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### Firm Foundation Publishing Company (Austin, TX) Records, 1938-1972

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**Firm Foundation Publishing Company  
(Austin, TX) Records, (1938-1972)**

Center for Restoration Studies  
Manuscripts #55

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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Firm Foundation Publishing Company (Austin, TX) Records

**Creator:** Firm Foundation Publishing Company (Austin, TX)

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #55

**Physical Description:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1938-1972

**Dates (Bulk):** 1938-1972

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** These records include one box of materials from the Firm Foundation Publishing Company in Austin, Texas.

**Biographical Note:** Firm Foundation Publishing Company, Austin, Texas, was a major producer of printed literature for Churches of Christ in the late nineteenth and the whole of the twentieth century. Their flagship publication was the journal *Firm Foundation* (publication varied at times from bi-weekly to monthly). It served as a major forum for Biblical study and as a clearinghouse for news, information, and comment on the affairs among Churches of Christ. The company produced Sunday School literature and hymnals, thereby influencing the life of the churches. Under Reuel Lemmons' editorship, the paper gained a definite voice in the promotion of global, trans-national and trans-cultural missions, the development of leadership within congregations, and as a major voice for the broad middle among Churches of Christ, particularly in the Southwestern United States.

### **Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Bob Hunter, who purchased these materials from an antique store in Austin, Texas. In legacy finding aids, these photographs were referred to as the Bob Hunter Collection.

**Date of Acquisition:** 1992

**Accession Number:** R2007.160

**Date of Accession:** 21 May 2007

**Accessioned by:** Julia Reid

**Processor and Date of Processing:** Audrey Schaffner, 3 March 2014

**Finding Aid Creator and Date:** Audrey Schaffner, 3 March 2014

**Finding Aid Update:** Mac Ice, Amanda Dietz, and Avery Reinoehl, 9 May 2023

## **Using this collection**

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**Processing Status:** Processed

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**Arrangement of Materials:** The processors retained the original order as received. Original order seems to have been maintained. The majority of photos are organized alphabetically by place, person, or college. 23 folders are included containing each letter of the alphabet (excepting Q, U, X, and Z) and adding a miscellaneous folder. Following the photos is a letter from Bob Hunter explaining his acquisition and various envelopes.

**Separated Materials:** None.

### **Subjects and Keywords**

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Austin

Manuscripts

## **Inventory**

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### **Box 1**

[First Folder] Finding Aid

Bob Hunter Correspondence, Receipt

A Pictures

B Pictures

C Pictures

D Pictures

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I Pictures

J Pictures

K Pictures

L Pictures

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Miscellaneous Pictures