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**John Hugh Banister
Papers, (1928-1995)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #329

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About this collection

Title: John Hugh Banister Papers

Creator: John Hugh Banister, (1910-1995)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #329

Physical Description: 3 linear feet (2 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1928-1995

Dates (Bulk): 1928-1995

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: Paper notes, sermons, and files from Banister's ministerial career.

Biographical Note: The following biographical note is excerpted from Banister's obituary on findagrave.com:

"John H. Banister died on April 29, 1995. He was born April 20, 1910 and had been a resident of Dallas, Texas for 47 years, and a minister of the Skillman Avenue Church of Christ from 1948 to 1971, at which time he took semi-retirement. Brother Banister was well known in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. In the mid-fifties he was instrumental in beginning one of the first Sunday morning weekly religious programs on television, which continued on channel 4, KRLD in Dallas until 1992. Thus, decades passed that John delivered the Bible lessons on that telecast, his face and voice became well-known throughout the metroplex. He made a lasting and eternal impact on the lives of thousands of people. In addition to his pulpit work and TV programs, John carried the gospel not only across America in gospel meetings, but to numerous foreign countries. He preached in Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, and South Africa. He was one of the most able preachers in our brotherhood. John was invited to give the first annual series of Lectures on Preaching at Abilene Christian College (University) in 1951."¹

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Bill Banister, son of John H. Banister

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¹ John Hugh Banister's obituary, findagrave.com, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/45612463/john-hugh-banister>

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Arrangement of Materials: No arrangement of apparent original order. Due to the small size of this collection, these papers are likely only representative of the kinds of materials Banister generated, kept, and used across his career.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- Texas

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid
OT and NT Characters
Romans
Sermons on the Ten Commandments
Sermon on the Mount Sermons
Sermons on Prophets
Sermons - The Book of James
Instrumental Music in Worship
Elders: "Church Organization"
Deacons
Sermons/Classes on Preacher/Preaching

Box 2

Old Testament
Psalms
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 and 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 and 2 Thessalonians
1 and 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 and 2 Peter
1-3 John
Revelation
Topical Sermons 1 of 2
Topical Sermons 2 of 2