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**Sabinal Christian College (Sabinal, TX)
Records, 1905-1922**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #358

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About this collection

Title: Sabinal Christian College (Sabinal, TX) Records, 1905-1922

Creator: Sabinal Christian College

Identifier/Call Number: CRS MS #358

Physical Description: 1.3 linear feet (1 box)

Dates (Inclusive): 1905-1922

Dates (Bulk): 1909-1915

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection includes correspondence, legal, and financial information about the history of Sabinal Christian College (Sabinal, TX).

Biographical Note: Sabinal Christian College was founded in 1907 one mile east of Sabinal, Texas, in Uvalde County by members of the Churches of Christ. The purpose of the school was to provide Bible teaching and religious training in addition to the usual literary curriculum. Courses included Bible, business administration, music, and speech, which were taught at primary, intermediate, high school, and college levels. The school reached a peak enrollment of 200 students and nine faculty members under the administration of Isaac E. Tackett (1909-1913). Other presidents of the school included G. H. P. Showalter, W. A. Schultz, J. Paul Slayden, and J. O. Garrett. The college received inadequate financial resources due to World War I, depression in the cotton market, and a drought that caused crop failures. The school closed on May 15, 1917.¹

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¹ *Handbook of Texas Online*, Isaac E. Tackett, "Sabinal Christian College," accessed November 02, 2017, <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/kbs01>.

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Separated Materials: none

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Christian education

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Education, higher -- Texas -- Abilene

Correspondence

Minutes

Sabinal Christian College (Sabinal, TX)

Uvalde County, TX

Inventory

Box 1

I. Correspondence

- G. H. P. Showalter to D. F. Nichols (March 19, 1909)
- M. A. Cooper to George Powell (September 2, 1909)
- Edward B. Ward to M. A. Cooper (September 2, 1909)
- Isaac E. Tackett to the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (March 11, 1912)
- James D. Crenshaw to W. A. Earnest (April 2, 1912)
- Isaac E. Tackett to the Sabinal Christian College Board of Trustees (March 1, 1913)
- J. Paul Slayden to the Sabinal Christian College Board of Trustees (December 23, 1914)
- Ira Massey to the Sabinal Christian College Board of Trustees (April 7, 1915)
- Carl A. Gardner to W. A. Earnest (April 13, 1915)
- W. A. Earnest to J. D. Strickland (April 17, 1915)
- J. O. Garrett to W. A. Earnest (April 19, 1915)
- [Envelope] to W. A. Earnest (April 28, 1915)
- J. O. Garrett to W. A. Earnest (May 29, 1915)
- J. O. Garrett to W. A. Earnest (June 8, 1915)
- J. O. Garrett to "Brethren" (June 14, 1915)
- Isaac E. Tackett to "Bro. Allen" (no date)

II. Legal Documents

- Contract to erect a church house in the town of Sabinal, TX (August 21, 1905)
- Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien – Single and Wife's Separate Acknowledgment – J.A. Driskill to D. F. Nichols (February 9, 1907)
- Warranty Deed – Joseph A. Kelly to J. A. Pounds, D. F. Nichols, and B. F. Gilpin (April 10, 1907)
- Charter for Sabinal Christian College (January 30, 1909)
- Lease agreement between Isaac E. Tackett and S. J. Spencer for dormitory adjacent to Sabinal Christian College (August 10, 1909)
- Loan agreement between M. T. Barksdale and Lillian R. Millingar for \$3,000 (October 2, 1909)
- The Sabinal Christian College Deed of Trust to James D. Crenshaw for the Use and Benefit of Lillian R. Millingar (October 22, 1909)
- Contract of Agreement between Isaac E. Tackett and the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (February 12, 1912)
- Contract of Agreement between J. Paul Slayden and the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (March 1, 1913)
- Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien – Single and Wife's Separate Acknowledgment – M. S. Koch to D. F. Nichols (October 3, 1913)
- Subscriptions to pay off college debt by October 1, 1914
- Release under Deed of Trust from Lillian R. Millingar to Sabinal Christian College (October 13, 1914)
- Contract of Agreement between J. O. Garrett and the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (May 4, 1915)

Contract of Agreement between J. O. Garrett and the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (May 15, 1915)

Contract between Sabinal Christian College and J. O. Garrett in regard to petitioning in order to secure Garrett's salary (1916)

III. Financial Documents [Located on top of Box 1]

Ledger Book with receipts (1907-1922)

IV. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes Book (February 1, 1907 – March 27, 1916)

Copy of Minutes of a Directors Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sabinal Christian College (August 5, 1909)

Handwritten minutes concerning social privileges of students (September 1912)

Handwritten minutes concerning financial situation of the college (n.d.)