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**Paul Felix Edwards  
Papers, (1935-1962)**

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Manuscripts #551

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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Paul Felix Edwards Papers

**Creator:** Paul Felix Edwards, (1911-1953)

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #551

**Physical Description:** 3 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1935-1962

**Dates (Bulk):** 1951-1953

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** Materials from the life and ministry of Paul Felix Edwards including correspondence, church materials, and biographical items from Edwards and his family. There is a series of items related to a nine-month international trip that the Edwards took in 1952. There are also two reels.

**Biographical Note:** The following biographical note is excerpted from the History of the Restoration Movement website page on Edwards:

“On October 10, the life of Paul F. Edwards, well-known gospel preacher, came to an end. Brother Edwards died of cancer after a six-month illness, during which he suffered intense pain much of the time. During his illness hundreds of Christian friends sent messages of encouragement and cheer, as well as unsolicited contributions to help defray the heavy expenses which were incurred in his long hospitalization. Few members of the church in modern times have had so many prayers offered on their behalf during periods of illness.

A funeral service for Brother Edwards was held on Sunday afternoon, October 11, at Central church of Christ in Miami, where he had been preaching during the last three years of his life. This service was conducted by the elders of Central Church. On the following Wednesday a second funeral service was conducted at the Hillsboro church of Christ in Nashville, with Athens Clay Pullias, Willard Collins and the writer speaking. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville.

Brother Edwards was born in Petersburg, Tenn., May 16, 1911, and was baptized by T. Q. Martin, in June, 1926. He began preaching in Goodlettsville, Tenn., in 1933. He attended David Lipscomb College for two years, and was graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1936. He later served as minister of churches in Orlando, Fla., Anniston, Ala., and Dearborn, Mich., before going to Central Church in Miami in 1950.

Brother Edwards had carried on an active program of radio preaching over the past fifteen years, making daily radio talks while he was in Anniston and Dearborn and weekly talks after going to Miami. In 1952, he and his wife made a two months' trip to Europe, Egypt, and the Bible lands, visiting members of the churches of Christ in many areas. He took numerous colored moving pictures and still slides which he showed frequently as Illustrated lectures before church groups. In January and February of this year he showed these outstanding colored pictures to thousands attending the annual lectureships at David Lipscomb College and Abilene Christian College.

On August 17, 1937, Brother Edwards was married to Miss Mildred Finley, the daughter of I. C. Finley, an elder of the Reid Avenue Church in Nashville. They had four sons, all of whom, along with Sister Edwards, survive: Clark, age fifteen, David, age thirteen, Donald, age nine, and Howard, age two. Brother Edwards is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Garnet Johnson, of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and two brothers, J. B. Edwards, of Minor Hill, Tenn., and J. H. Edwards, of Benton Harbor, Mich.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> History of the Restoration Movement website, Paul Felix Edwards,  
[https://www.therestorationmovement.com/\\_states/tennessee/edwards.htm](https://www.therestorationmovement.com/_states/tennessee/edwards.htm)

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Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Church materials

Series III: Travel print materials

Series IV: Biographical materials

Series V: Audio-visual materials

**Separated Materials:** None.

### **Subjects and Keywords**

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

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## **Inventory**

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### **Box 1**

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#### **Series I: Correspondence**

Correspondence, 1952: (1 of 5)

Correspondence, 1952: (2 of 5)

Correspondence, 1952: (3 of 5)

Correspondence, 1952: (4 of 5)

Correspondence, 1952: (5 of 5)

Correspondence, 1953

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Correspondence, 1955

Correspondence, 1962, undated

#### **Series II: Church Materials**

Dearborn Church of Christ materials

Binder of sermons, funerals, weddings, and baptisms

Binder on Romans

Binder labeled "quotations"

Binder of quotations

#### **Series III: Travel**

Travel materials: (1 of 4)

Travel materials: (2 of 4)

Travel materials: (3 of 4)

Travel materials: (4 of 4)

#### **Series IV: Biographical materials**

Education

Weddings and funerals

Photographs

### **Box 2**

#### **Series V: Audio-Visual materials**

Palestine Film, Part 1, Bay of Naples to Sea of Galilee

Film Part 2