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Biographical Note
Earl David Clarence Brewer was born in Ansonville, North Carolina, on May 26, 1914, the son of John A. and Lydia Brewer. He attended Rutherford Jr. College from 1930-1932 and received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree. Brewer went on to Emory University, and in 1937 he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree. In 1947 he graduated from Duke University with a MA, and in 1951 he received a Ph.D from the University of North Carolina. Brewer married Ethel Kerr on August 28, 1938 and they had two children, Krista and David.

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Brewer's career with the Methodist Church started in 1938 as a minister with the Western North Carolina Conference. He was ordained as a deacon in 1940 and as an elder in 1942. Then, in 1946 Brewer joined the faculty of Emory University. He was appointed as a professor of Sociology and Religion at the Candler School of Theology in 1956. At Candler, Brewer also directed the Religious Research Center. He was Director of Research in Religion of South Appalachian Studies under a Ford Foundation Grant in 1958-59. In 1982 Brewer was named Charles Howard Candler Professor of Sociology of Religion, and in 1985 he assumed Faculty Emeritus status.

Dr. Brewer died at 79, on 16 June 1993 at Emory University Hospital of complications after heart surgery.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains four document boxes of essays, sermons, and lectures written by Earl D.C. Brewer. The section of Brewer's essays, sermons, and lectures is arranged alphabetically by title. The second section contains seven document boxes of publications and studies, many of which were published by the Religious Research Center or other organizations. Because the authorship of material in this section varies, the authors are listed in addition to the title of the work. The third section contains survey material that Brewer or his associates used in their studies. The fourth section contains material relating to Southern Appalachian Studies, which includes a draft for an unpublished work, *Religion and Change in Appalachia*. The penultimate section contains other studies that were not written by Brewer, and the last section contains newspaper clippings collected by Brewer and a eulogy commemorating the death of Dr. Brewer in 1993.
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