

**SANDLIN, JOHN LEWIS.**  
**John Lewis Sandlin papers, 1934-1991, undated**

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**Creator:** Sandlin, John Lewis.  
**Title:** John Lewis Sandlin papers, 1934-1991, undated  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 335  
**Extent:** 11.17 cubic ft. (12 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Consists of correspondence, notes, drafts, poems, and other files related to John Lewis Sandlin's theological education and his career as a Methodist minister and author.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

John Lewis Sandlin, son of John Lafayette Sandlin and Eva Lewis Sandlin, was born October 3, 1908 in Ozark, Alabama. A graduate of the College of Charleston and Candler School of Theology, Sandlin was admitted to the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1936.

In addition to pastoral appointments in South Carolina, Sandlin served as professor and chairman of the Columbia College Department of Religion (1947-1952), as editor of the *Southern Christian Advocate* (1948-1949), and as an editor with the Board of Evangelism in Nashville (1956-1966). Sandlin wrote ten books and co-authored four others. He also wrote columns for several religious journals and wrote for the International Lesson Series of Sunday school lessons for over ten years.

After retiring in 1975, Sandlin served as a chaplain at Richland Memorial Hospital and Crafts-Farrow State Hospital in Columbia, S.C. He was a founder and the first president of the South Carolina Conference Retired Ministers Association. Sandlin died on February 20, 1993.

Sandlin married Eugenia Cleo Westcoat on August 22, 1939. The couple had three children.

**Biographical Source: Scoggins, E. King and A. McKay Brabham, Jr. "John Lewis Sandlin: October 3, 1908 – February 20, 1993." *The Journal of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church*, 1993.**

### Scope and Content Note

Papers related primarily to John Lewis Sandlin's theological education and his career as a Methodist minister and author. Included are professional and personal correspondence; notes and papers from classes taken via the Methodist Course of Study and at Candler School of Theology; extensive drafts of prayers and devotional writings; typescripts of Sandlin's published books; sermons; poems; articles; Sunday school lessons; subject files; and files of notes and clippings related to Sandlin's writing projects.

Although Sandlin served numerous churches in South Carolina both before and after his tenure at Columbia College and the General Board of Evangelism, there is comparatively little material about his pastoral ministry. Notable exceptions are the sermons found in series 5, as well as the pastor's record books, orders of worship, and other materials from his appointed churches in Series 3.

The papers contain no documentation of Sandlin's post-retirement work as a chaplain at Richland Memorial Hospital and Crafts-Farrow State Hospital in Columbia, S.C., nor of his involvement in the South Carolina Conference Retired Ministers Association (which Sandlin helped to found).

### Arrangement Note

Organized into 6 series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Academic Career, (3) Pastoral Appointments, (4) Subject Files, (5) Writings, and (6) Notes and Clippings.

## **Description of Series**

Series 1: Correspondence, 1934-1991

Series 2: Academic Career, 1934-1943

Series 3: Pastoral Appointments, 1936-1990

Series 4: Subject Files, 1938-1987, undated

Series 5: Writings, 1934-1979, undated

Subseries 5.1: Book Manuscripts, 1958-1972, undated

Subseries 5.2: Devotions and Prayers, 1958-1971, undated

Subseries 5.3: Other Writings, 1934-1979, undated

Series 6: Notes and Clippings, 1941-1980, undated

**Series 1**  
**Correspondence, 1934-1991**  
**Box 1**

**Scope and Content Note**

Personal and professional correspondence of John Lewis Sandlin. The folders labeled "Correspondence, Personal, 1938-1939" contain letters to Sandlin from his future wife, Eugenia Cleo Westcoat.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged chronologically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Correspondence, 1934-1942
1	2	Correspondence, 1943-1946
1	3	Correspondence, 1947-1948
1	4-5	Correspondence, 1949-1950
1	6-7	Correspondence, 1951-1956
1	8-10	Correspondence, 1957-1961
1	11-12	Correspondence, 1962-1966
1	13	Correspondence, 1967-1969
1	14-15	Correspondence, 1970-1973
1	16-17	Correspondence, 1974-1991
1	18	Correspondence, undated
1	19	Correspondence, Columbia College, 1951-1952
1	20	Correspondence, Columbia College Controversy, 1949-1953, 1959-1960
1	21-27	Correspondence, Personal, 1938-1939
1	28	Correspondence re: Prayers and Graces, 1959
1	29	Correspondence re: Review of <i>A Partner with the Living Lord</i> , James W. Sells, 1976
1	30-31	Correspondence re: Workman's Compensation Lawsuit, 1966-1968
1	32	Correspondence with Publisher, 1958-1967

