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Introduction

The John Haywood Paul Papers (1877-1967) include materials which relate to his career as pastor, educator, college president, editor, author, holiness evangelist, and world traveller. Paul is most notable for his positions as editor of the Way of Faith (1913-1915; 1922-1924), Vice-President of Asbury College (1916-1922), president of Taylor University (1922-1931), associate editor of The Herald and camp meeting and revival speaker.

The Paul papers came to the Special Collections Department in two acquisitions. Two thirds of the collection was donated and transferred in 1968 by Mrs. Cory Paul to the B. L. Fisher Library of Asbury Seminary, after the death of her husband. At a later time the remainder was found in Bettie Morrison Hall on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary. The two collections were integrated to become one collection in 1987. The collection contains 1.6 cubic feet, but other conference journals and books, which were a part of the original collection have been integrated into the seminary book holdings and Methodist Church conference journals collection. Several photographs which were a part of the original collection have also been integrated into the Photographic Archives of the Seminary.

The collection includes correspondence, literary productions (published and unpublished), some scattered reports, legal documents, printed material and photographs. It is available for research purposes through the Special Collections Department of Asbury Theological Seminary. The finding aid was prepared by Jule L. Kind in January 1987 and updated in July 1988.

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Biographical Sketch

John Haywood Paul (1877-1967) was born in Louisiana to a family of French Catholics. However, before Paul was born his family had been converted by Methodist circuit riders. The last of six children, Paul was born September 23, 1877, to John T. and Luraney Watkins Paul. His father died of pneumonia when Paul was only three years old. He had to spend much of his young life working to help his widowed mother, rather than spending time getting an education. He spent only seven years in school, all under the age of fifteen, but rose to the level of college educator, administrator, noted public speaker and writer.

Licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1900, he spent a total of sixty-eight years of service as a Methodist preacher. He served pastorates in Texas, Mississippi, Kentucky, and South Carolina, and was in great demand as evangelist, camp meeting preacher, and conference speaker, both at home and abroad. For nine years he was one of the leaders of Indian Springs Camp, the youngest leader ever employed by that camp meeting. He was a teacher of philosophy for five years at Meridian College, Mississippi, (1909-1914), a teacher and vice-president of Asbury College, Kentucky, (1916-1922), and the president of Taylor University, Indiana, (1922-1931). During his presidency of Taylor, he taught an extension course for teachers in character education at Indiana University (1927-1928). Following his nine years at Taylor, he taught Biblical Introduction at Chicago Evangelistic Institute (1932-1933), then assumed the presidency of John Fletcher College, Iowa, (1933-1936), later he became a member of the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky, (1941-1946), and served on its Board of Trustees. (1941-1962)

Dr. Paul's editorial responsibilities included a number of years as office editor of The Pentecostal Herald (1904-1912) with Dr. H. C. Morrison, the founder, and later as associate editor of The Herald for twenty-five years, a position he was holding at the time of his death. He was editor of The Way of Faith (1913-1915; 1922-1924), joint editor of The Christian Witness with Dr. G. A. McLaughlin for ten years, editor of The Globe Review and spent

twenty-five years as editor of Higley's annual ommentary on the International Sunday School Lessons. He was a prolific writer with volumes coming from pen periodically throughout his lengthy ministry. A few examples of hsi writings are The Way of Power (1918), What Is New Theology? (1921), Main Street in Jericho (1937), Evangelism as Modern Problem (1940), and Scriptural Holiness (1948). He was chosen to abridge the holiness classics Christian Purity by R. S. and Possibilities of Grace by Asbury Lowrey (1944). His last production was The Climax of the Bible, a book highlighting the Book of Revelatio. He was the recipient of the gold prize in the Southern Methodist Church for the best written statement of the doctrine of entire sanctification, offered by the Christian Advocate in 1916 on the centennial anniversary of Francis Asbury's death. In 1955 Dr. Paul founded the Deeper Life Conference Movement in the United States. He had been associated with it previously in Japan, having been called by that country in 1917 as a lecturer for Interdenominational Conventions for the deepening of spiritual life. He officiated as the first vice-presient of the National Holiness Association for some time.

In his later years, Dr. Paul began to write accounts of his life, such as a nine-page autobiographical sketch, "John Haywood Paul: His Life story," nine pages of "Lessons from My Life," and "The Turning Point of My Life." He accumulated information and materials on his family history and wrote brief accounts of "The Paul Family Tree," "A Sketch of the Paul Family," "Some Paul Family History," and "Some Watkins Family History."

