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About this collection

Title: Broadway Church of Christ (Lubbock, TX) Records

Creator: Wanda Potts

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #323

Physical Description: 1 linear feet (2 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1891-1991

Dates (Bulk): 1960-1990

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: Bulletins, church directories, and other church documents primarily related to Broadway Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas. Significant amounts concerned a church group called Vandelia and Cactus Drive. Some bulletins called the *Central Herald* and the *Keynoter* are included.

Biographical Note: The following biographical note was excerpted from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*:

“The first informal Christian worship service was led by H. M. Bandy in Singer’s Store near rural, undeveloped Lubbock, Texas on May 28, 1890. In November of the same year, Bandy returned to the area with a group of 5 charter members and their families to found Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. S. W. Smith served as preacher of the congregation for 11 years before moving to become president of Lockney Christian College a few miles away. P. F. Brown assumed the position of preacher for the congregation in 1897. Services were held in a variety of locations throughout its establishment, including schoolhouses, the Nicolett Hotel, and the Lubbock County Courthouse. In 1898, Liff Sanders commuted between Lockney and Lubbock to preach for the congregation and finally moved to Lubbock permanently in 1900. Nearly 20 years later, S. W. Smith’s nephew John T. Smith took over as preacher of Broadway Church of Christ in 1919. He is responsible for much of the church’s growth at that time and established the current location and building of Broadway Church of Christ.”¹

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¹ “Charter Members Came in ‘Exodus’” and “From 1919 to 1967--Broadway Church of Christ Continues to Grow, Build”, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, October 1, 1967.

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Arrangement of Materials: Documents were rehoused into two boxes. One box contains the newspaper detailing the 75 year anniversary of the church and the other box has all the rest of the content. All the documents were arranged according to common association (which church or group created it) then filed accordingly, and then the files were ordered alphabetically.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- Texas

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid
Broadway Bulletins (1 of 2)
Broadway Bulletins and more (2 of 2)
Broadway Church of Christ Members Directories (1 of 2)
Broadway Church of Christ Members Directories (2 of 2)
Cactus Drive Herald
Central Herald
The Keynoter
Miscellaneous Church Docs of Unknown Churches
20th Century Christian
Vandelia
Various Church Documents

Box 2

2 Copies of *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* featuring Broadway Church of Christ history