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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** George Wilmeth Ewing Papers

**Creator:** George Wilmeth Ewing, (1923-2010)

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #543

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1977

**Dates (Bulk):** 1977

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** These papers include “Discipleship: A Series of Lessons” by George Ewing that were presented at the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas in 1977.

**Biographical Note:** The following biographical note is excerpted from Ewing’s obituary: “George Wilmeth Ewing, 87, of Abilene, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at Hendrick Medical Center. ...

Upon his birth in 1923, to Pat and Genie Ewing in Robstown, he became a 5th generation Texan. He spent his youth in various communities of the lower Rio Grande Valley, eventually graduating from Corpus Christi High School.

With the advent of World War II he found himself in the U.S. Army Air Force teaching advanced electronic/radar courses in Boca Raton, FL. In nearby Ft. Lauderdale he met Mellisse Ann Miller, the love of his life and married, March 1, 1946.

Later that year they returned to Texas, where he completed his BA in Bible and Greek, Magna Cum Laude, at Abilene Christian University in 1948. Through the years with the support of his “Lissie” and family he earned MA and PhD degrees with English major and Greek minor at The University of Texas. He spent 37 years teaching English, including chairing the Department of English with ACU.

Daddy learned to work with his father and family early in his life in order to survive the Great Depression. His love of work continued throughout his life. He advocated that “there is honor in all work, that after all we are laboring for our Master, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.” He was a good carpenter, constructing his and Lissie’s home in Abilene. Additionally he loved to preach the

Gospel and did so to more than 180 groups/congregations. Most recently here at the Coronado Nursing Home.

He was a member of numerous organizations including his beloved Texas Folklore Society since 1974 where he was President (1995-96) and member of the board. He published numerous folklore articles, as well as the book, *The Well-Tempered Lyre: Songs and Poems of the temperance Movement*, SMU press and edited and indexed John Locke's *The Reasonableness of Christianity* 1965 and still in print with the 1998 edition. In addition he wrote numerous poems, articles for Christian publications and several hymns including "Sin Sorrow of Six Thousand Years." Great Songs of the Church ACU Press 1986. He read his last professional paper in 2005 at the Texas Folk Lore Society meeting in El Paso, "Folksy, But Devout, Bookkeeping."

He was an eclectic man of great curiosity, whose activities included carving of wood especially custom walking sticks of all sorts, abstract paintings, rock and wood sculptures, ink and pencil drawings including his locally famous "doodles."

George loved music of all kinds but especially vocal acapella music. He was a member of the A Club at ACU as an undergraduate, as well as a member of the A Cappella Quartet. He continued his interest in music throughout his life teaching singing schools, leading singing, and providing music for marriages and funerals.

He attributed his remarkable health (only one-half day of work lost to sickness, 1944-1992) to his varied diet and his dedication to exercise. He treasured his gymnastic performance with Ben Zickefoose. He quietly gloried in his weight lifting contest successes in 1950 (UT). His personal records at age 41 include 450 lb. squat, 525 lb. deadlift as well as a lock-out squat of 946 lbs. while he was a graduate student at UT. At age 73 he hiked 26 miles in one day!"<sup>1</sup>

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### **Folder 1**

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