Dr. Paul died at age 90, Dec. 31, 1967, after a long career in the Methodist Church, but reaching beyond that church with his educational influences, writing, and administrative gifts. He was buried in the Beech Grove Cemetery, Munice, Indiana. In 1898 he married Effies Richardson. After her death, he later married Corey Agnes Stephens in 1946. She died in 1975. His wife, Effie, and he had three sons and one daughter (Cyrus, Wilson, Victorine and John Mark.)

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Scope and Content

The John Haywood Paul Papers span the years 1904 to 1967, with the bulk of the material covering the years 1914 to 1956. There are a few pieces which precede 1904, having come from his mother's or father's papers, or from his earlier life before he became prominent in the Methodist Episcopal Church and holiness denominations. The collection contains a proportionately large amount of correspondence. He files his correspondence according to the institution, person or organization to whom he was writing. He corresponded extensively with Dr. H. C. Morrison from 1908 until Dr. Morrison's death in 1942. The bulk of this correspondence spans the years when Paul was Vice- President of Asbury College under President Morrison. It gives insights into some of the problems and ongoing administrative responsibilities of running the college from 1916-1922. During his tenure at Asbury College, Dr. Morrison only visited Wilmore, while carrying on responsibilities in camp meetings and as editor of The Pentecostal Herald. After leaving Asbury College, Morrison and Paul carried on a warm relationship through occasional correspondence. There is also correspondence with Asbury College officials (1910-1940), M. A. and John Wesley Beeson of Meridian College (1907-1955), Iva Durham Vennard, founder of Chicago Evangelistic Institute (1914-1948), and Joseph Owen and C. W. Butler of John Fletcher College (1931-1936), with the staff of The Way of Faith (1891-1925) and the Pentecostal Publishing Company (1914-1915), a few pieces from each of his children, other family members, and with Robert D. Higley and J. A. Huffman of the Higley-Huffman Press (1959-1961). Among other interesting correspondents are George Bennard; William Jennings Bryan; L. P. Brown; Helen Keller; J. C. McPheeters; Harold J. Ockenga; William Oldham, writing about William Huff; E. O. Rice; Richard Raines; Gipsy Smith; Joseph Smith; Mrs. Joseph H. Smith; Mrs. Joseph H. Smith, upon the death of her husband; Oswald J. Smith; Billy Sunday; and R. A. Torrey.

Also included in the collection are several folders of literary productions, including articles published in The Pentecostal Herald and later The Herald. Of particular note is the series "The Column of Memory" which autobiographically described his Asbury and somewhat the Taylor

years. Also included are handwritten poetry, a series of sermons given in chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary (1947) on "The Psychology of Preaching," the Baccalaureate address for Asbury Theological Seminary (1959), a proposed federation of Christian publishers, and various pieces which were autobiographical in nature. Some of his original contracts with Oliver Gospel Mission, Asbury Theological Seminary faculty agreement, Pentecostal Publishing Company and Way of Faith are a part of the collection. Among the printed materials are various articles which he had saved about notable people of his day, including obituaries; booklets, such as a 1906 Pentecostal Publishing Company "A Beginner's Quarterly;" and an autobiographical booklet by Bishop Arthur J. Moore; the 1906 volume of "Pentecostal Youth;" an unpublished manuscript by Dr. H. C. Morrison entitled "Open Letters to a Young Preacher;" Paul's Bible given to him at age 20, and a 1913 yearbook from Meridian College (Doshisha).

The collection originally contained eleven official journals of the Mississippi, Gulf (Mission), and Kentucky conferences between and including the years 1889 and 1916, and the books The Climax of the Bible by John Paul, The Christian's Pattern by John Wesley, The Fullness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Christ by W. F. Mallalieu, and Twentieth Century Sketches of the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South by Re. Watson B. Duncan. Also included were the booklets "The Story of First Methodist Church of Bridgeton, New Jersey", and "A History of Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford." These have been removed and are available through the B. L. Fisher Library's main book holdings and Methodist Church conference journals collections. There are fourteen black and white photographs which were added to the Photographic Archives of the Special collection Department of B. L. Fisher Library.