**Series 2**  
**Academic Career, 1934-1943**  
**Box 2**

**Scope and Content Note**

The majority of the files in this series contain notes, syllabi, and related materials from courses taken by Sandlin at the Candler School of Theology. These files are arranged in order of Candler course number. In a few cases, the course title but not the course number were listed on a folder. These files are arranged alphabetically immediately after the folders arranged by this number. Also found in this series are numerous "lesson papers" produced by Sandlin from 1934-1938, apparently for correspondence courses that were part of the Methodist Course of Study for pastors. Researchers should note that papers written by Sandlin while he was a student at Candler are located in Series 5.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by course number and alphabetically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
2	1	A301: Old Testament, 1942
2	2	A302: Old Testament II, 1943
2	3	A303: New Testament, 1942
2	4	A304: Jewish Background of Christianity, 1942
2	5	A305: Jesus, 1943
2	6	A307: Theology of Paul, 1942
2	7	A320: The Canon, 1942
2	8	A323: The Psalms, undated
2	9	A324: Hebrew and Greek Conceptions of Life after Death, 1943
2	10	B301: History of Religion, 1941
2	11	B302: Rise of the Younger Churches Overseas, undated
2	12	B303, Church History to 1000 A.D., 1942
2	13	B305: Church History 1000 A.D. to Present, 1942
2	14	B307: Wesleyan Reformation, undated
2	15	C301: Psychological Aspects of Christian Experience, 1943
2	16	C303: Theory and Practice of Religious Education, 1942
2	17	C305: Theism, 1942
2	18	C307: Doctrine of Representation, 1942
2	19	C328B: Prayer, 1941-1942
2	20	C337: Christian Interpretation of History, 1942
2	21	D301: Theory and Practice of Preaching, 1942
2	22	D306: Philosophy of Christian Missions, 1943
2	23	D309: Church Polity, 1943
2	24	D311: Social Problems, 1942

- 2 25 D318: Youth and the Church, 1943
- 2 26 D331: A Study of Urban Society, 1943
- 2 27 D339: History of Social Thought, 1943
- 2 28 D411: Post-War Planning, 1943
- 2 29 Acts of the Apostles, Columbia College Course, 1951-1952
- 2 30 Archaeology, 1941
- 2 31 The Church's Ministry to College Students, 1943
- 2 32 Great Christian Characters, 1943
- 2 33-36 Lesson Papers, 1935-1938
- 2 37 Lesson Papers, *The Apostolic Age and Tongue of Fire*, 1934-1935
- 2 38 Lesson Papers, The Discipline, 1935
- 2 39 Lesson Papers, The Four Gospels and Acts, 1935
- 2 40 Lesson Papers, The Teachings of Jesus, 1935
- 2 41 Life of Paul, 1934
- 2 42 Pastoral Psychology, 1943

**Series 3**  
**Pastoral Appointments, 1936-1990**  
**Box 3**

**Scope and Content Note**

Files related to Sandlin's service as a pastor in several South Carolina churches. A few of the folders contain church meeting minutes and charge conference reports, but in general there are few administrative records for the churches where Sandlin served. The bulk of this series consists of "pastor's record books," small pocket-sized diaries in which Sandlin recorded notes on his day-to-day pastoral activities. This series also contains orders of worship from Sandlin's churches, as well as orders of worship from other churches where Sandlin preached as a guest.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
3	1	Bethel United Methodist Church, History, 1970, 1985
3	2	Church Bulletins, 1936-1967
3	3	Church Bulletins, 1968-1969
3	4-5	Church Bulletins, 1969-1970
3	6-7	Church Bulletins, 1971-1973
3	8-9	Church Bulletins, 1975-1976
3	10	Church Bulletins, 1977-1990
3	11	Church Bulletins, Mother's Day, 1944-1970
3	12	Heath Springs, undated
3	13	Lebanon/McLeod, 1968-1973, undated
3	14	Mount Pleasant, 1972-1973
3	15	Pastoral Appointments, Miscellaneous, 1952-1970, undated
3	16	Pastor's Record Book, 1934-1936
3	17	Pastor's Record Book, 1936-1938
3	18	Pastor's Record Book, 1938-1940
3	19	Pastor's Record Book, 1940-1941
3	20	Pastor's Record Book, 1943-1945
3	21	Pastor's Record Book, 1945-1947
3	22	Pastor's Record Book, 1950-1953
3	23	Pastor's Record Book, 1969-1976
3	24	Saint Luke's, 1975-1976, undated
3	25	Saint Mark's, 1942-1943

