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**Ethel Lorraine Webb Small
Papers, 1960-1980**

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About this collection

Title: Ethel Lorraine Webb Small Papers, 1960-1980

Creator: Ethel Lorraine Webb Small

Identifier/Call Number: CRS MS #482

Physical Description: 1.0 linear foot (1 box)

Dates (Inclusive): 1960-1980

Dates (Bulk): 1960-1980

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: The Small papers contain twenty spiral notebooks, eight envelopes, and loose papers, used by Mrs. Small in the study and preparation for Bible classes.

Biographical Note: Ethel Lorraine Webb Small was born March 9, 1910 to George W. Webb and Dollie M. Dicker Webb on a farm in Mitchell County, Texas, near the town of Colorado City. She met and married Louis Small on December 14, 1927. They were farmers who lived in Mitchell County until their deaths.

Ethel was a third generation member of Churches of Christ and was very faithful all of her life. Her motto was 'If you can't say something good about a person, don't say anything at all.' Most of her life she attended a small church in the Buford community. It was known as the 'White Church of Christ.' In the 1950's they moved that building to the outskirts of Colorado City and eventually replaced it with a new building. The church was then known as the Northside Church of Christ, until the 5th and Elm Church of Christ and the Northside Church merged and built a new building at 22nd and Austin Street in Colorado City.

Ethel's formal education was through the 11th grade in Colorado City Public Schools. However, she was well read especially in the Bible which she read faithfully every day. She began to teach classes early in her life and began to teach Ladies Bible Class every Tuesday sometime in the 1950's. She taught that class almost 30 years. She would write out each lesson in long hand, word for word in great detail.

She was the wife of an elder. Louis served in that position during the 1960s-1970s. She was faithful to the Lord, to her church and to her family.

Ethel died August 24, 1993. Louis Small was born September 11, 1904 and died April 14, 2004. Both are buried in Colorado City City Cemetery.
Biographical sketch provided by Charles Small.

Administrative Information

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Using this collection

Processing Status: Processed

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Arrangement of Materials: The materials were donated in one paper box with no discernible original order. The processor foldered the spiral notebooks and labelled each with the description used by Ethel Small on the outside of the notebook. In cases where the notebooks were unlabelled, the processor supplied a description, indicated by [square] brackets. The same procedure followed for the envelopes, retaining in these cases Mrs. Small's numbering system. It is evident some envelopes were either not included in this donation or somehow the notebooks fit into her numbering system used for the envelopes. However the notebooks bear no numbering or dates. Therefore the processor imposed a simple arrangement on the collection by ordering them as follows: spiral notebooks, envelopes, loose papers. In each section the processor placed these materials in canonical order of the books of the Bible. Topical materials follow the materials on books of the Bible. Loose papers were scattered among the notebooks and envelopes in the original box. The processor unfolded these and foldered them into five folders. A few print materials were separated from the handwritten loose papers and foldered separately.

Separated Materials: None

Subjects

Churches of Christ -- Texas
Churches of Christ
Churches of Christ -- Women

[Key Words]

Small, Ethel Lorraine Webb, 1910-1993

Inventory

Finding aid; Biographical information; Spiral Notebooks: [Old Testament], [Matthew], Matthew, [Matthew, book 3], John 1-4:35; John; Acts and notes on the Elder's wife; Galatians and Philemon; Colossians; Philemon, Philippians, Hebrews; 1-2 Timothy and Titus; History of Revelation; Revelation; [Revelation]; Revelation and the Unpardonable Sin; [Marriage and the Home]; [undetermined]; Christ's Church; Jesus if the Christ; This is my Father's World

Envelopes: 1-2 Thessalonians (12); Colossians (13); James (16); 1-2 Timothy and Titus (18); 1-2 Corinthians (19); 1-2 Peter (25); Hebrews and 'My Notes on the Home' (21); Plan of Salvation

Loose Papers in five folders, labeled sequentially

Print materials used in lesson preparation