Additional correspondence and biographical information can be found in the Christian Holiness Association Collections which are on deposit in B. L. Fisher Library. This correspondence by Paul pertains to his affiliation with National Holiness Association for the Promotion of Holiness which he served as an officer.

The John Haywood Paul Papers are available for research. The strengths of the collection include the correspondence with H. C. Morrison, other Christian leaders of the first half of the twentieth century, its documentation of Asbury College history and the various book, conference journals, yearbook and literary productions of Paul. Its weakness is that some years are not well documented, particularly the years spent at Taylor University (1922-1931), the Meridian years, John Fletcher years, and his second time in Wilmore, when on the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary. Although there is some correspondence with his children, almost nothing is said about his wives or personal life.

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Series Description

BIOGRAPHICAL

Series

Biographical Information

1850-19--

Arranged chronologically.

Includes Paul family record, beginning in 1850, a short sketch of a preaching event and an article written in the Lima, Ohio, newspaper, undated. Paul's various preaching licenses for deacon's and elder's orders are included.

PROCEEDINGS

Series

Articles of Incorporation.

1904-1942, sc.

Arranged alphabetically by organization.

Includes articles of incorporation from Asbury College and Morrison Theological Trust.

Minutes.

1949.

Contains a partial set of minutes from God's Bible School and College, Board of Trustees.

CORRESPONDENCE

Series

Correspondence.

1904-1964.

Arranged alphabetically by name, institution or organization. Includes correspondence to the institutions at which he served, such as Meridian College, Asbury College, John Fletcher College, Asbury Theological Seminary; correspondence to organizations which he worked with, such as, Way of Faith, Pentecostal Publications, Chicago Evangelistic Institute; and to individuals, such as H.C. Morrison, J. W. Beeson, Arthur J. Moore, and his children.

REPORTS

Series

Reports.

1915, 1930.

Arranged alphabetically by the organization.

Includes reports which Paul gave to the Legal Hundred and Way of Life.

LITERARY PRODUCTIONS

Series

Articles.

1899-1957.

These include articles which Paul wrote and were printed in various magazines and papers. The bulk of them were published in The Pentecostal Herald. Included are two series which he wrote for the Pentecostal Herald: "The Column of Memory" and "A Course in Christian Holiness."

Bibliography.

Undated.

A bibliography which he used to supplement a study in Psychology of Religion. He compiled the list himself.

Manuscripts.

Some undated, one dated 1945.

Includes "The Psychology of Preaching" and some shorter ones, such as "Negroes I have Known."

Memoirs.

1800's-1967.

This includes several short pieces, which he wrote at various times throughout his lifetime, about his own life. Some of these are in his original pen. Also included are notes, family trees, etc. of himself, Paul family and Watkins family.

Poetry.

Undated.

Several poems are included, some of which are still in their original form, some had been printed. It includes two poems, which he wrote, which had been set to music by someone else.

Sermons.

1947.

Includes a series which he presented at Asbury Theological Seminary as a part of a chapel program.

Speeches.

1937, 1959.

Includes two addresses which he gave as a baccalaureate address to Asbury Theological Seminary and a commencement address at God's Bible School and College.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Series

Contracts.

1909-1941.

Arranged alphabetically by organization.

Includes contracts which Paul made with Asbury Theological Seminary, Pentecostal Publishing Company, and Way of Faith.

Law suit.

1942

Lawsuit, involving the Kletzing brothers and C. W. Butler, John Paul over the Kletzing College.

Will.

1891.

A copy of the will of Robert Campbell Oliver, who founded Way of Faith.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

Series

1896-1953, sc.

Includes financial reports from when Paul was working for Way of Faith and it also includes personal financial documents, such as checks, World War II ration coupons, and receipts.

SCRAPBOOK MATERIALS

Series

Paul Printed Stationery.

Undated.

Includes examples of envelopes which he used which had been printed with his name and address.

Newspaper clippings.

1961-1968.

Includes articles written about Paul, including an obituary.

Poetry.

1952.

A poem written by his grandson, Jeff.

Programs, misc.

1906-1968, sc.

Includes programs from various events and services which Paul was a part of.

PRINTED MATERIALS

Series.

Articles and clippings.

1897-1963, sc.

Arranged chronologically.

Various articles and newspaper clippings which Paul had saved, written by his contemporaries, such as, Bud Robinson, L. P. Brown, and C. W. Butler.

