

Abilene Christian University

Digital Commons @ ACU

Center for Restoration Studies Archives,
Manuscripts and Personal Papers Finding Aids

Finding Aids

5-1-2023

William Webb Freeman Papers, 1912-1954

William Webb Freeman

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.acu.edu/findingaids>



Part of the [Biblical Studies Commons](#), [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), [Christianity Commons](#), [Practical Theology Commons](#), [Religious Education Commons](#), and the [Religious Thought, Theology and Philosophy of Religion Commons](#)

Preferred Citation

[identification of item], [file or folder name], W.W. Freeman Papers, 1912-1954. Center for Restoration Studies MS #24. Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives, Brown Library. Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by the Finding Aids at Digital Commons @ ACU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Center for Restoration Studies Archives, Manuscripts and Personal Papers Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ ACU.

**William Webb Freeman
Papers, (1912-1954)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #24

Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives
Brown Library
Abilene Christian University
Abilene, TX 79699-9208

1 May 2023

About this collection

Title: William Webb Freeman Papers

Creator: William Webb Freeman, (1887-1954)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #24

Physical Description: 7.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1912-1954

Dates (Bulk): 1912-1954

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains personal and professional papers of William Webb Freeman, including correspondence, research materials, thesis material, thesis, photographs, and ephemera. The collection is housed in 4 boxes.

Biographical Note: William Webb Freeman began preaching in 1910 in Magnum, Oklahoma. He received an A.B. from University of Louisville, the Th.M. and Th.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and the M.A. from Yale University.

In 1922, he wrote a series of four articles in *Firm Foundation* attempting to reconcile science and the Bible on the premise that the Bible is not inerrant on every dictum. The articles, titled "The Use and Abuse of the Bible," were met with severe critique from several circles.

In 1923, he taught Bible and Greek at Abilene Christian College. After leaving Abilene Christian College, he began teaching at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas. While there, he also preached and served as an elder at Commerce Church of Christ.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Freeman family

Date of Acquisition: unknown

Accession Number: R2007.197, used to be two separate collections (MS #24 and MS 360) under different names

Date of Accession: 4 April 2007

Accessioned by: Julia Reid and Beth Purcell

Processor and Date of Processing: Kayla Sanderson, 21 February 2014, Brady Cox, 17 May 2016

Finding Aid Creator and Date: Kayla Sanderson and Mac Ice, 12 March 2014, Brady Cox, 17 May 2016

Finding Aid Update: Mac Ice, Amanda Dietz, Ashlen Planes, 1 May 2023

Using this collection

Processing Status: Processed

Conditions Governing Access: Materials are housed in the Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives, Brown Library, Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas and are non-circulating. Access is available during normal business hours; prior appointments are preferred.

Conditions Governing Use: Materials are housed in the Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives, Brown Library, Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas and are non-circulating. Access is available during normal business hours; prior appointments are preferred.

Preferred citation: [identification of item], [file or folder name], William Webb Freeman Papers, 1912-1954. Center for Restoration Studies MS #24. Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives, Brown Library. Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

Copyright notice: Unless transferred in writing to Abilene Christian University, copyright is retained by the authors of these materials, or their descendants, as stipulated by United States Copyright Law (Title 17 US Code). Researchers are responsible for using these materials in conformance with copyright law.

Arrangement of Materials: The collection is arranged by material type and then by alphabetical order.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Abilene Christian College
Campbell, Alexander (1788-1866)
Christian education
Churches of Christ -- History -- 19th century
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century
Churches of Christ -- Periodicals
Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene
Education, higher -- Texas -- Abilene
Correspondence
Ephemera
Manuscripts
Newsletters
Periodicals

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid
Pictorial Bulletins: Abilene Christian College
Notes: Alexander Campbell
Notes: Articles and Sermons
Notes: Classes
Newspaper Clippings and Journal Articles

Box 2

Response to critics regarding 1922 Firm Foundation articles
Correspondence
Bound M.A. Thesis, Yale University

Box 3

Handwritten Notes and Papers
Photographs

Box 4

Thesis Materials

Box 5

“A History of the Campbell Movement and Its Educational System” - Freeman’s MA Thesis
submitted to Southern Methodist University on August 24, 1933