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

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About this collection

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

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 Subseries B: Sermons and Notes

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 Subseries B: Other Theaters

 Subseries C: Clippings

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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

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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

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ACU scrapbook in binder

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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

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