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Introduction

The records of Pentecostal Publishing Company (1888-1942) and Morrison Theological Trust (1942-1980) contain materials relating to the ongoing operation of these two organizations. Although the reason for existence of each body was different, their administrators were the same, some of the functions of each body overlapped, and the assets of Pentecostal Publishing Company were used to establish Morrison Theological Trust. The collection includes proceedings, policies, correspondence, subject files, reports, legal documents, financial documents, lists and photographic materials of each body. The bulk of the materials cover the years of Morrison Theological Trust (1942-1980). The collection is approximately 4 cubic feet, with several journals and ledgers, which are not contained in boxes.

Most of the collection was found in seminary buildings. Parts have been added to the collection from other sources. There are no restrictions on usage of the collection. Original order was not always apparent so a structure had to be employed to make the materials accessible. Because of the overlapping nature of the two bodies, interfiling seemed a logical choice for this collection. The finding aid was prepared in June 1987 by Jule L. Kind.

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Scope and Content

The Pentecostal Publishing Company and Morrison Theological Trust Papers span the years of 1898-1980. The Morrison Theological Trust papers are more complete, with proceedings, legal documents, financial records mostly available. The Pentecostal Publishing Company papers have many gaps and areas which are not documented. It is hoped that more material may be located from other sources, and it will then be incorporated in this collection. Correspondence from William Savage, indicated that when the Herald bookstore relocated from Louisville to Wilmore, because of the construction of a major highway, that many documents and records were destroyed or lost.

The strengths of this collection are in understanding the role of the Morrison Theological Trust in the life of Asbury Theological Seminary. The dissolution of Pentecostal Publishing Company after its founder's death (H.C. Morrison) is well documented in the legal documents. Then the later dissolution of the Morrison Theological Trust in 1980, is also documented. Also of interest are the financial documents, showing the investments held by Pentecostal Publishing Company and later Morrison Theological Trust which allowed the publishing business in the first half of the twentieth century and later served to be a source of income for the seminary.

The weakness, of course, are the lack of materials for Pentecostal Publishing Company. The B.L. Fisher Library houses a large collection of the publications of Pentecostal Publishing Company as well as a complete run of the Pentecostal Herald periodical, which evidences the unique ministry which it held in the early half of this century, but there are almost no business records or minutes of Pentecostal Publishing Company as a part of this collection.

Further research on these two organizations is available in the following collections, also available from the Special Collections Department: ATS Communications, J.C. McPheeters, William E. Savage and Frank Bateman Stanger.

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Series Description

PROCEEDINGS

Series

Proceedings

Arranged alphabetically by kind of proceedings.

9 folders

1942-1980

Includes articles of incorporation, by-laws, minutes, resolutions of Morrison Theo. Trust, and some scattered minutes from other committees of the Herald. Also included are the minutes when dissolution of Pent. Publishing was decided.

POLICY

Series

Policy.

2 folders

1974 and undated.

Includes job descriptions and organizational structure of Pent. Publishing Company.

CORRESPONDENCE

Series

Correspondence.

Arranged chronologically.

15 folders

1923-1980.

Correspondence includes letters concerning the Herald, Indian Springs Campmeeting, Morrison Theological Trust, Pentecostal Publishing, and VP for Finance of ATS concerning the ongoing business of the organizations.

SUBJECT FILES

Series

Subject files.

Arranged alphabetically.

25 folders

1910-1977

Include materials from the editorial department and publication department.

REPORTS

Series

Reports.

Arranged alphabetically by name of report.

8 folders.

1945-1976

Reports from publication of the Herald, Pentecostal Book Department, and retirement pension plan.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Series

Legal Documents

Arranged alphabetically by kind of document.

21 folderes, including some oversized materials, not included in document boxes.

1909-1980.

Includes appraisals of the buildings in Louisville, contracts, dissolution of both Pentecostal Publishing Company and Morrison Theological Trust, IRS rulings, law suits, petition, stockholder certifications, workmens compensation.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

Series

Financial documents.

Arranged alphabetically by kind of document.

12 folders, including some oversized materials.

1898-1979.

Includes audit reports, financial reports from the Herald bookstore, Herald publishing, Morrison Theological Trust, Pentecostal Publishing, journals and ledgers, payroll books, schedules of investments for the Trust.

LISTS

Series

Lists.

1 folder

1974-1980.

Lists of the members of the board of trustees for Morrison Theological Trust.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

Series.

Wood Printing Blocks.

.8 cubic feet

Undated

Includes 28 wood blocks used for printing of The Pentecostal Herald of various sizes and subject content.

