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**Robert Henry Boll
Papers, (1948-2012)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #84

Abilene Christian University Special Collections and Archives
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About this collection

Title: Robert Henry Boll Papers

Creator: Robert Henry Boll, (1875-1956)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #84

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet (1 box)

Dates (Inclusive): 1948-2012

Dates (Bulk): 1950-1956

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of 16 reels of audiotape sermons by R.H. Boll, Victor Broaddus, and others, sermon outlines by R.H. Boll and various other periodicals. It is composed of three series: Series I includes all reel tapes that have been digitally recorded. Series II consists of handwritten sermon notes (two outlines and one full sermon) by R.H. Boll and series III includes print materials. The Broaddus reels were retained in this collection, rather than separated into a discrete collection, because of the close association he had with Boll and due to the uncertain date and provenance of the reels.

Biographical Note: Robert Henry Boll was born in 1875 in Badenweiler, Germany. His family emigrated upon the remarriage of his mother when he was 14. The family moved to Ohio around 1890 and he later migrated to Tennessee as a farm laborer. There, near Nashville, Tennessee, Boll was baptized by Sam Harris of the Churches of Christ in 1895.

Boll was admitted into the Nashville Bible School (later David Lipscomb College, now Lipscomb University) and his first sermon was preached at the Nashville jail. After school, Boll became the minister at Portland Avenue Church of Christ in Louisville where he stayed until his death in 1956, with the exception of the one-year period from 1910-1911 in which he was the Bible teacher at a high school in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. He continued his education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary studying Latin and Greek while in Louisville. Boll is best known for his premillennialist eschatological views. He was one of the most influential advocates for the premillennial point of view, and was opposed most singularly by Foy E. Wallace, Jr. Articles advocating his premillennial views were published during his editorship of the *Gospel Advocate* from 1909-1915 and after 1915 in *Word and Work*. These articles and views created a significant source of division within the Churches of Christ. Boll died in 1956, but the rifts he had helped bring about in the church were present until the end of the 20th century. In the 2000 edition of the directory *Churches of Christ in the United States*, published by Mac Lynn, no longer separately listed congregations with premillennial views.

Administrative Information

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Arrangement of Materials: The materials are arranged in three series:

Series I: Reel tapes

Series II: Sermon notes

Series III: Print materials

Separated Materials: Periodicals separated for cataloging.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- United States

Manuscripts

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Buechel Church of Christ 60th Anniversary
Word and Works Magazine 1938-1973

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Sabotage of the 2nd Coming of Christ July 30, 1954
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Revelation 8:1- 13:2 Tracts 1 and 2
Copy Music from the Campus- Hymns Love Divine, Soldiers of Christ Arise Victor Broaddus
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