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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 202 GIVENS, John Wesley Tyler, 1870-1967

1 box. 13 folders. 116 items. 1891-1983. Originals, typescript and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHY

John Wesley Tyler Givens was born in Glenville, McLean County, Kentucky 22 January 1870. His parents were Joseph Simpson Givens and Phoebe Ann (Tyler) Givens. He attended school in Glenville before continuing his education at Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky, where he graduated in 1893. While attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, he married Myzella May Robertson in 1895. He was licensed to preach by his home church, Glenville Baptist, in 1887 and for over fifty years served churches in Oklahoma, South Carolina, Missouri and Kentucky. In Kentucky he was pastor of churches in Bowling Green, Morgantown, Hopkinsville, Princeton and Marion. He was also a prolific poet; his works are collected in *Heart Throbs and Woodland Melodies* and *Heart Bursts and Heather Blossoms*. He had two children, Edwin who died in 1928 and Mable Grace (Givens) Hudson who died in 1991. Givens died in Bowling Green, Kentucky 1 April 1967 at age 97.

COLLECTION

This collection consists primarily of material related to the long career of Baptist minister Givens and includes sermon notes, letters, hymns, news clippings, and biographical and genealogical information. Also, letters relating to his courtship and marriage. Includes his narrative poem *Albert Stone and Mabel Grace: A Legend of Love* and two collections of his poetry *Heart Throbs and Woodland Melodies* and *Heart Bursts and Heather Blossoms*.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 2	Biographical information, pamphlets, news clippings	1907-1965	22 items
Folder 3	Correspondence with Zella Robertson regarding their marriage; letter to her parents requesting permission to marry; parents' letter of response	1891-1896	6 items
Folder 4	Postcards from Givens	1911-1916	9 items
Folder 5	Letters and postcards from family and friends; anniversary card from wife, 1937	1913-1966	15 items
Folder 6	Copies of letters to Dr. J.D. Grey; copy of Grey's photo and calling card	1940-1983	8 items
Folder 7	Sermon notes	1896; n.d.	19 items
Folder 8	<i>Albert Stone and Mabel Grace: A Legend of Love</i> , other poems, hymns, problems and <i>Reader's Digest</i> submission	1896-1962	18 items
Folder 9	<i>Heart Throbs and Woodland Melodies</i> – book of poetry by Givens	1939	1 item
Folder 10	<i>Heart Bursts and Heather Blossoms</i> – book of poetry by Givens	n.d.	1 item
Folder 11	Genealogical notes; seals designed by Givens for Ohio River Association of Baptists, First Baptist Church of Carthage, Missouri, and Givens family	n.d.	4 items
Folder 12	History and map of community of Glenville, Kentucky produced by Givens	n.d.	1 item
Folder 13	Memorial cards and calling cards	1898-1928	7 items

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