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Box/Folder Inventory

Box	Folder	Series	Title	Date
1	1	Proceedings	Article of Incorporation: MMT	1942
	2	Proceedings	By - Laws: MTT	1942
	3	Proceedings	Minutes: Committee to Consider <u>Herald</u>	1974 - 1975
	4	Proceedings	Minutes: <u>Herald</u> Editorial Committee	1962 - 1974
	5	Proceedings	Minutes: <u>The Herald</u> Publications Committee	1975 - 1976
	6	Proceedings	Minutes: MTT	1947 - 1980
	7	Proceedings	Minutes: Pent. Pub. Board of Directors	1942
	8	Proceedings	Minutes: Pent. Pub., Stockholders' Minutes	1942
	9	Proceedings	Resolutions: Board of Trustees, Certified Resolutions	1962 - 1969
	10	Policy	Job Description	1974
	11	Policy	Organizational Structure (Pent. Pub.)	n.d.
	12	Correspondence	Culpepper, James	1969 - 1970

	13	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : "Aunt Margie"	1962 - 1964
	14	Correspondence	Herald Bookstore (Louisville)	1963 - 1968
	15	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Donors and Subscriptions	1962
	16	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Donors and Subscriptions	1963
	17	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Donors and Subscriptions	1964
	18	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Donors and Subscriptions	1970 - 1975
	19	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Evangelists' Subscriptions Reports	1962 - 1963
	20	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> : Letters to Subscribers	1962 - 1964
	21	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> Staff	1962 -1972
2	1	Correspondence	<u>Herald</u> Subscriptions: Form Letters	1971, 1975
	2	Correspondence	Indian Springs Camp Meeting	1962 - 1972
	3	Correspondence	MTT	1943 - 1977
	4	Correspondence	Pent. Pub.	1923 - 1936
	5	Correspondence	VP for Finance of ATS	1966 - 1980
	6	Subject File	Editorial Department: Book Reviews	1958
	7	Subject File	Editorial Department: Column Headings, Signatures	n.d.
	8	Subject File	Editorial Department: Founder's Issue	1977
	9	Subject File	Publication Department: Albright, Shirley. (Assorted Poems)	n.d.
	10	Subject File	Publication Department: Baldwin Jesse A. "How Much? How Little?" (pp. 1 -76)	n.d.
	11	Subject File	Publication Department: Baldwin Jesse A. "How Much? How Little?" (pp. 77- 135)	n.d.
	12	Subject File	Publication Department: Baldwin, Jesse A. "How Much? How Little?" (pp. 136 - 193)	n.d.
	13	Subject File	Publication Department: Battan, Buford. <u>Messages from the Cross</u>	n.d.

	14	Subject File	Publication Department: Battin, Buford, Printers mat and news release	n.d.
	15	Subject File	Publication Department: Book Lists	1961, n.d.
	16	Subject File	Publication Department: Burgess “St. John the Aged”	n.d.
3	1	Subject File	Publication Department: Comrie, Frank W. “The Covenant That Wesley Renewed”	1956
	2	Subject File	Publication Department: DeLong, Russel J. “Resurrection: Myth or Fact?”	1957
	3	Subject File	Publication Department: Echols, Stella L. (Assorted Poems)	n.d.
	4	Subject File	Publication Department: Frakes, Hirim. “Blessed Are the Peacemakers”	1969
	5	Subject File	Publication Department: Gesswein, _____. “Prayer and Revival”	1957
	6	Subject File	Publication Department: Grant, Charles W. Freitas Lectures	1958
	7	Subject File	Publication Department: <u>Herald</u> Publicity	n.d.
	8	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Andrew. “Gems in the Life of Joseph”	n.d.
	9	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Andrew. “Gems in the Life of Joseph”	n.d.
	10	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Andrew. “The Peril of High Prices and the Menace of Low Morals”	1946
	11	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Andrew. “Seven Symbols of the Church”	n.d.
	12	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Andrew. “A Tribute to Rev. H. W. Bromley”	n.d.
	13	Subject File	Publication Department: Johnson, Z.T. “The Cost of Necessities”	n.d.
	14	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E.W.	n.d.

			“Another’s Victory-- Ours by Identification”	
	15	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E.W. “At the Cross There’s Room”	n.d.
	16	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E.W. “Christ, the Way Back”	n.d.
	17	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E.W. “He Can Also Do It For You”	n.d.
	18	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E.W. “The Heart of Man-- The Biblical Revelation”	n.d.
	19	Subject File	Publication Department: Lawrence, E. W. “In the Kings Service”	n.d.
	20	Subject File	Publication Department: Lincicome, F. “Essential Characteristics of Effective Preaching”	n.d.
	21	Subject File	Publication Department: Lincicome, F. “I Have Somewhat to Say Unto Thee”	n.d.
	22	Subject File	Publication Department: Lincicome, F. “Lincicome Says--”	n.d.
	23	Subject File	Publication Department: McElroy, Buford M., Sr. “Abandon Ship”	n.d.
	24	Subject File	Publication Department: Morrison, H.C. “Value of a Soul”, “Christ of the Gospels”	1960, n.d.
	25	Subject File	Publication Department: Nicholson, Roy. “Divine Guidance”	1957
	26	Subject File	Publication Department: Paul, John and McDaniel, J.M. “A Study in Final Perserverance” and “Biographical Sketch”	n.d.
	27	Subject File	Publication Department: Postcards (PP)	n.d.
	28	Subject File	Publication Department: “Question Bureau”	1910