Booklets.

1906, 1962, undated.

Arranged alphabetically by name of the booklet.

Includes "The Begginer's Quarterly", published by Pentecostal Publishing Company, 1906; an autobiography of Bishop Authur J. Moore, an unpublished manuscript by H. C. Morrison, the catalogue for the Pentecostal School of Evangelism which H. C. Morrison wanted to start, the memorial service of Joseph Smith.

Periodicals

1906

Contains one bound volume of the "Pentecostal Youth" which was published for a short time by Pentecostal Publishing Company.

Newsclippings

1911-1954.

Arranged alphabetically.

It contains obituaries of prominent Christian leaders during Paul's lifetime.

Pamphlets.

1880.

"General Washington's Vision."

Bible.

1897 (Given to Paul in this year.)

Revised Standard Bible, with some written notes.

Yearbooks.

1913.

Doshisha from Meridian College, when Paul was on faculty.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.

Metal Plate Negatives.

Undated.

Includes pictures of Paul, used for printing purposes.

See also: There are 14 black and white photographs which were interfiled with the Photographic Archives, of B. L. Fisher Library. Of particular interest might be photographs of H. C. Morrison, Commissioner Samuel Brengle, G. Campbell Morgan, Bud Robinson, Joseph H. Smith, George Bennard, and the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary in the early 1940's.

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Box/Folder Inventory

Box	Folder	Series	Title	Date
1	1	Biographical		185--
	2	Biographical	Preaching licenses	1900-1926
	3	Proceedings	Asbury College Articles of Incorporation	1904, 1913
	4	Proceedings	Morrison Theological Trust Articles of Incorporation	1942
	5	Proceedings	God's Bible School & College Board of Trustees-Minutes	1949
	6	Correspondence	A	1946
	7	Correspondence	Asbury College	1904-1920
	8	Correspondence	Asbury College	1921
	9	Correspondence	Asbury College	1922-1940
	10	Correspondence	Asbury Seminary	1950
	11	Correspondence	B	1917-1960
	12	Correspondence	Beeson, John Wesley	1908-1956, sc.
	13	Correspondence	Butler, C. W.	1947-1959
	14	Correspondence	C	1907-1957

	15	Correspondence	Chicago Evangelistic Institute: Iva Durham Vennard	1914-1945
	16	Correspondence	D -- G	1909-1955
	17	Correspondence	H	1924-1960
	18	Correspondence	Higley/Huffman Publ.	1934-1961, sc.
	19	Correspondence	J -- L	1906-1958
	20	Correspondence	John Fletcher College/ Vennard College	1931-1962
	21	Correspondence	Johnson, Z. T.	1940-1943
	22	Correspondence	K -- M	1902-1966, sc.
	23	Correspondence	Meridian College	1909-1960, sc.
	24	Correspondence	Moore, Arthur J.	1932-1944
2	1	Correspondence	Morrison, H. C.	1908-1915
	2	Correspondence	Morrison, H. C.	1916-1922
	3	Correspondence	Morrison, H. C.	1923-1944
	4	Correspondence	N -- O	1923-1967
	5	Correspondence	P	1907-1943
	6	Correspondence	Paul, John, wife (Corey); children	1939-1968
	7	Correspondence	Paul, John, family	1907-1960
	8	Correspondence	Pentecostal Publishing Company	1914-1915
	9	Correspondence	R	1909-1964, sc.
	10	Correspondence	S	1913-1961
	11	Correspondence	Savage, William	1948-1963
	12	Correspondence	T -- Y	1910-1958
	13	Correspondence	Way of Life	1911-1915
	14	Correspondence	Way of Life	1918-1925

	15	Correspondence	Way of Life--Letters from Subscribers	1914
	16	Reports	Report to the Legal Hunred	1930
	17	Reports	Way of Faith	1915, 1921
	18	Literary Productions	Articles	1899-1957
	19	Literary Productions	Articles, Series "The Column of Memory"	1949-1951
	20	Literary Productions	Articles, Series "A Course in Christian Holiness"	1952-1954
	21	Literary Productions	Bibliography--Psychology of Religion	undated
	22	Literary Productions	Booklet--"Addresses at the Dedication of the Kletzing-McLaughlin Mem. Foundation	1936
	23	Literary Productions	Manuscripts--Proposed Federation of Christian Publishers	
3	1	Literary Productions	Manuscripts-- "The Psychology of Preaching"	1945
	2	Literary Productions	Manuscripts, Misc.	undated
	3	Literary Productions	Memoirs--Paul Family	1800's-1965
	4	Literary Productions	Memoirs--Personal	1877-1967
	5	Literary Productions	Memoirs--Watkins Family	1950, 1959
	6	Literary Productions	New Release: Taylor U. Resignation	1931
	7	Literary Productions	Pamphlet-- "An Answer to Several Letters"	[1907]
	8	Literary Productions	Poetry	undated

