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Title: Benton Cordell Goodpasture Papers, 1854-1991

Creator: Benton Cordell Goodpasture

Identifier/Call Number: CRS MS #464

Physical Description: 6.66 linear feet (5 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1854-1991

Dates (Bulk): 1920-1977

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection includes biographical materials and information about Goodpasture’s family, his sermons, and Goodpasture’s correspondence. The collection also includes correspondence from H. Leo Boles (with E. R. Harper, R. H. Boll, F. L. Rowe, Clinton Davidson, N. B. Hardeman, Claud F. Witty, and more) and J. W. Shepherd, which was later acquired by Goodpasture. The materials provide look into Goodpasture’s career and work as editor of the *Gospel Advocate*, which includes insight into some of the most divisive issues among the Churches of Christ during the twentieth century. Additionally, there is information about and correspondence with Marshall Keeble due to Goodpasture’s editing of *Biography and sermons of Marshall Keeble, Evangelist.*

Biographical Note: Benton Cordell Goodpasture was born on April 9, 1895, in Livingston, Tennessee. He attended Nashville Bible School, where he studied under H. Leo Boles. Goodpasture married Emily Cleveland Cliett in 1918, and then preached in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia until 1939. In 1939 Leon McQuiddy selected Goodpasture to become the editor of the *Gospel Advocate*. During his time as editor, Goodpasture dealt with a number of issues facing the Churches of Christ including, the premillennial controversy, unity meetings, issues due to WWII, and the institutional conflicts. Goodpasture continue to preach in Nashville at Hillsboro Church of Christ from 1939-1951, and then served as an elder until his death. After his wife, Emily, died in 1964, he married Freddie Joan Goetz in 1965. He died on February 18, 1977, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: J. Cliett Goodpasture

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Finding Aid Creator and Date: Brady Cox, 2 February 2018

Administrative Note(s): The collection was transferred to the Center for Restoration Studies from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society (Nashville, Tennessee) as the family did not want the collection to be moved to the new location of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Bethany, West Virginia.

Using this collection

Processing Status: Processed

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Arrangement of Materials: The collection has been consolidated, and some published items have been removed. Otherwise, the collection remains in the order in which it was received from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

Separated Materials: Published materials (e.g., tracts, periodicals) have been removed.

Subjects
Churches of Christ -- Doctrines
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

[Key words]
Boles, H. Leo
Keeble, Marshall
Shepherd, J. W.

Inventory

Box 1
I. Biographical Material
   1. Genealogy of Thomas, Byrd, and Vernon Families - Compiled by Miss Nancy Thomas
2. Death
3. Bible notes and poetry
4. Financial Records
5. Legal Papers
6. Freddie Goetz Goodpasture
8. B. C. Goodpasture Estate and notes concerning Estate – 1978
9. B. C. Goodpasture Estate Papers
10. Financial
11. Banking
12. Schooling
13. La Salle Extension University – Higher Accountancy
14. Mementos
15. Tax Information, 1941-1943
16. Maps
17. Family Papers – 1864-1865
18. Office and Personal Equipment
19. Greeting Cards
20. Meetings
21. Biographical

II. Clippings and Pamphlets
   1. Larimore, T. B., Angel of Mercy, Mars Hill
   2. Periodicals and clippings
   3. Newspaper Clippings

Box 2
   4. Church Conflicts
   5. David Lipscomb College
   6. Clippings
   7. Correspondence with the Baptist Church – 1860

III. Sermons and Materials from Churches
   1. Sermons (1)
   2. Sermons (2)
   3. Sermons (3)
   4. Sermons (4)
   5. Sermons (5)
   6. Sermons (6)
   7. Sermons (7)
   8. Sermons, etc.
   9. Book Manuscript
10. Gospel Echo Publishing Company
11. G. C. Billingsley
12. Hillsboro Church of Christ
13. Church Bulletins and Clippings
Box 3
14. Seminole Avenue Church of Christ
15. West End Avenue Church of Christ (Atlanta, GA)
16. Correspondence
17. Misc.

IV. Correspondence
1. General – 1910s
2. General – 1920s
3. General – 1930s
4. Family – 1921-1976
5. Cleveland Cliett Goodpasture
10. D – 1943-1976
15. M – 1940-1976
17. O – 1965-1972
19. R – 1940-1975
23. Unidentified
27. Billingsley, Price – 1942-1946
33. DeVane, Violet – 1964-1967
35. Draper, Elise – 1938-1939
38. Hall, S. H. – 1920-1930
40. Hardeman, N. B. – 1939-1949
41. Hardeman, N. B. – 1949-1964
42. Harris, John – 1971-1972

Box 4
43. Henley, Ralph T. – 1961-1975
45. Ijams, E. H. – 1938
47. George Pepperdine College – 1937
49. To and About Marshall Keeble – 1935-1963
50. Marshall Keeble – 1930-1937
52. Marshall Keeble Biography and Sermons MSS
53. Kurfees, J. F. – 1936
58. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – 1918
59. Spivey, Vernon M. – 1942-1943
60. Srygley, F. B. – 1921-1937
64. Wilson, L. R. – 1947-1976
67. Kurfees Sermon Outline – 1936
68. Book Trade 1918-1936
69. Book Trade – 1937
70. Book Trade – 1938
73. Book Lists

V. Materials Acquired by Goodpasture
1. H. Leo Boles Correspondence – 1923-1946
2. H. Leo Boles Sermons
3. H. Leo Boles
4. David Lipscomb College
5. Nashville Bible School
6. Correspondence
7. Correspondence
8. McQuiddy
9. Westmoreland Debate – 1906  
10. Photographs (1)  
11. Photographs (2)  
12. Photographs (3)  
13. Photographs (4)

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14. Photographs (5)  
15. Reply to W. H. Bradford  
16. Campbell’s Will and Trial  
17. Gospel Advocate  
18. J. W. Shepherd  
19. Untitled Manuscript (1)  
20. Untitled Manuscript (2)  
21. Untitled Manuscript (3)  
22. Postcards  
23. Misc.  
24. 7 Stamps  
25. 9 Printing Cuts  
26. 4 Audio Reels  
27. 1 Photo Album  
28. 1 Large Photo (rolled)  
29. 4 Posters of Goodpasture Meeting at Seminole Avenue Church of Christ (Located in Flat File C3)