29	Subject File	Publication Department: Rose, Delbert R. "Today With God" Column	n.d.
30	Subject File	Publications Department: Tract - "Entire Sanctification" (PP)	1961
31	Subject File	Publications Department: Tract - "The Great Storm"	n.d.
32	Subject File	Publications Department: Tract - Mayfield, R. "Bob Mayfield's testimony" 1959 (Herald)	1959
33	Subject File	Publications Department: Tract - Morrison, H.C. "My Arrest and Rescue" & "My Pentecost" (Herald)	
34	Subject File	Publication Department: Tract - Oldham, W.F. "A Remarkable Testimony" (Herald)	1932
35	Subject File	Publication Department: Tract - Swift, W.A. "How Sunday Became the Sabbath Day" (Herald)	n.d.
36	Subject File	Publication Department: Tract - Wells, K. "How to be Filled with the Spirit" (PP)	n.d.
37	Subject File	Publication Department: Wiley, Pliny A. "Incarnation"	n.d.
38	Subject File	Publication Department: Wiseman, Peter. "May our Christian Institution, the Church, Be Ruined by Destructive Forces Other Than Destructive Criticism?"	n.d.
39	Subject File	Publication Department: Wiseman, Peter. "Spiritual Starvation"	n.d.
40	Subject File	Publication Department: Wiseman, Peter. "The Church Dying From Moral Suicide"	n.d.
41	Subject File	Stationery and Mailing Label	n.d.
42	Subject File	"The Radio Ministry" of ATS	1962
43	Subject File	Rosback Two Head Auto Stitcher	1957 - 1960

	44	Reports	Committee on Public Relations of the Development Committee	1964
	45	Reports	<u>Herald</u> : Business Manager	1957
	46	Reports	<u>The Herald</u> : Circulation Manager	1970 - 1976
	47	Reports	<u>Herald</u> Specials Appeal	1973
	48	Reports	<u>The Herald</u> Subscription Reports	1968 - 1976
	49	Reports	Pent. Pub. Book Department	n.d.
	50	Reports	Report to Board of Trustees re. <u>Herald</u>	n.d.
	51	Reports	Retirement Pension Plan Proposal	1945
	52	Legal Documents	Appraisal (Oversized)	1943 - 1950
	53	Legal Documents	Bill of Sale: Herald Bookstore	1966
4	1	Legal Documents	Contract: Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting and MMT	1963
	2	Legal Documents	Contracts: John Paul	1909
	3	Legal Documents	Contract of Employment: Pent. Pub.	1942
	4	Legal Documents	Contracts	1960 - 1962
	5	Legal Documents	Corporation Process Agent Certificate	1976
	6	Legal Documents	Declaration of Trust	1942 - 1946
	7	Legal Documents	Dissolution of MTT	1980
	8	Legal Documents	Dissolution of Pent. Pub.	1942 - 1943
	9	Legal	IRS Rulings	1943 - 1980

		Documents		
	10	Legal Documents	King Resources Co.	1968 - 1975
	11	Legal Documents	Law Suit: Erma H. Sherrill et. al. vs. Defenders of the Faith, et. al.	1975
	12	Legal Documents	Law Suit: J. W. Tinley vs. Pent. Pub. Co. and correspondence	1909 -1929
	13	Legal Documents	Morrison Family Loan Proposal	n.d.
	14	Legal Documents	Notary Public Certification	1946
	15	Legal Documents	Petition: Bettie Morrison	1942
	16	Legal Documents	Stock Holder Certificate for Pent Pub. (#185 from book of 500)	n.d.
	17	Legal Documents	Stockholder Receipts for Pent. Pub. (#1 - 30 from book of 500)	1942 - 1943
	18	Legal Documents	Unemployment Insurance Claims	1959 -1962
	19	Legal Documents	Workmen's Compensation	1976
	20	Financial Document	Audit Report	1954 - 1959
	21	Financial Document	Federal Tax Forms	1970 - 1979
	22	Financial Document	Financial Reports (handwritten copies)	1942 - 1954
	23	Financial Document	Financial Reports (Herald Press Book Store)	1949 - 1958
	24	Financial Document	Financial Reports: <u>Herald</u> Publication	1968 - 1977
	25	Financial	Financial Statements and Balance Sheets	1946 - 1976

		Document	(MTT)	
	26	Financial Document	Financial Statements (Pent. Pub.)	1898
	27	Financial Document	Financial Statements (Pent. Pub.)	1942 - 1961
	28	Financial Document	Journals and Ledger (oversized)	1898 - 1966
	29	Financial Document	Payroll Books (oversized)	1940 - 1945
	30	Financial Document	Schedule of Investments: MTT	1962 - 1977
	31	Financial Document	Treasury Bond Couplns	1961
	32	Lists	Board of Trustees: MTT	1974 - 1980
5		Photographic Materials	Wood Printing Blocks: 10 Various Sizes and Subjects	n.d.
6		Photographic Materials	Wood Printing Blocks: 18 Various Sizes and Subjects	n.d.