

# HANKINS, JAMES E., 1920-2002

## James E. Hankins papers, circa 1940s - 1990s.

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Hankins, James E., 1920-2002  
**Title:** James E. Hankins papers, circa 1940s - 1990s.  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 329  
**Extent:** 7 cubic feet (7 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Contains sermons, subject files, and writings of James E. Hankins, a methodist minister.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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#### Citation

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#### Processing

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

James E. Hankins, minister, was educated at Union Theological Seminary. He was a member of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. He died in 2002.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The James E. Hankins papers are comprised mostly of typewritten notes and outlines for over 800 sermons. Hankins wrote these sermons in his capacity as minister in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. Hankins numbered each of his sermons, and his numerical order has been retained. An index to sermon titles, with Scripture citations included, is found as an appendix to this finding aid. Audio recordings of over 150 sermons are available as MP3 and WAV digital audio files on two recordable CD-ROMs. These sermons were recorded at Pulaski United Methodist Church and Bearden United Methodist Church between 1976 and 1984.

Also included with the sermons are other writings by Hankins, including "Problems of Worship in the Rural Church," (his master's thesis, written at Union Theological Seminary in 1946) and a history of Town and Country work in the Holston Conference. There are also subject files, which document Hankins' involvement in the Town and Country Commission of the Holston Conference and in the Lord's Acre stewardship program, as well as his interests in rural life and stewardship.

The collection also includes a copy of *A Harmony of the Synoptic Gospels* by Ernest DeWitt Burton and Edgar Johnson Goodspeed, with handwritten notes preceding the text.

### **Arrangement Note**

Organized into three series: Sermons, Writings, and Subject Files.

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## Container List

### Sermons, circa 1940s-1990s

| Box | Folder | Content   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1   |        | Sermons, Clippings and Index, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 1   |        | Sermons, 1-122, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 2   |        | Sermons, 123-274, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 3   |        | Sermons, 275-403, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 4   |        | Sermons, 404-519, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 5   |        | Sermons, 520-656, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 6   |        | Sermons, 657-820, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 7   | 1-3    | Sermons, Communion Meditations, circa 1940s-1990s   |
| 7   | 4-7    | Sermons, Miscellaneous, ca. 1940s-1990s   |
| 7   | 42     | Sermons, Audio Recordings, 1976-1984 [2 recordable compact discs with files in MP3 and WAV format.] |

### Writings, 1946-1988

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| 7 | 8  | "Problems of Worship in the Rural Church," Union Theological Seminary Master's Thesis, 1946 |
| 7 | 9  | Magazines with Articles by Hankins, 1949-1976   |
| 7 | 10 | Prayers for Infants, 1962-1968  |
| 7 | 11 | "A Brief History of Town and Country Work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction," 1988           |

### Subject Files, 1945-1983, undated

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| 7 | 12 | Alternative Model Town and Country Church, undated             |
| 7 | 13 | Charge Lines and Boundaries, undated                           |
| 7 | 14 | Church and Community Workshop (Jim Selis), undated             |
| 7 | 15 | The Church and the Land, Soil Conservation, 1946, undated      |
| 7 | 16 | Cooperative Parish, 1972                                       |
| 7 | 17 | Every Member Canvas, Pulaski, VA, 1974-1975                    |
| 7 | 18 | "The Four Commissions of the Methodist Church," undated        |
| 7 | 19 | Group Ministry Plan, undated                                   |
| 7 | 20 | Holston Conference, Town and Country Commission, 1945-1958     |
| 7 | 21 | Holston Conference, Town and Country Commission, 1958, undated |
| 7 | 22 | Laity and the Church Speech, 1973                              |
| 7 | 23 | Larger Parish Ideas, 1950, undated                             |
| 7 | 24 | Lay Preaching, undated   |
| 7 | 25 | Lord's Acre, Giles County, undated                             |
| 7 | 26 | Lord's Acre, Ideas, undated                                    |

- 7 27 Lord's Acre, Ideas and Materials, undated
  - 7 28 Lord's Acre, Pledge Cards, 1952
  - 7 29 MRF Lecture, Junaluska, 1976
  - 7 30 Rural Church Development Program, Emory University, undated
  - 7 31 Rural Community, undated
  - 7 32 Rural Evangelism, 1954-1955, undated
  - 7 33 Rural Leadership, undated
  - 7 34 Rural Life Days, Orders of Service, 1948-1953, undated
  - 7 35 Rural Life Sunday, 1954-1983
  - 7 36 Schores, Dan, "Effect of Rapid Rural Change on Smaller Churches," 1963
  - 7 37 Stewardship, 1956-1958, undated
  - 7 38 Stewardship, Notes and Materials from Course Taught at Aldersgate, 1978
  - 7 39 Town and Country Commission, Program Suggestions, Aims, and Goals,  
1951-1956
  - 7 40 Town and Country, Music, 1954-1955, undated
  - 7 41 Town and Country, Publicity Programs and Ideas, 1951-1955, undated  
*A Harmony of the Synoptic Gospels* by Ernest DeWitt Burton and Edgar Johnson  
Goodspeed. New York: Scribner's, 1917.
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