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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 177 BERG, Oddvar, 1914-1999

1 box. 10 folders. 260 items. 1948-1999

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Oddvar Berg was born in Oslo, Norway on 3 December 1914. He was licensed as a local preacher in the Free Methodist Church in Tacoma, Washington on 10 July 1948, and graduated from Seattle Pacific College on 19 July 1950. He spent 20 years in the Belgian, Congo as a missionary, then a professor/ chaplain under the auspices of the Belgium government. The Bergs were forced to leave the Congo in 1960 due to uprisings after the country received its independence. Reverend Berg was a professor at Royal Athenee in Brussels, Belgium for two years and then immigrated to the United States in 1962 with the assistance of the United Presbyterian Church USA. On 7 May 1968, Berg, and his wife, Peace Haly Berg, became citizens of the United States of America.

The Bergs had two children, Harriett Ellen, and Alvin Thor. After Berg's first wife passed away he married Margaret Sullivan from Russellville, Kentucky. Oddvar Berg served as a preacher for churches in Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky. He was an evangelist, lecturer of patriotism for schools and civic clubs, after dinner speaker and billed himself as a motivational and inspirational speaker, advocate of patriotism, and educator.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of one box of material related to the life of Oddvar Berg. It consists of personal and business correspondence, lectures and outlines for lectures, newspaper clippings, programs, brochures, photographs and certificates. A small portion of the correspondence is addressed to Berg's wife, Margaret (Sullivan) Berg and her sister Rowena Sullivan.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	1948-1999	260 items
Folder 1 Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	Correspondence - Personal (Some addressed to Margaret (Sullivan) Berg and Rowena Sullivan)	1960-1995	48 items
Folder 3	Correspondence – Business	1963-1983	46 items
Folder 4	Correspondence – Related to school lectures	1977-1980	61 items
Folder 5	Lectures, notes and biographical information	1964-1977	22 items
Folder 6	Newspaper articles	1965-1986	30 items
Folder 7	Programs and brochures	1964-1984	22 items
Folder 8	Certificates	1948-1999	16 items
Folder 9	Photographs	n.d.	7 items
Folder 10	Oversized – Certificates C1,D2b, #10	1967-1987	7 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Personal and business correspondence, newspaper clippings, lecture notes, photographs and certificates related to minister and patriotic and inspirational speaker Oddvar Berg, a native of Norway who later made his home in Russellville, Kentucky.

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