

# **RICHARDSON, JENNIFER J.**

## **Jennifer J. Richardson Collection on Camp Glisson, 1946-1997**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Richardson, Jennifer J.  
**Title:** Jennifer J. Richardson Collection on Camp Glisson, 1946-1997  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 331  
**Extent:** 5.33 cubic ft. (14 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Consists of materials assembled by Jennifer J. Richardson while researching *Holy Dirt*, her book on Camp Glisson.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions on Access**

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**Processing**

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Camp Glisson is a United Methodist retreat facility located in Dahlonega, Georgia. Its history as a Methodist institution began in 1926 when the Rev. Elbert Hale, pastor of the Hapeville M.E.C., S. in Hapeville, Georgia rented the facility for use as a summer camp for Methodist youth. At that time the area was known as Cane Creek Falls. He continued to administer the camp through 1930 when the Rev. Fred L. Glisson succeeded him as manager. Rev. Glisson continued in this position until 1944, often using his own funds to finance the operation of the camp. The camp was renamed Camp Glisson in his honor. A lake constructed in 1951 was named Lake Hale in honor of the camp founder.

During the 1930s the North Georgia Methodist Episcopal Conference gradually purchased the land and existing cabins from the Dahlonega Chamber of Commerce. In 1947, the Cane Creek Falls area was purchased from the Georgia Power Company. By 1953 the camp consisted of 175 acres. The camp program has continued to grow and Camp Glisson is now a year-round conference retreat center.

Jennifer J. Richardson is the author of *Holy Dirt: Camp Glisson's Seventy-Five Years of Christian Education Outdoors: 1925-2000*. She was a camper at Glisson as a child, and has been a cabin owner, a Leadership Team member, and a board member at the camp.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of materials assembled by Jennifer J. Richardson while researching *Holy Dirt*, her book on Camp Glisson. Series 1 consists of files maintained by the manager of Camp Glisson on cabin owners from 1949-1990. These files contain mostly correspondence regarding the ownership and upkeep of cabins at Glisson. Series 2 contains research materials generated by Richardson, primarily notes from interviews with individuals on their involvement with Camp Glisson, conducted in the mid-1990s. The miscellaneous files in Series 3 include information on grounds fees (1965-1968) and loans (1951-1955) related to the camp.

The bulk of the collection consists of photographic images. For preservation reasons, negatives are stored separately from photographic prints. Series 4 contains over 1800 photographs from Camp Glisson. Many of these photographs are unidentified. The majority are group photographs of Glisson campers. Negatives, which are stored separately from the photographic prints for preservation reasons, are found in series 5. Many of these negatives do not correspond with prints in series 4, and no negatives exist for many of the series 4 prints. Series 6 contains color slides of Camp Glisson people and events from the 1960s through the 1990s. Most slides lack even basic information about when the image was taken. Also included in series 6 is a short 35mm film. The title written on the container that holds the film is "More Than a Week of Service." This film was not played back during processing, and there is no further information about it.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into 6 series: (1) Cabin Owner Files, (2) Research Files, (3) Miscellaneous Files, (4) Photographs, (5) Photographic Negatives, and (6) Slides.

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## Container List

### Cabin Owner Files, 1946-1990

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Andrews, Judson, and Otis B, Barfield, 1952-1955
1	2	Anthony, Mrs. J.D., 1954-1957, 1972-1977
1	3	Bailey, James, 1958, 1966
1	4	Barton, Barrett L., 1949-1958
1	5	Bauman, Larry, 1964-1967, 1973-1974
1	6	Blackburn, Rev. E. H., 1949-1984
1	7	Bradley, Joseph G., 1973-1976
1	8	Brady, Lucius, 1980-1983
1	9	Bridges, Robert, 1954-1959
1	10	Brownlow, Comer L., 1955-1962
1	11	Calhoun, Dr. Clayton, 1958-1972
1	12	Callaway, J, Clyde, 1946-1966
1	13	Crumbley, J.C., 1951-1955
1	14	Dailey, Rev. Sam A., 1952-1954
1	15	Dangar, Larry and Betty, 1981-1989
1	16	Drinkard, Rev. Eugene T., 1953-1957
1	17	Eastham, J. Dana, 1962-1977
1	18	Elizer, Rev. A. N., 1952-1957
1	19	Elkins, Joe, 1952-1958
1	20	Fields, Paul, 1962-1980
1	21	Florence, Phillip F., 1975-1981
1	22	Forrester, H. B., 1945-1967
1	23	Frazier, Charles, 1953-1957
1	24	Freeman, L.B., 1958
1	25	Gardner, Robert Z., 1952-1956
1	26	Glisson, Rev. Fred L., 1954-1981
1	27	Gray, Rev. Charles T., 1955-1982
1	28	Gray, Glenn M., 1971
1	29	Green, Mrs. Rembert, 1954
1	30	Guptill, Paul, 1954-1965
1	31	Guptill, Roger S., 1954-1966
1	32	Hamilton, Tom T., 1982-1986
1	33	Hanner, Alfred, 1958-1963
1	34	Haynes, A. Kempton, Jr., 1953-1958
1	35	Henry, Dr. Waights G., 1952-1957