**Series 4**  
**Subject Files, 1938-1987, undated**  
**Boxes 4-5**

**Scope and Content Note**

Files on topics of interest to Sandlin, including evangelism, witnessing, workshop, and alcohol education. There are several files of materials related to the Columbia College Department of Religion, which Sandlin chaired from 1947-1952. These include syllabi and copies of quizzes and exams. Those wishing to know more about Sandlin's life and family background should note the biographical information and the genealogical material in this series.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
4	1	Alcohol Education Sunday, 1947
4	2	Bibliographies, undated
4	3	Biographical Information, 1942-1975, undated
4	4	Christian Sojourn Tour, 1974
4	5-6	Columbia College Department of Religion Exams and Quizzes, 1948-1952, undated
4	7	Columbia College Department of Religion Syllabi, undated
4	8	Columbia College Faculty Handbook and Miscellaneous, 1948-1952
4	9	Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth, 1960
4	10	Consultation on Evangelism for Supply Pastors, 1965
4	11	Crusade for Christ, 1945
4	12	Daybooks and Bank Books, 1933, 1944, 1947, 1968, undated
4	13	Evangelism, 1959-1965, undated
4	14	Evangelism, Materials from Binder, undated
4	15	Genealogical Information, 1965, undated
4	16-17	General Board of Education, 1943-1961, undated
4	18	History of Religion, Outline, undated
4	19	Immortality, Course on, undated
4	20	Interboard Commission on the Local Church, 1961, undated
4	21	Miscellaneous
4	22	Order of Saint Luke, 1950, undated
4	23	Photographs, undated
4	24	Poconos Plateau Retreat, 1959
4	25-26	Program of Leadership Education, 1947-1969
4	27	Protestant Belief and Action, Course Materials, 1948, undated
4	28	Religious Education Tests, undated
4	29	Revelation, undated



- 4 30 Sandpiper Village Advisory Board, 1987
- 4 31 Smart, Wyatt Aiken, Writings and Addresses, undated
- 4 32 South Carolina Conference, 1934-1935
- 4 33 South Carolina Conference, Pre-Conference Report, 1984
- 4 34 Spartanburg Area Training School, Prophets, 1962 October 14-18
- 4 35 Teachings of Jesus, 1938-1952
- 4 36 Theology of Paul, undated
- 4 37 *Tidings* Workbooks, circa 1965
- 4 38 Werner, Hazen G., *Redemption*, Transcripts and Recordings, undated
- 4 39 Witnessing, undated
- 4 40 World Wide Prayer Life Movement, undated
- 4 41 Worship Programs for Youth, undated
- 4 42-44 Writings by Others, 1956, 1967, undated
- 5 1 Writings by Others, Cannon, William R., *You Need Christ Now*, undated
- 5 2 Yale Alcohol Studies, 1946-1947

**Series 5**  
**Writings, 1934-1979, undated**  
**Boxes 5-9**

**Scope and Content Note**

Sandlin was a prolific writer, producing numerous books of prayers, devotional writings and spiritual meditations, poetry, and scripture lessons, as well as professional writings for the Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into 3 subseries: (5.1) Book Manuscripts, (5.2) Devotions and Prayers, and (5.3) Other Writings

