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**Joe Mac Lynn  
Papers, (1980-2000s)**

Center for Restoration Studies  
Manuscripts #79

Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives  
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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Joe Mac Lynn Papers

**Creator:** Joe Mac Lynn, (1934- )

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #79

**Physical Description:** 15 linear feet (10 boxes)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1980-2000s

**Dates (Bulk):** 1980-2000s

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** The material is organized in two series. The first series consists of records regarding census information for the 1980s. The second series compiles records for the 1990s. Box series contain information regarding the formatting of congregations and their history, such as year of establishment, the number of attendees, contributions received, directories, and maps depicting the location of a variety of churches. Moreover, each box contains ministry and mission bulletins, restoration reports, newspaper and magazine clippings, correspondence, and term papers written by Dr. Lynn's students explaining the history of the development of several Churches of Christ.

**Biographical Note:** Joe Mac Lynn was born in Union City, Tennessee, 21 April 1934, and obtained his training at David Lipscomb College, Morehead State College, Harding Graduate School of Religion, and San Francisco Theological Seminary. Dr. Lynn was a professor at Harding Graduate School of Religion, David Lipscomb University, and served as a preacher in several churches. Additionally, he had a great interest in the status of Churches of Christ around the nation, and because of this he collaborated with others to conduct a nation-wide census during the 1980s and 1990s.

### **Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Monty Lynn and Mac Lynn

**Date of Acquisition:** 2013, 2014

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**Arrangement of Materials:** The collection is arranged in three series: Series I- 1980s, Series II-1990s, Series III- World Information. The collection retains the creator's original arrangement in chronological and alphabetical order by state.

**Separated Materials:** None.

### **Subjects and Keywords**

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

Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene

Churches of Christ -- Texas

Churches of Christ -- United States

## **Inventory**

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### **Box 1**

[First Folder] Finding Aid

### **Series I: 1980s**

Finding Aid

Alabama/Census

Alabama/MB Revisions

Alaska

American Samoa

Arizona: 2 Folders

Arizona/Mission Bulletin Revisions

· USA Today (1984)

· USA Today (1987)

Arkansas/MB Revisions

California/Census

California/Missions Bulletin

Colorado

Connecticut: 2 Folders

District of Columbia

Florida

Georgia/Mission Bulletin Reviews

Hawaii

Illinois

Idaho

Illinois/Census Data

Indiana

Indiana/Census Data

### **Box 2**

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts: 2 Folders

200 Boston Church of Christ Bulletins removed

Michigan: 3 Folders

### **Box 3**

Michigan/MB Revisions

Michigan

Minnesota: 3 Folders

· 17 Minnesota Milestone Pamphlets removed

The Magnolia Messenger: 73 issues removed  
Missouri: 2 Folders

**Box 4**

Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska: 2 Folders  
Nevada (Missions Bulletin Copy)  
New Hampshire (Missions Bulletin)  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York: 2 Folders  
North Carolina: 2 Folders  
North Dakota/Church Data  
North Dakota/Community Data  
North Dakota/Harvest Field: 28 issues removed  
· 1964-1987  
Ohio

**Box 5**

Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Puerto Rico and Trusts  
· (Puerto Rico)  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee: 4 Folders  
Texas: 2 Folders  
Utah  
Virginia  
Vermont  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin: 2 Folders  
Wyoming

**Series II: 1990s**

**Box 6**

Alabama  
Alaska  
American Samoa  
Arizona  
Arkansas

California  
· 21 Pacific Church News Issues removed  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
District of Columbia  
Fed. States of Micronesia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Guam  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
· 37 Boston Church of Christ Bulletins removed  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
· 9 Minnesota Milestones Bulletins removed  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
· 17 Harvest Field of the Dakotas Bulletins removed  
· Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Puerto Rico  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas



Vermont  
Utah  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
· 23 Wisconsin Challenge Issues removed  
Wyoming

**Box 7**

California-1993  
· 4 Pacific Church News Issues removed  
Florida-1993  
· 9 Florida Lifeline Issues removed  
Mississippi  
· 19 Magnolia Messenger Issues removed  
North Carolina- 1993  
North Dakota  
· 9 Harvest Field Issues removed  
Pennsylvania –1993  
Tennessee – 1993  
Texas – 1993  
Virginia – 1993  
Wisconsin

*A set of questionnaires given around the nation to create a profile of the existing congregations in the following states:*

Alabama – 1993  
Alaska – 1993  
Arizona – 1993  
Arkansas – 1993  
California – 1993  
Colorado – 1993  
Connecticut – 1993  
Delaware – 1993  
District of Columbia – 1993  
Florida – 1993  
Georgia – 1993  
Hawaii – 1993  
Idaho – 1993  
Illinois – 1993  
Indiana – 1993  
Iowa – 1993

*Loose questionnaires contain information for the following states:*

Kentucky  
Kansas  
Missouri

Michigan  
Mississippi  
New Jersey  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Puerto Rico  
South Carolina  
Texas  
Wisconsin  
Washington

**Series III: World Information**

**Box 8**

Algeria  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Belize  
Bolivia  
Botswana  
C  
Cameroon  
Canada: 2 Folders  
Chile  
China (People's Rep.)  
China (Taiwan)  
Columbia  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia  
Cuba  
E  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
Ethiopia  
F  
G  
Germany  
Ghana  
Guyana  
H (2 Folders)  
Haiti  
Honduras (2 Folders)  
Hungary  
India (Folder 1)

**Box 9**

India (Folder 2 &3)

Indonesia (2 Folders)

Iran

Iraq

Ireland

Israel (2 Folders)

Italy (2 Folders)

Jamaica (2 Folders)

Japan (2 Folders)

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Kenya (2 Folders)

Korea (North)

Korea (South) (2 Folders)

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

L

Lebanon

Lesotho

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Macedonia

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives

Mali

Malta

Marshall Islands

Mauritania

Mauritius

Mexico

Mozambique

Nauru

Netherlands

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Niger

Nigeria

Northern Mariana Islands

Pakistan

Papua New Guinea

Philippines

Poland  
Portugal  
The Magnolia Messenger

**Box 10**

The Magnolia Messenger  
Missionaries/Sponsoring Churches  
Statistics  
Media  
Medical Services  
Contact  
Latin-American-Crier  
Strategy  
World/Directory (old)  
World Statistics  
Contacts/Mailed Requests <some filed in Nation folders>  
Historical Survey of Foreign Mission Work  
Survey of Foreign Mission Work  
Various Pamphlets and Brochures  
World Survey Materials