- 1 36 Holt, Rev. William M., 1966
- 1 37 Howell, William, 1980-1984
- 1 38 Huckaby, David R., 1973-1981
- 1 39 Huckaby, Rev. L. F., 1953-1977
- 1 40 King, Ruth, 1957
- 1 41 Laird, Sam L., Jr., 1953-1957
- 1 42 Lee, Mrs. Eleene C., 1974-1980
- 1 43 Lipscomb, Dr. D. H., 1951-1967
- 1 44 Littleton, Rev. W. H., 1949-1956
- 1 45 Long, Dr. Nat Long, 1949-1952
- 1 46 Longley, C. S., 1960-1966
- 1 47 Luckey, J. M., 1952-1955
- 1 48 Mackey, Dr. E. G., 1949
- 1 49 Marbut, Bobby, 1952-1957
- 1 50 McCord, John L., 1954-1957
- 1 51 McDonald, J. Sanford, 1955-1958
- 1 52 McFall, Fred, 1954-1965
- 1 53 Melear, Rev. J. Ray, 1952-1965
- 1 54 Minor, H. Dean, 1958-1984
- 1 55 Mitcham, Rev. Harry, 1951-1968
- 1 56 Monroe, Cary, 1981-1984
- 1 57 Morris, J. A., 1977-1981
- 1 58 Murphy, Walter Y., 1949-1954
- 1 59 Neal, W. G., 1951-1956
- 1 60 Phillips, Rev. Allan A., 1951-1988
- 1 61 Ray, Mrs. J. D., 1953-1957
- 1 62 Rudder, James M., 1954-1955
- 1 63 Runyon, Dr. Theodore H., 1973-1975
- 1 64 Sandiford, Charles B., 1952-1967
- 1 65 Sharpe, Guy, 1949-1954
- 1 66 Self, Mrs. Mary, 1949-1978
- 1 67 Sisson, Rev. W. H., 1954-1958
- 1 68 Soderman, Briscoe, and Tennent, Robert W., 1973-1984
- 1 69 Spier, Rev. Clarence E., Jr., 1953-1957
- 1 70 Stegall, N. C., 1952-1958
- 1 71 Strawn, George, 1956-1964
- 1 72 Tanner, Terrell, 1952-1954
- 1 73 Thompson, Dr. Gordon, 1954-1972
- 1 74 Tolbert, Ben, and Charles W. Cook, 1953-1957

- 1 75 VanSant, Edgar S., 1951-1964
- 1 76 Wicht, M. C., 1954-1965
- 1 77 Williams, Rev. Charles R., 1966
- 1 78 Wiggins, Robert S., 1954-1958
- 1 79 Wohlgemuth, Rev. Paul F., 1965-1966
- 1 80 Wood, Rev. Harry, 1955-1958
- 1 81 Woodward, Dr. J. G., 1955-1982
- 1 82 Young, W. Joe, 1986-1990

**Research Files, 1990, 1995-1997**

- 1 83 Archibald, Bob and Mary Holland, Interview, 1995
- 1 84 Barton, Ma, Interview, 1990
- 1 85 Cole, Bill and Agnes, Interview, 1995
- 1 86 Fleming, Bond and Mary Louise, Interview, 1995
- 1 87 Glisson, Fred, Grandchildren of, Interviews, 1995
- 1 88 Harrison, Samuel and Alyne, Interview, undated
- 1 89 Henry, George and Helen, Interview, 1998
- 1 90 Holley, Veleta Barrett, Interview, 1995
- 1 91 Holt, Bill, Interview, undated
- 1 92 Joyner, Doug and Rhoda, Interview, 1995
- 1 93 Kirkpatrick, Dow and Marjorie, Interview, 1995
- 1 94 McKoy, William, Interview, 1997
- 1 95 Mitchley, Robertine Johnston, Interview, undated
- 1 96 Moor, James Talley, 1995
- 1 97 Nelson, Rev. Ernest Marion, 1997
- 1 98 Oliver, Hoyt and Latrelle, Interview, 1995
- 1 99 Sission, Mrs. Rembert (Mattie), Interview, 1995
- 1 100 Smith, Leon and Antoinette, Interview, 1995
- 1 101 Tate, John Sr., Interview, 1995
- 1 102 Tate, Sidney and Enid, Interview, 1995
- 1 103 Thompson, Robert and Rose, Interview, 1995
- 1 104 Warner, Roy, Interview, 1995
- 1 105 Notes on 1985-1989, undated