**Subseries 5.1**  
**Book Manuscripts, 1958-1972, undated**  
**Box 5**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged chronologically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
5	3	<i>My Tryst with God</i> , 1958
5	4	<i>A Prayer for Every Day</i> , 1958
5	5	<i>Moments with the Master</i> , 1961
5	6-7	<i>A Prayer for Every Meeting</i> , 1962-1964
5	8-9	<i>A Book of Table Graces</i> and <i>A Book of Prayers for Young People</i> , 1963
5	10	<i>A Book of Prayers for Boys</i> and <i>A Book of Prayers for Girls</i> [includes correspondence with publisher], 1966-1967
5	11	<i>Prayers for Servicemen</i> , 1967
5	12	<i>Using Life's Anchors</i> , Unpublished Manuscript, 1968
5	13-14	<i>Prayers for Parents Who Care</i> [includes correspondence with publisher], 1969-1970
5	15	<i>Prayers for Parents Who Care</i> , Deleted Prayers, undated
5	16	<i>Meditations for Youth and Adults</i> [includes correspondence with publisher], 1972
5	17	<i>The Apostolic Age</i> , undated
5	18	Material for Book 1, Edited, undated
5	19	Material for Book 2, undated
5	20	Material for Book 3, undated
5	21	<i>My Trysting Place with God</i> , undated
5	22	Untitled Manuscript, undated
5	23	<i>The Vision Splendid</i> , undated

**Subseries 5.2**  
**Devotions and Prayers, 1958-1971, undated**  
**Boxes 5-7**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically, then chronologically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
5	24-25	Devotions, 1961
5	26	Devotions, 1961-1962
5	27	Devotions, 1962 January-February
5	28	Devotions, 1962 March
5	29	Devotions, 1962 April-May
6	1	Devotions, 1962 June-July
6	2	Devotions, 1962 August-September
6	3	Devotions, 1962 October-November
6	4	Devotions, 1962 December
6	5-6	Devotions, 1963 January-March
6	7-8	Devotions, 1963 April-June
6	9	Devotions, 1963 July-August
6	10-11	Devotions, 1963 September-December
6	12-13	Devotions, undated
6	14-15	Devotions and Prayers, 1964 May-August
6	16	Devotions and Prayers, 1966
6	17	Devotions and Prayers, 1967
6	18-19	Devotions and Prayers, 1968 January-June
6	20	Devotions and Prayers, 1968 July-December
6	21-22	Devotions and Prayers, 1969 January-June
6	23-24	Devotions and Prayers, 1971 January-June
7	1-2	Devotions and Prayers, 1971 July-December
7	3	Devotions, Index, 1964-1971
7	4	Devotions, Prayers, and Graces, Unpublished, undated
7	5-6	Devotions, Prayers, and Notes on Tour of Holy Land, 1969 July-December
7	7	Devotions, Upper Room, undated
7	8	Devotions, Working File, 1-25, undated
7	9	Devotions, Working File, 26-50, undated
7	10	Devotions, Working File, 51-75, undated
7	11	Devotions, Working File, 76-100, undated
7	12	Devotions, Working File, 101-125, undated
7	13	Devotions, Working File, 126-157, undated

- 7 14 Family Devotions, undated
- 7 15-16 Notebook of Prayers and Other Materials, undated
- 7 17 "A Prayer for Today / My Prayer for Today," 1958-1962
- 7 18-19 "A Prayer for Today / My Prayer for Today," 1960-1965
- 7 20 "A Prayer for Today / My Prayer for Today," 1966-1967
- 7 21 "A Prayer for Today / My Prayer for Today," undated
- 7 22-23 Prayers, 1964 September-December
- 7 24-25 Prayers, 1970 January-June
- 7 26-27 Prayers, 1970 July-December
- 7 28 Prayers, undated
- 7 29-30 Prayers, Clippings, and Other Materials from Notebook, undated
- 7 31 Prayers, Unpublished Manuscript, circa 1971

