

DICKS, RUSSELL L. (RUSSELL LESLIE), 1906-.

Russell L. Dicks papers, 1935-1976

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dicks, Russell L. (Russell Leslie), 1906-.

Title: Russell L. Dicks papers, 1935-1976

Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 164

Extent: 2 cubic ft. (2 boxes)

Abstract: Consists of correspondence, materials concerning various publishers, scrapbook materials, unpublished manuscripts, and literary works.

Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Russell Leslie Dicks received his A.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1929 and his B.C. degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1933. A pioneer in the hospital chaplaincy program, he served as chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, Presbyterian Hospital and Wesley Memorial Hospital, both in Chicago, Illinois, and Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. While at Wesley Memorial, he was a member of the faculties of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Garrett Biblical Institute. Dr. Dicks was also a member of the faculty at Southern Methodist University and associate pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Dicks conducted seminars on personal counseling for military chaplains, civilian clergy, social workers, and USO personnel for the Army and Navy YMCA-USO during 1943. He was the author of numerous books and articles pertaining to pastoral counseling and clinical pastoral work. Dicks served as the first president of the Association of Protestant Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association. He died in 1965 while serving as director of the Central Florida Counseling Center in Orlando, Florida.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, materials concerning various publishers, scrapbook materials, unpublished manuscripts, and literary works. Correspondence between Dicks, Dr. Helen Flanders Dunbar, and Seward Hiltner provides information about disagreements between Dicks and the Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students, Inc. over the type of training and background needed for chaplaincy work in a general hospital setting. Materials from publishers such as Abingdon Press and Prentice-Hall, Inc. include correspondence, publishing contracts, and royalty information relating to several of Dicks' publications.

Scrapbook materials contain some biographical information as well as clippings of various articles and lesson series written by Dicks; announcements, reviews, and correspondence regarding books written by Dicks; and clippings of newspaper articles and correspondence pertaining to his series of USO seminars on personal counseling in wartime. Some correspondence relates to the three unpublished manuscripts, one entitled *Deep Sands*, another, *Lindsey, Jud, and Lisa*, and one untitled hospital novel. Literary works by Russell Dicks include *And Ye Visited Me*, *Meditations for the Sick*, *Principals and Practices of Pastoral Care* and others, as well as books from two series for which Dicks served as general editor.

Arrangement Note

The collection is arranged according to type of material and alphabetically thereunder.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence-Dunbar and Hiltner, 1935
1	2	Publishers-Abingdon Press, 1957-1958
1	3	Publishers-Bethany Press, 1961-1965
1	4	Publishers-Harper and Bros., 1938-1939, 1961
1	5	Publishers-Macmillan Company, 1935-1965
1	6	Publishers-Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1961-1965
1	7	Publishers-Westminster Press, 1949-1957
1	8	Publishers-Willett, Clark and Co. and unidentified pieces, 1937, 1963, undated
1	9	Publishers correspondence with Mrs. Dicks, 1966-1976
1	10	Publications-Magazine articles, 1940-1960
1	11	Miscellaneous, undated
1	12-23	Scrapbook material, 1936-1948
1	24-30	Unpublished manuscripts, undated
1		Holy Bible-King James Version

Written by Russell L. Dicks

2	And Ye Visited Me, 1939
2	The Art of Ministering to the Sick (Cabot and Dicks), 1936
2	Meditations for the Sick, 1937
2	Meet Joe Ross, 1957
2	Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling, 1949
2	Principles and Practices of Pastoral Care, 1963
2	Articles in <i>Religion and Health</i> , 1952-1957

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2	Counseling the Serviceman and His Family (Harris), 1964
2	How to Help an Alcoholic (Earle), 1952
2	Whom God Hath Joined (Mace), 1953

Other

2	What Men Live By (Cabot), 1914
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