note is a transcript of an oral history interview conducted with several individuals on the history of Glorieta.

The files are arranged alphabetically and include .5 linear ft. of material. The collection spans the dates 1921 – 1981. The collection was a gift from Mrs. E. A. Herron, Cottonwood, Arizona.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

### **Provenance**

Gift from Mrs. E. A. Herron, Cottonwood, Arizona. Transferred to Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 1995.

### **Preferred Citation**

E. Allison Herron Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Herron, E. Allison, 1900 – 1985  
Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board  
Glorieta Baptist Conference Center (Glorieta, New Mexico)  
Baptists – New Mexico

### **Related Materials**

Glorieta Baptist Conference Center Collection, AR 795-564, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

### **Container List**

#### **Box 1**

- 1.1 Articles – Glorieta
- 1.2 Articles – “Glorieta, a Baptist Showcase”
- 1.3 Biographical data – Herron (compiled by Betty Danielson)
- 1.4 Brochures (mostly related to Glorieta)
- 1.5 Correspondence – 1964, 1981
- 1.6 Clippings – Glorieta
- 1.7 Gardens and Grounds of Glorieta (includes Ferguson article)
- 1.8 Glorieta Baptist Church (articles, photographs, notes)

- 1.9 Glorieta information – articles, clippings, notes – “Growth, 1953 – 1966.”
- 1.10 History of Glorieta – Interview by Hubert Smothers
- 1.11 History – Glorieta (Herron manuscript)
- 1.12 “Lest we forget” – facts about Glorieta
- 1.13 Map – Glorieta
- 1.14 New Mexico Baptist Annual, 1944
- 1.15 New Mexico Baptist Annual, 1949
- 1.16 Origins of Glorieta
- 1.17 Portrait presentation – Herron
- 1.18 Retirement
- 1.19 Short, Mark – (successor to Herron at Glorieta)
- 1.20 Sketch – Danielson of Herron
- 1.21 Southern Baptist Convention Handbook, 1921
- 1.22 Staff – Glorieta
- 1.23 Stagg, Harry