**Subseries 5.3**  
**Other Writings, 1934-1979, undated**  
**Boxes 8-9**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
8	1	Abingdon Bulletins, 1958, 1965-1966
8	2	"Ambassadors of God," undated
8	3	Bible Lessons for Youth, Unit V: How the Church Began and Grew, 1956
8	4	"Blessed Are the Peacemakers," South Carolina Methodist Advocate, 1968
8	5	Book Reviews Written at Candler School of Theology, 1943
8	6	Church School Lessons, 1952
8	7	<i>Christian Answers to Eternal Questions</i> , undated
8	8	<i>Christian Living in the Space Age</i> , 1964
8	9	"Concerning Advancement," undated
8	10	"Day of the Holy Spirit as a Festival of the Church," 1964
8	11	Diary, 1934-1935
8	12	Easter, Writings on, 1949, 1954, 1964
8	13	Epworth Children's Home, Writings about, 1967, undated
8	14	Feast of the Nativity, undated
8	15	Hospitality, Writings on, undated
8	16	"How Free Are We?" Bible Lessons for Adults, 1961
8	17	"Influence of the Moravians on Methodism," 1942, 1957, 1963
8	18	International Lesson Series, 1968-1969
8	19	International Lesson Series, 1970
8	20-21	International Lesson Series, 1971-1972
8	22	International Lesson Series, 1973
8	23	International Lesson Series, 1979, undated
8	24	"Interpreting the Lord's Supper" and "Prayer: Life's Reality," undated
8	25	Lenten Meditations, Southern Christian Advocate, 1946
8	26	Memoir of William Eugene Rene, 1968
8	27	Memorial Sermon for Harry William Walker Sr., 1972
8	28	<i>Our Prayer for Today</i> , 1945-1947
8	29	Pamphlets by Sandlin, 1954, 1957, undated
8	30-33	Papers Written at Candler School of Theology, 1941-1943
8	34	"Philippians: An Old Letter with a Timeless Message," undated
8	35	Poetry by Sandlin, 1963, 1974, undated
8	36	"Questions and Answers for Christians," undated

- 8 37 Sermons, 1933, 1952-1953, 1966
- 8 38-41 Sermons, 1966-1979
- 9 1-2 Sermons, undated
- 9 3 Sermons Delivered at Heath Springs, 1943-1944
- 9 4 Sermons Written at Candler School of Theology, 1942-1943
- 9 5 "A Source Book of Christian Education," 1942
- 9 6 South Carolina Christian Advocate, Writings from, undated
- 9 7 Spiritual Life Mission, Writings for, undated
- 9 8 "Staying Alive," undated
- 9 9 "Theory of Ministry of John Lewis Sandlin," undated
- 9 10 Tracts, Writings about, 1954-1956
- 9 11 "Using Life's Anchors," undated
- 9 12 "Why Are We Against So Many Things?," Editorial, undated
- 9 13 *Workbook on Christian Doctrine for Pre-Child Couples*, undated
- 9 14 Writings as Director of Church Attendance Evangelism, 1958-1961, undated
- 9 15-17 Writings from Church Bulletins, 1967-1968, undated
- 9 18 Writings from Church Bulletins, undated
- 9 19-20 Writings, Untitled and Miscellaneous, 1938-1963, undated
- 9 21 *Year Round Program of Evangelism for the Local Church*, undated
- 9 22 "Youth Must Choose: A Program for Alcohol Education Sunday," undated

**Series 6**  
**Notes and Clippings, 1941-1980, undated**  
**Boxes 9-12**

**Scope and Content Note**

Clippings and notes kept by Sandlin, mainly in support of his book- and sermon-writing activities. Much of the material in this series is undated and unlabeled. Included are two lengthy alphabetical files of notes and clippings. One is found at the beginning of the series. The other is stored in a card file box at the end of the series.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically by format.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
9	23-29	Alphabetical File of Notes and Clippings, undated
9	30	Clippings and Quotations, 1967, undated
9	31-32	Clippings by Sandlin, 1963-1966
10	1-2	Clippings from Notebook, 1959-1961
10	3-4	Clippings, "Prayer for Today," 1962-1968, undated
10	5-6	Clippings, "Prayer for Today," undated
10	7	Clippings, Sunday School Lessons, 1951-1952
10	8	Notebook, 1964-1977
10	9-10	Notebook, undated
10	11	Notebook [includes accounting of book royalties], undated
10	12	Notebook re: Trip to Holy land and Other Travels, 1972, 1977, undated
10	13-14	Notes, 1941, 1952, undated
10	15	Notes, 1942
10	16	Notes, 1968, undated
10	17-25	Notes, undated
11	1-8	Notes, undated
11	9-10	Notes and Other Materials, 1976-1980
11	11-12	Notes and Other Materials, undated
11	13	Notes, Emory's Ministers Week, 1970 January 19-22
11	14-19	Sermon Notes, 1970-1973
11	20-23	Sermon Notes and Other Materials, undated
11	24	Sermon Notes and Other Materials from Notebook, 1967-1975, undated
12		Card file of notes and clippings

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