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## John Lawson papers, 1935-1996

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**Title:** John Lawson papers, 1935-1996  
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**Abstract:** Contains articles, correspondence, manuscripts, reviews, lectures, and other material related to John Lawson.  
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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

John Lawson was born in Leeds, England, July 16, 1909. He was the fifth John Lawson and was born into a family which had been Methodist since the time of Wesley. He was raised and educated in the city of Nottingham. Lawson attended Midland Agricultural College and received the B.S. degree in 1929. Shortly thereafter he was called to the ministry, and the Methodist Church then sent him to Cambridge University, where he completed the M.A. in 1935 and the B.D. in 1946. From 1935 to 1955, he served in the pastoral ministry, mainly in the agricultural counties of eastern England. In 1955, he was invited to teach at the Candler School of Theology. Lawson spent 21 years, from 1955 to 1976, teaching Church History, Historical Theology, Wesleyan History and Wesleyan Theology. During his tenure at Candler, he maintained his permanent residence in England. In 1976 he retired from teaching and returned to England. Lawson died in September of 2003.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This is a collection of the papers of John Lawson. It consists of articles written by Lawson, both published and unpublished; class notes and tests from the time he taught at Candler; correspondence; manuscripts (mostly unpublished); research; reviews of Lawson's published works as well as his reviews of others' published works; lectures from various seminars and conferences, as well as several sermons.

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## Container List

### Articles - Published

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i> – “The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper Considered”, 1970
1	2	<i>Christian Advocate</i> , 1960, 1964
1	3	<i>Christianity Today</i> – “Saving Faith as Wesley Saw it”, 1964
1	4	Emory University and Candler publications, 1959, 1968, 1976
1	5	<i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i> – “Iraanaeus” 1968
1	6	<i>Encyclopedia of World Methodism</i> , undated
1	7	<i>Headline</i> , 1987-1991
1	8	<i>History of the Methodist Church</i> – “The People Called Methodists”, undated
1	9	<i>Methodist Reporter</i> , 1966, 1994, 1996
1	10	<i>Together</i> – “Should British Methodists Unite With Anglicans?”, 1964
1	11	<i>The Bulletin of the Fellowship of the Kingdom</i> , 1956-1996
1	12	<i>The Mint Methodist Church Exeter Forward</i> , 1993-1996
1	13	<i>The Kingdom Overseas</i> – “The Name’s the Same”, 1966
1	14	<i>Wesley Fellowship</i> – “The Conversion of the Wesleys Reconsidered”, 1987
1	15	<i>Wesley Historical Society</i> – “Charles Wesley: A Man of the Prayer-book”, 1996
1	16	<i>Worship</i> – “An Ironic Statement from a Protestant”, 1967

### Articles - Unpublished

2	1	[Ministerial], 1957, 1974
2	2	[Miscellaneous], 1967
2	3	[New Service Book], 1991
2	4	[Wesley Hymns], 1981-1983, 1988
2		[Wesleyan], undated

### Church Services and Sermons

2	6	Sermons, 1963, 1971, undated
2	7	Services, 1953-1954, 1970, undated

### Class Notes and Tests

3	1	Church History 301-History of Ancient and Mediaeval Christianity, 1970
3	2	Church History 303-Reformation and Modern Period, undated
3	3	Church History 305-Highlights of Church History and Church History 336: History of Christianity in the British Isles Church History 338-Wesley and the Genesis of Methodism, undated
3	4	Historical Theology 313-History of Christian Doctrine, Early Period, undated

- 3 5 Historical Theology 317-History of Theology, Modern Period, undated
- 3 6 Historical Theology 326-The Apostolic Fathers, undated
- 3 7 Historical Theology 348-Studies in Wesleyan Documents, undated
- 3 8 Historical Theology 349-Wesley's Place in the Evangelical Tradition and  
Historical Theology 350-Theology of John Wesley, undated
- 3 9 Historical Theology 421-Irenaeus and Systematic Theology 354-Theology and  
Evangelism, 1970
- 3 10 [Doctoral examinations, Master of Arts questions and tests], 1960-1973

### Correspondence

- 3 11 Application for the degree of D.D., 1970
- 3 12 Consideration for appointment to full professor, 1968

### Manuscripts

- 4 1 "The Benevolent Neutral," undated
- 4 2 "Christian Reaction," 1991
- 4 3 Excerpts from the Preface to "A Collection of Hymns for the People Called  
Methodist," undated
- 4 4 "Getting to Know You," undated
- 4 4 "Made to Wesley Documents," undated
- 4 5 Reasoned Evangelical Belief in Outline with Full Scripture Proofs and with  
Reference, undated
- 4 6 "Scriptural Christianity," 1989
- 5 1 "The Christian Year selected and Arranged from the verses of Charles Wesley –  
Volume II," undated
- 5 2 "The Discipline of the Methodist Societies," undated
- 5 3 "The Gospel in the Hymnal," undated
- 5 4 "The Non-Trad God," undated
- 6 1 "The Signature of Love Divine," undated
- 6 2 "The Sovereign King," 1967-1969
- 6 3 "The Thousand Tongues," undated
- 6 4 "To the Church of England: with Love," undated
- 6 5 "Thoughts on My Life and Ministry," 1989
- 6 6 "Verses Selected and Arranged from Charles Wesley, Volume I," undated

### Research/Notes

- 7 1 Books read by John Wesley on his mission to Georgia, undated
- 7 2 "Christianity as Old as the Creation: or, The Gospel a Republication of the  
Religion of Nature," undated
- 7 3 Digest of "Christianity not Mysterious..." undated
- 7 4 [Family history], 1970

- 7 5 John Fletcher, undated  
7 6 Saint Irenaeus, 1935-1936  
7 7 Tertullian, undated

**Reviews of Lawson's Works**

- 7 8 "A Comprehensive Handbook of Christian Doctrine," 1964-1967  
7 9 "Evangelical Faith for Today," 1973  
7 10 "Introduction to the Apostolic Fathers," 1961-1963  
7 11 "The Biblical Theology of Saint Irenaeus," 1949

**Reviews of Other Published Works**

- 7 12 "Early Christian Creeds" by J.N.D. Kelly, undated  
7 13 Editorials, 1974, 1992, undated  
7 14 Editorials—Christian Advocate, 1963, undated  
7 15 [Temperance] by Sheffield, 1963  
7 16 "The Impact of American Religious Liberalism" by Kenneth Cauthen, undated

**Seminars/Conferences/Lectures**

- 7 17 [Dated], 1959, 1963-1964  
7 18 [Undated]
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