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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Joe Carl Nix Papers

**Creator:** Joe Carl Nix, (1929-2006)

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #544

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1955-2014

**Dates (Bulk):** 1955-1965

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** About 100 photographs of the Manhattan Church of Christ, New York City, NY during acquisition of the property, design, and construction. Also includes photographs of church leaders and activities. A CD of digitized materials is included.

**Biographical Note:** Biographical note excerpted from *Dallas Morning News* obituary:

“[Joe Carl Nix was] Born on May 13, 1929, went home to a place prepared especially for him on June 17, 2006. Joe was a respected business and church leader, an astute student and teacher of the Bible, and a true intellect possessing clever wit. He was a gentle man, a loving and beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. After a brief illness, he died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. An accomplished genealogist, few probably know that he was invited to join MENSA and voted "Most Versatile Athlete" in college. As described in his own genealogical record, Joe lived his early childhood days in Ethridge, TN. He graduated from David Lipscomb College in 1949 in Business Administration. He was inducted into the Army in 1950 where he was Sergeant Major of the 973rd Engineer Construction Battalion. After military service, he joined The Equitable Life Assurance Society in New York City as Director of Computer Systems for Group Insurance and Annuities. Quickly becoming an expert in the new technology, Joe was an instrumental part of the team that developed the first databases and computer languages for business applications. In 1966, he joined Frito Lay Company in Dallas, TX as Director of Management Information Systems. Later, he became self-employed as a Realtor and investment manager. While in New York, he was a deacon, an elder and Chairman of the Building Committee for the Manhattan Church of Christ. In Dallas, he was a deacon and elder for the Preston Road Church of Christ and involved with the Preston Road School of Preaching. For ten years, he was a member of the Board of Directors of David Lipscomb College. Joe met Carla Sue Rucker in Manhattan. On June 11, 1960, they were married in the garden of her childhood home. In 1965, they returned to Dallas. As the family grew, lasting

memories were created at their Colorado mountain cabin and Five Hearts Farm in east Texas. Joe and Carla actively engaged in their young children's activities and most recently by helping John launch an engraving business, supporting Carl's fire department development efforts, and providing keen insight for Rebekah's educational pursuits. An innovative thinker and wise leader, Joe was committed to church, home, and community. He never stopped mentoring his many admirers of all ages.”<sup>1</sup>

**Administrative Information**

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<sup>1</sup> Joe Carl Nix obituary, published by *Dallas Morning News* on 19 June 2006, <https://obits.dallasnews.com/us/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/name/joe-nix-obituary?id=26855472>

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Smaller photographs and CD

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Larger photographs