

PENN, ROBERT E., 1916-1976.
Robert E. and Lois H. Penn papers, 1916-1990

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Penn, Robert E., 1916-1976.
Title: Robert E. and Lois H. Penn papers, 1916-1990
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1152
Extent: 10 linear ft. (10 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of African American minister Robert E. Penn, and his wife Lois H. Penn, including writings, correspondence, photographs, and audiovisual material relating to his churches in Georgia, Kansas, and Indiana.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

Gift, 2010.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Robert E. and Lois H. Penn papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing

Unprocessed collection.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Robert E. Penn (1916-1976), African American minister. He graduated from Clark College and earned his Masters of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia in 1939. Penn was as a pastor of congregations in Georgia, Kansas, and Indiana and served as a chaplain during World War II. Penn married Lois Henrietta Neale (1920-), a teacher from New Orleans, in 1945. They had two children: Barbara Jeanne and Robert E. Penn, Jr.

In 1952 Penn earned a Doctorate of Theology from Central Baptist Seminary. He became active in missionary efforts in Africa and traveled to Nigeria in 1966. In 1973 following Penn's retirement from preaching, he moved to Atlanta and joined the Interdenominational Theological Seminary faculty as a director of Field Education.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Robert E. and Lois H. Penn from 1916-1990. The papers include writings, correspondence, photographs, and audiovisual material. Writings include drafts of Reverend Penn's sermons and notes. Photographs include images of First Baptist Church (Gary, Indiana), and Pleasant Green Baptist Church (Kansas City, Kansas). The collection also includes Interdenominational Theological Seminary material. A significant portion of audiovisual material is made up of reel-to-reel audio recordings of sermons and musical concerts. It also includes a 16mm film, possibly of a mission trip to Africa.

Arrangement Note

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Finding Aid Note

Preliminary inventory available in repository.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Audio recordings: sermons
1	-	Film: Nigeria trip [?]
2	-	Audio recordings: musical programs and recitals
3	-	Audio recordings: unidentified
4	-	Audio recordings: sermons and church events
5	-	Interdenominational Theological Seminary materials, other correspondence
6	-	First Baptist Church material, sermons, printed material
7	-	First Baptist Church material: directories, slides
8	-	Sheet music
9	-	Sermons, manuscripts, notes, and audio recordings
10	-	Church photographs, sheet music
