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**George Arthur Mester
Papers, (1960s-1970s)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #560

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About this collection

Title: George Arthur Mester Papers

Creator: George Arthur Mester, (1942-2019)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #560

Physical Description: 1.35 linear feet (3 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1960s-1970s

Dates (Bulk): 1960s-1970s

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: Three document boxes of George A. Mester's correspondence, subject files, and church materials.

Biographical Note: The following biographical note excerpted from George A. Mester's obituary:

"George A. Mester, Age 77, of Nashville passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at Alive Hospice after a brief illness.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 51 years, Janice A. Mester; his daughter, Martha (Jason) Cooper of Mt. Juliet, TN; his son, Timothy (Diane) Mester of Longmont, CO; his sister, Marian Swan of Sevierville, TN; his nephew, Bill Peters; his nieces, Carol Jamieson and her family and Elizabeth Peters; and his grandson, Ryan Cooper.

Born in Knoxville, TN, he was the son of the late Donald F. and Eleanor G. Mester. After graduating from West End High School in Knoxville, he attended Freed Hardeman University.

As a locksmith, George was known as the "Safe Guy" in the Nashville area. His expertise and knowledge of safes and locks was well known throughout Middle Tennessee and even in surrounding states, making him a vault of information for fellow locksmiths. He was a member of ALOA (Associated Locksmiths of America) and many other locksmith organizations.

George was a member of the Church of Christ and has been with the Crieve Hall congregation since 1984. He drove a bus for the Inner City Ministry of Nashville for many years, bringing hundreds of kids to Bible classes. He was active in evangelism, whether personally or with a group. The Timothy Hill Children's Ranch was another work he passionately supported.

When not busy with locks or safes, George enjoyed fixing and cleaning his cars, flea marketing, and helping others with various household tasks.”¹

Administrative Information

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¹ George Mester of Nashville, Tennessee, 1942-2019,
<https://www.woodbinefuneralhome.com/obituary/george-mester>

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Separated Materials: Books were removed for cataloging. Brochures and other materials were separated for the vertical files.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid

The Green Light- Karns Church of Christ- 1970-1974

The Messenger- Karns Church of Christ- 1965-1972

The Messenger- Karns Church of Christ- 1972-1975

The Messenger- Karns Church of Christ- 1975-1977

The Messenger- Karns Church of Christ- 1982-1987

Box 2

The Messenger- Karns Church of Christ- not dated

Tidings Bearer- Laurel Church of Christ- 1964-1979

Biographical

Freed-Hardeman College--1--Academic Records and Papers

Freed-Hardeman College--2--Academic correspondence to/from Freed-Hardeman College

Freed-Hardeman College--3--Mementos

Henderson, TN Churches of Christ--Estes Church of Christ and Henderson Church of Christ
Correspondence--1

Correspondence--2

Correspondence--3--J. C. and Betty Choate

Box 3

Correspondence--4--Abilene Christian College

Correspondence--5--Harding College

Correspondence--6--White's Ferry Road Church of Christ

Proposed Christian school in Knoxville, Tennessee

Hillbrook Christian Camp, Knoxville, Tennessee

East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions

Notebook of personal work, personal evangelism, and Bible study materials--1

Notebook of personal work, personal evangelism, and Bible study materials--2

Miscellaneous Bible study and church materials, clippings, ephemera