	9	Literary Productions	Sermons-- "A Sermon Diary"	1904
	10	Literary Productions	Sermon--Series	1947
	11	Literary Productions	Speeches--Baccalaurate Sermon--Asbury Seminary	1959
	12	Literary Productions	Speeches--Commencement God's Bible College	1937
	13	Legal Documents	Contracts--Asbury Sem. Faculty	1941
	14	Legal Documents	Contracts--Pentecostal Publishing Company	1909
	15	Legal Documents	Contracts--Way of Faith	1914, 1922
	16	Legal Documents	Deed of Contract: J. Paul & C. Paul	[1940]
	17	Legal Documents	Kletzing vs. Butler, Paul, et. al.	1942
	18	Legal Documents	Wills--Robert Campbell Oliver--Way of Faith	1891
	19	Financial Documents	Financial Reports--Way of Faith	1914, 1922
	20	Financial Documents	Bills, receipts, checks misc.	1896-1953, sc.
	21	Scrapbook Materials	Address List	n.d.
	22	Scrapbook Materials	Memorial Service-- Asbury Theo. Seminary	1968
	23	Scrapbook Materials	Newsclippings--Personal	1961-1968
	24	Scrapbook Materials	Paul Printed Stationery	undated
	25	Scrapbook Materials	Poetry--Jeff Paul	1952

	26	Scrapbook Materials	Programs, misc.	1906-1968
	27	Printed Materials	Articles/Clippings	1897-1963, sc.
4	1	Printed Materials	Book: Bible--Paul personal Bible	1897
	2	Printed Materials	Booklets--"The Beginner's Quarterly"	1906
	3	Printed Materials	Booklets-- "Bishop to All Peoples"--A. J. Moore	1962
	4	Printed Materials	Booklets-- "Open Lettersto a Young Preacher"--H. C. Morrison	undated
	5	Printed Materials	Booklets--Pentecostal School of Evangelism	1906
	6	Printed Materials	Booklets-- "The So. Calif. Holiness Assn." (the memorial service of Joseph H. Smith)	1946
	7	Printed Materials	Newsclippings-Obituaries	1911-1954, sc.
	8	Printed Materials	Pamphlets-- "General Washington's Vision"	1880
	9	Printed Materials	Periodical-- "Pentecostal Youth"	1906
	10	Printed Materials	Poetry--Robertson, James Douglas "And Be Ye Holy"	1948
	11	Printed Materials	Yearbooks-- <u>Doshisha</u>	1913
	12	Photographic Material	Negative Print--Metal (2 of Paul, 1 of Paul & Morrison)	undated

See Also

The following photographs were interfiled in the Photographic Archives of B. L. Fisher Library:

Accession number	Description
A616	Dr. & Mrs. H. C. Morrison
A617	Rev. & Mrs. Joseph H. Smith

A1015	Asbury Theo. Seminary faculty early 1940's.
A1403	John Paul, age 5
A1404	John Paul, faculty, Meridian College
A1405	John Paul & unidentified man
A1406	John Paul & Joseph Owen
A1407	John Paul & George Bennard
A1408	George Bennard & Commisionere Brengle
A1409	George Brennard
A1410	John Paul & J. L. Brasher
A1411	John Paul, E. Stanley Jones, I. Vennard, E. O. Rice, G. G. Vallentyne
C712	Broughton Campmeeting Staff--1920 J. Paul, G. Campbell Morgan, L. G. Broughton, Dr. Evan.
C798	Lakeland, Florida Camp--1935 Bud Robinson, D. F. Brooks, H. C. Morrison, Comm. Brengle

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1. Eleven official journals of the Mississippi, Gulf (Mission), and Kentucky conferences between and including th years 1898 and 1916. (Heritage Collection)
2. The Climax of the Bible, John Paul.
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