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Abstract

Sermons, notes, correspondence of Furnas Trueblood, Quaker minister, served at West Richmond Friends Meeting as pastor 1939-1965.

Biography

Robert Furnas Trueblood was born in Stevens County, Kansas, March 21, 1898, the son of Nathan Emmor and Phebe (Furnas) Trueblood. His father was a Quaker minister and pastor who served congregations in Indiana, Kansas, and California. On Aug. 24, 1923, he married Helen Margaret Craig.

Furnas Trueblood, as he was usually known, graduated from Whittier College in California, then spent three years teaching in Turkey. He then entered Hartford Theological Seminary, where he took a divinity degree. He then began a career as a Quaker pastor, serving congregations in Massachusetts, California, New York, and Indiana.

From 1939 to 1965, Furnas Trueblood was the pastor at West Richmond Friends Meeting, adjacent to the Earlham College campus. He was active in Indiana Yearly Meeting and served for a number of years as chairman of the Christian Education Board of Friends United Meeting.

After his retirement, Trueblood remained in Richmond. He died at Friends Fellowship Community January 16, 1987.

Sources: Bula Trueblood Watson, *The Trueblood Family in America, 1682-1963*; and memorial in *Indiana Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1987*, p. 107.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of two series, Sermons and Miscellany. The sermons are divided into three sub-series, Early Sermons, Later Sermons, and funeral sermons based upon their arrangement upon arrival in the archives. Early sermons includes sermons dated from 1930-1955, including some miscellaneous and scattered items from that period. They are arranged in alphabetical order by name of sermon. Sermons beginning with A-G were not included with the collection. Subseries 2 dates from 1955-1968, and includes post retirement sermons and sermons given at West Richmond Friends. The third subseries includes a large number of funeral sermons which are arranged chronologically.

The second series consists of miscellany, including a small amount of correspondence, lectures, preparations for courses and classes, scrapbooks, devotional diaries, and a poetry book. These items are arranged in the original order of the material.

Container Listing

Series 1: Sermons

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Subseries 1: Early Sermons

Early sermons, H to Mir, 1930-1955

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Early sermons, Mis to St, 1930-1955

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Early sermons, St to Z, 1930-1955

Early scattered/Miscellaneous Sermons: 1932-42

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Early Scattered/Miscellaneous Sermons, 1941-1953

Subseries 2: Later Sermons, 1955-1968

Sermons, 1955-June 1958, chronologically arranged

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Sermons, June 1958 – 1964, chronologically arranged

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Sermons July 1964-1968

Later groups (post retirement) 1965, 1968

Sermons post 1968

Funeral sermons, 1946-1962 chronologically arranged

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Subseries 2: Funeral Sermons

Funeral Sermons, 1963-1980 chronologically arranged

Series 2: Miscellany

Quaker Lecture "Listen to the Whisper", August 18, 1970

Sunday School Class, undated

Talks about Visiting the sick, undated

Correspondence, 1964

WKBV Library Hour, March 21 1966

Devotional Services, 1953-1963

WKBV Devotionals, December 16-20, 1963

Sunday School Quarterly, 1955

Know Your Bible Course for Sunday School, undated

Social Services and Health Resources of Richmond and Wayne County, November 1959

Creative Aging, 1976

Sunday School Lesson, Book of Acts

Sermon Subjects at West Richmond, 1968-1974

Memorial for Harrison Scott, 1955

Lectures on the Hebrew Prophets, 1965-1978
Muncie Friends, 1967-1968
Bible Study, 1979
Preparation Class, 1965
Papers on Communicating, 1972
Edwin and Jocelyn White, Reference for missionary appointment, undated
Pastor's Report, 1963-1964
Friendly Visitor, 1952-1953
Friends Ministry Conference, 1955
Five Years Meeting Epistles, 1958-1960 (2 folders)
Christmas Cards, 1945-1954
Prayer Bulletins, 1961
Stand-By Prayer Group, 1956
AFSC controversy, 1962
Peace and Service, 1959

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Minister's Meetings, 1958-1959
Ministerial Training, 1959
North Carolina Pastor's Short Course, 1960
Chapel Talks, 1960
Called to be Pastors notes, no date
Pastor Finds His Inspiration, undated
Pastor in His Public Ministry, undated
Christian Educational Material, undated
Pastor as Administrator,
Pastor's Short Course, 1940
Pastor's Wife, undated
Evaluation of Clinical Pastoral Training Course, 1958
Pastoral Counseling, 1949
Pastoral Visitation, 1959-1961
Pastor Faces His Problems, 1959
Pastor's Problems, 1944
Wilmington Pastor's Retreat, 1952-1959
Homiletics, undated
Muncie Women's Group Poems to read, undated
Marriage Counseling Group, 1956
Correspondence and Postcards, 1964-1981
Correspondence, 1942
P.A.C.T. Correspondence, 1970s
Devotional Book, 1966
Devotional Diary, 1980
Special Services Notes and Sources, 1930s
Notebook for early sermons, 1930s
Devotional Books, 1940s

Four Scrapbooks
Poetry book