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Harold Thomas and Nellie Jeannette Scruggs Lipford Papers, 1932-2010

Harold Thomas Lipford

Nellie Jeannette Scruggs Lipford

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Title: Harold Thomas and Nellie Jeannette Scruggs Lipford Papers

Creator: Harold Thomas Lipford and Nellie Jeannette Scruggs Lipford

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #517

Physical Description: 9 linear feet (7 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1932-2010

Dates (Bulk): 1945-1995

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: These papers include materials from Jeannette and Harold’s time at Abilene Christian University as students and then as faculty and involved community members. There are also church bulletins, sermon notes, scrapbooks, awards, and a few A/V materials.

Biographical Note: Biographical note excerpted from ACU Today:

“Lipford was born Feb. 25, 1929, in San Angelo, Texas, the daughter of ranchers who lived in nearby Cristoval and the granddaughter of Texas’ earliest settlers who accompanied Stephen F. Austin. She moved to Abilene with her family at age 3.

She graduated from Abilene Christian High School in 1945 and from ACU in 1949 with a B.A. in education. She studied voice at Baylor University and Lipscomb University before earning an M.A. in education from ACU in 1987. She also did graduate work in music at Southern Methodist University and The Juilliard School in New York City.

Jeannette met classmate Harold Thomas Lipford (’50) in ACU’s A Cappella Chorus and they wed Sept. 3, 1948, in Abilene. She developed extensive teaching experience in Texas and Tennessee while Harold was a minister and working on graduate degrees in Waco and Nashville. She served as a music coordinator for the elementary division and taught second grade at Abilene’s Wylie Elementary School, and taught music for second-graders in the Ozona (Texas) ISD and kindergarten music at Otter Creek Christian Schools in Nashville.

The couple returned to Abilene in 1966, and she taught voice to approximately 2,000 students in the music and theatre departments from 1968 to 1992, and continued to instruct and coach scores more for the next 25-plus years. She received ACU’s Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award in 1999. Lipford was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon
International Music Fraternity, the National Association of Music Schools, the Texas
Music Educators Association, the Abilene Opera Association and the Abilene Harmony
Club.”¹

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¹ See ACU Today, Ron Hadfield’s article “ACU Remembers: Jeannette Lipford”.
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Arrangement of Materials: Materials are arranged in six series.
Series I: Abilene Christian University
  Subseries A: Student Years
  Subseries B: Faculty/Staff Years
Series II: Church
  Subseries A: Directories and Bulletins
  Subseries B: Sermons and Notes
Series III: Print Materials
  Subseries A: Abilene Christian Schools
  Subseries B: Other Theatres
  Subseries C: Clippings
  Subseries D: Non-ACU Yearbooks
Series IV: Scrapbooks and Photographs
Series V: Awards and Artifacts
Series VI: Audio/Visual Materials

Separated Materials: Some Prickly Pear yearbooks and print materials were separated for cataloging.

Subjects and Keywords
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century
Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene
Inventory

Box 1
[First Folder] Finding Aid

Series I: Abilene Christian University
Subseries A: Student Years
Programs
Social Club Materials
Print Material

Subseries B: Faculty/Staff Years
Programs: (1 of 2)
Programs: (2 of 2)
Correspondence
Europe
Print Materials: (1 of 2)

Box 2
Print Materials: (2 of 2)

Series II: Church
Subseries A: Directories and Bulletins
Columbus Avenue Church of Christ: (1 of 2)
Columbus Avenue Church of Christ: (2 of 2)
University Church of Christ
Various Churches and Ministries

Subseries B: Sermons and Notes
Teen Family Problems
Evidences of Christianity I
Outline Studies in the New Testament Church
Sermons and Notes: (1 of 2)

Box 3
Sermons and Notes: (2 of 2)
Articles by Bess Scruggs
Mrs. Scruggs’ Ladies Bible Class Lessons
Church History Lessons
Bible lessons for ladies weekday class by Brothers George Bailey and Tommy Shaver

Series III: Print Materials
Subseries A: Abilene Christian Schools

Subseries B: Other Theaters
Subseries C: Clippings
Clippings: (1 of 4)
Clippings: (2 of 4)
Clippings: (3 of 4)

Box 4
Clippings: (4 of 4)

Subseries D: Non-ACU Yearbooks
*The Renaissance*, The DeSoto High School, 1917-1918
*The Growl*, Wylie High School, 1950
*Ayer*, Ozona High School, 1952
David Lipscomb High School Parent-Teacher Yearbook, 1963-1964

Series IV: Scrapbooks and Photographs
Photographs: (1 of 3)
Photographs: (2 of 3)
Photographs: (3 of 3)
[one oversized photograph in box 7]

Box 5
ACU scrapbook in binder

Box 6 oversized
ACU homecoming musicals programs scrapbook
Scrapbook of clippings

Box 7 oversized
Series V: Awards and Artifacts
ACU Three Generations
Guy Scruggs 30 years of service to ACU
S. N. Allen A Club Special Honor Award
Resolution honoring Guy A. Scruggs by ACU Board of Trustees
Resolution honoring S. N. Allen by ACU Board of Trustees
75th ACU commemorative music box
John and Ruth Stevens Historical Preservation Award Hashknife presented to Guy A. Scruggs

Series VI: Audio/Visual Materials
“A Special Message” from A. M. (Tonto) Coleman, Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, ACC
Abilene Christian College Familiar Hymns, Album III
Abilene Christian College Choral Selections, Album IV
Abilene Christian College Great Hymns of the Church, Album V