**Miscellaneous Files, 1951-1988**

- 1 106 Grounds Fees, 1965-1968
- 1 107 Loans, 1951-1955
- 1 108 St. Paul Church, Plans, undated
- 1 109 Swimming Pool Responsibility Slips, 1981-1988

**Photographs, 1972-1997, undated**

- 2 1 Blackbeard Island [6 photographs], 1971
- 2 2 Bobapalooza II [14 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 2 3 Brochure Photographs [25 photographs], 1994
- 2 4 Building New Dining Hall Steps [3 photographs], circa 1990s
- 2 5 Campers and Staff [54 photographs], 1992
- 2 6 Campers and Staff week 3 [4 photographs], 1992
- 2 7 Campers and Staff [16 photographs], 1992 July 26-31
- 2 8 Campers and Staff [5 photographs], 1992 August 9-11
- 2 9 Campers and Staff [43 photographs], circa 1992-1993
- 2 10 Campers and Staff [70 photographs], 1993
- 2 11 Campers and Staff [8 photographs], 1993 June 21
- 2 12 Campers and Staff [8 photographs], 1993 June 23
- 2 13 Campers and Staff [35 photographs], 1993 July 9-14
- 3 1 Campers and Staff [17 photographs], 1993 July 13
- 3 2 Campers and Staff [53 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 3 Campers and Staff [41 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 4 Campers and Staff [57 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 5 Campers and Staff, week 3 [30 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 6 Campers and Staff, week 6 [48 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 7 Campers and Staff, week 7 [12 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 3 8 Campers and Staff, week 2 [36 photographs], 1994 June-July
- 4 1 Campers and Staff, week 4 [28 photographs], 1994
- 4 2 Campers and Staff [90 photographs], circa 1994-1995
- 4 3 Campers and Staff [35 photographs], circa 1994-1996
- 4 4 Campers and Staff [59 photographs], 1995
- 4 5 Campers and Staff, week 1 [45 photographs], 1995
- 4 6 Campers and Staff, week 7 [19 photographs], 1995
- 4 7 Campers and Staff [2 photographs], 1995 August 11
- 4 8 Campers and Staff [65 photographs], 1996
- 5 1 Campers and Staff, week 1 [50 photographs], 1996
- 5 2 Campers and Staff, week 2 [49 photographs], 1996
- 5 3 Campers and Staff, week 3 [46 photographs], 1996
- 5 4 Campers and Staff [2 photographs], 1997
- 5 5 Campers and Staff [22 photographs], 1997 April 30
- 5 6 Campers and Staff, week 3 [19 photographs], 1997
- 5 7 Campers and Staff, week 4 [5 photographs], 1997
- 5 8 Campers and Staff, week 8 [12 photographs], 1997
- 5 9 Campers and Staff [29 photographs], undated

- 5 10 Campers and Staff [69 photographs], undated
- 6 1 Campers and Staff [43 photographs], undated
- 6 2 Campers and Staff [47 photographs], undated
- 6 3 Campers and Staff [12 photographs], undated
- 6 4 Campers and Staff, 8 by 10 Photographs [23 photographs], circa 1990s
- 6 5 Campers and Staff, Elementary 1 [58 photographs], 1997 June 15-21
- 6 6 Campers and Staff, Elementary 2 [25 photographs], 1997 July 20-25
- 6 7 Campers and Staff, Elementary 3 [50 photographs], 1997 August 3-8
- 6 8 Campers and Staff, Elementary 5-6 [39 photographs], 1994 or 1997
- 6 9 Campers and Staff, Elementary 5-6 [36 photographs], undated
- 7 1 Campers and Staff, Mid-High 1 [47 photographs], 1997 June 21-27
- 7 2 Campers and Staff, Mid-High 2 [23 photographs], 1997 July 6-11
- 7 3 Campers and Staff, Mid-High 3 [22 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 7 4 Campers and Staff, Mid-High 3 [15 photographs], 1997 August 2-7
- 7 5 Campers and Staff, Senior High [22 photographs], undated
- 7 6 Cane Creek Observation Platform [18 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 7 7 Deck Added to Dining Hall [19 photographs], circa 1992-1993
- 7 8 Horse Camp and Low Elements Course [2 photographs plus proof sheet], 1993
- 7 9 Low Elements Course [1 photograph], undated
- 7 10 Memorial Day Weekend [12 photographs], 1995
- 7 11 Mission TLC [16 photographs], circa 1992-1996
- 7 12 Miscellaneous [2 photographs], 1972
- 8 1 Miscellaneous [13 photographs], 1973-1977
- 8 2 Miscellaneous [29 photographs], undated
- 8 3 Miscellaneous [6 photographs], undated
- 8 4 Pool and Sparrowwood [25 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 8 5 Rustic Camp Shelter, Construction [4 photographs], undated
- 8 6 Senior High Summit [24 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 8 7 Sparrowwood Campers [15 photographs], circa 1993-1996
- 8 8 Staff Photograph [1 photograph], 1994 August 8
- 8 9 Staff Photograph [2 photographs], 1997
- 8 10 Staff Photograph [1 photograph], undated
- 8 11 Summit Horse Camp [23 photographs], 1993
- 8 12 Tornado Cleanup [8 items], 1994

