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**Billie Silvey
Papers, (1961-2015)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #332

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About this collection

Title: Billie Silvey Papers

Creator: Billie Silvey, (1942-2017)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #332

Physical Description: 5.0 linear feet (11 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1961-2015

Dates (Bulk): 1998-2005

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: Silvey's personal collection of writings and works contains material from different ministry activities and programs Silvey was involved in at Culvar Palms Church of Christ and elsewhere in the Los Angeles area. It includes materials from social activist programs in Silvey's neighborhood, Silvey's class materials and papers from classes she took at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1998, and Silvey's collection of materials on the Life Kills Lab program she conducted at Culvar Palms Church of Christ. Much of this work and research went into one of Silvey's books, *God's Child in the City*. This collection holds all of her notes and chapter notes along with manuscripts of other works, such as short stories, novels, and articles.

Biographical Note: Billie Silvey grew up in Happy, Texas and moved to Los Angeles in the early 1960s to attend Pepperdine College. She continued her education at Fuller Theological Seminary urban ministry. She was a Los Angeles resident since 1965 and has been a journalist for 50 years. She was married to Frank Silvey and had two children. She has authored multiple books, the most recent being [The Victory Lap: Growing Old with God](#), published in 2015. She served as the associate editor of *21st Century Christian Magazine* for 24 years and served as the Executive Director of Culvar Palms Life Skills Lab. She also did freelance grant writing and editing.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Billie Silvey

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Using this collection

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Arrangement of Materials: Upon receiving the collection, some order was imposed but most of the original order of the folders was kept as they were just placed in differently numbered boxes. Materials related to ministry are in the first box. Silvey's writings, including chapter notes, manuscripts, articles, short stories, poetry, journals, and daily planners, occupy seven boxes. The last two boxes hold copies of magazines and periodicals that Silvey kept.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- California

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid

I. Ministry

- A. Women's Ministry
- B. Bible Studies and Classes
- C. Misc. Church-related activities
- D. Culver Palms Church of Christ
- E. Lectureships and Symposiums

II. Fuller Theological Seminary Class Materials

- I. Folders 1-3

Box 2

Fuller Theological Seminary Class Materials

- I. Folders 4-11

Urban Ministry and Life Skills Lab

- A. Urban Ministry
- B. Homelessness Health Fair
- C. Community Activities
- D. Life Skills Lab Materials
- E. Social Justice Research

Writings

- A. God's Child in the City
 - I. Folder 1

Box 3

God's Child in the City

- I. Folders 2-9

Manuscripts

Trusting Women Materials/Time Management for Women Materials

Byron Fictionalized Biography Materials

- I. Folders 1-5

Box 4

Byron Fictionalized Biography Materials

- I. Folders 6-11

Revolution Materials

The Power of the Word Materials

The Victory Lap Materials

- I. Folders 1-8

Box 5

The Victory Lap Materials

- I. Folders 9-23

Autobiographical Writings

Written Articles

Short Stories and Poems

Box 6

Published Books

Journals

Box 7

Journals

Box 8

Daily Planners

Box 9

Daily Planners

Freelance Writing

A. Job and Marketing Materials

I. Folders 1-9

Box 10

Job and Marketing Materials

I. Folders 10-14

Writing Seminars and Tips

Website Materials

Personal Files

A. Research Materials

B. Scrapbook Materials

Box 11

Periodicals and Magazines