**Photographic Negatives, 1992-1997, undated**

- 9 1 Brochure Photographs, Negatives, 1994
- 9 2 Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1992
- 9 3 Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 3, 1992
- 9 4 Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 6, 1992 July 26-31



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| 9  | 5     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1992 August 9-11                                 |
| 9  | 6     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, circa 1992-1993                                  |
| 9  | 7     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1993   |
| 9  | 8     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1993 June 21                                     |
| 9  | 9     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1993 June 23                                     |
| 9  | 10    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1993 August 26                                   |
| 9  | 11-12 | Campers and Staff, Negatives, circa 1993-1996                                  |
| 9  | 13    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 3, circa 1993-1996                          |
| 9  | 14    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 4, 1994                                     |
| 9  | 15    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1994 August 23                                   |
| 9  | 16    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, circa 1994 or 1995                               |
| 9  | 17    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, circa 1994-1996                                  |
| 9  | 18    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1995   |
| 9  | 19    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 1, 1995                                     |
| 9  | 20    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 7, 1995                                     |
| 9  | 21    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1995 August 11                                   |
| 9  | 22    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1996   |
| 9  | 23    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 1, 1996                                     |
| 9  | 24    | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 2, 1996                                     |
| 10 | 1     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 3, 1996                                     |
| 10 | 2     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1997   |
| 10 | 3     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 4, 1997                                     |
| 10 | 4     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, week 8, 1997                                     |
| 10 | 5     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1997 June 21-27                                  |
| 10 | 6     | Campers and Staff, Negatives, 1997 August 6                                    |
| 10 | 7-9   | Campers and Staff, Negatives, undated  |
| 10 | 10    | Campers and Staff, Elementary I, Negatives, 1997 June 15-21                    |
| 10 | 11    | Campers and Staff, Elementary III, Negatives, 1997 August 3-8                  |
| 10 | 12    | Campers and Staff, Elementary 5-6, Negatives, 1994 or 1997 June 19-24          |
| 10 | 13    | Campers and Staff, Elementary 5-6, Negatives, undated                          |
| 10 | 14    | Campers and Staff, Mid-High I, Negatives, 1997 June 21-27                      |
| 10 | 15    | Campers and Staff, Mid-High II, Negatives, 1997 July 6-11                      |
| 10 | 16    | Campers and Staff, Mid-High III, Negatives, 1997 June 29                       |
| 10 | 17    | Campers and Staff, Senior High, Negatives, 1997 June 29-July 4                 |
| 10 | 18    | Campers and Staff, Wilderness Creekside, Marshedge, Negatives, 1997 July 20-25 |
| 10 | 19    | Cane Creek Observation Platform, Negatives, circa 1993-1996                    |
| 10 | 20    | Deck Added to Dining Hall, Negatives, circa 1992-1993                          |
| 10 | 21    | Mission TLC Negatives, 1995  |
| 10 | 22    | Negatives from Diane Hampton, 1992   |

- 10 23 Sparrowwood, Week 6 Negatives, undated
- 10 24 Staff Photograph, Negatives, 1994 August 8
- 10 25 Summit Horse Camp, Negatives, 1993
- 10 26-28 Unidentified Negatives, undated

**Slides, 1960s-1996, undated**

- 11 Slides, 1960s-1990
  - 12 Slides, 1990-1996
  - 13 Slides, undated
  - 14 Slides, undated
- Film reel: "More Than a Week of Service," undated
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