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H.M.S. Richards Jr. Papers (Collection 343)

Biographical

H.M.S. Richards Jr. was well known in Seventh-day Adventist circles as the speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast. Harold Marshall Sylvester Richards, Jr. was born on October 25, 1929 in Los Angeles, California to H.M.S. Sr. and Mabel Richards. He attended La Sierra College and pastored for eight years, mostly in Texas. He married Mary and had three children, Harold III, Jon Lyall, and Mary Margaret Richards-King.

Richards served from 1960 to 1969 as the assistant to his father, H.M.S. Richards Sr., founder of the radio ministry. In 1969, he became the speaker/director of the ministry while his father became his assistant. Richards, Jr. retired from the speaker/director position in 1992 while still accepting speaking and evangelistic engagement until 1999. He passed away due to heart failure on April 11, 2000 at Glendale Adventist Medical Center near his home in southern California.

Scope and Content

The H.M.S. Richards Jr. Papers are series of personal documents that are closely related to the Voice of Prophecy. Two of the largest and likely most interesting series are his appointment books for the last 15 years of his work as VOP director/speaker, and an extensive collection of folders containing plans, sermons, and other information on his many evangelistic meetings from 1962 to 1994. Together, these will provide a nice look at the activities of Richards during his active years as speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy.

Included also a few manuscripts of his sermons from the daily radio ministry he had from 1980 to 1981.

The researcher should also be aware that the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research holds the business or organizational archives for the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast from its earliest days through the years following H.M.S. Richards, Jr.'s association with the ministry. This archive includes correspondence, minutes, reports, broadcast scripts, publications, and a wide range of other records documenting the work of the organization.

Extant

3.9 linear feet.

Arrangement

The arrangement of these papers is evident from the table of contents and the actual register text that follows. For the evangelistic series, we kept the original folders as Richards wrote a lot of information on the folder itself.

Provenance

This collection was donated by the family of H.M.S. Richards, Jr.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulation specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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I. Personal

Box 1 Fld 2 Laborer's Monthly Reports. (1957-1958, 1975-1977, 1979)

Appointment Calendars

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Box 1 Fld 12 1988.

Box 1 Fld 13 1989.

Box 1 Fld 14 1990-1991.

Box 1 Fld 15 1992

Box 1 Fld 16 Photographs. (2)

Box 1 Fld 1 Miscellaneous.

Drawings of H.M.S. Richards Jr. (2)

II. Voice of Prophecy Ministry

Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 17 Letters (2)

Box 1 Fld 18 Donations (3)

Articles Collected by H.M.S. Richards Jr.

Box 1 Fld 19 *The Carillon* by Paradise SDA Church, 1982-1987.
(39 articles)

Box 1 Fld 20 Miscellaneous sources compiled about Holidays.
(28 articles)

Sermon Text for Broadcasting

Box 1 Fld 21 Unassigned, 1980.

Box 1 Fld 22 Weekdays, 1980.

Box 1 Fld 23 Sundays, January to May, 1980.

Box 1 Fld 24 Sundays, June to October, 1980.
Box 1 Fld 25 Sundays, October to December, 1980.
Box 1 Fld 26 Unassigned, 1981.
Box 1 Fld 27 Sundays, January to April, 1981.
Box 2 Fld 1 Sundays, May to June, 1981.
Box 2 Fld 2 Sundays, July to December, 1981.
Box 2 Fld 3 Various.
Box 2 Fld 4 Miscellaneous.

Evangelistic Series

Box 2 Fld 5 Seattle, WA, 1962.
Box 2 Fld 6 World Trip, 1963.
Box 2 Fld 7 World Trip, 1963.
Box 2 Fld 8 World Trip, 1963.
Box 2 Fld 9 Powell, WY, 1963.
Box 2 Fld 10 Bishop, CA, 1964.
Box 2 Fld 11 Redding, CA, 1964.
Box 2 Fld 12 Shafter, CA, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 13 Oxnard, CA, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 14 Stockton, CA, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 15 Fitchburg, MA, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 16 Fargo, ND, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 17 Albuquerque, NM, 1965.
Box 2 Fld 18 Crescent City, CA, 1966.
Box 2 Fld 19 Denver, CO, 1966.
Box 2 Fld 20 Camp Meetings, 1966.
Box 2 Fld 21 Melbourne, FL, 1967.
Box 2 Fld 22 Hinsdale, IL, 1967.
Box 2 Fld 23 Cleburne, TX, 1967.
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Box 2 Fld 35 Glendale, CA, 1970.
Box 2 Fld 36 Flint, MI, 1971.
Box 2 Fld 37 Charleston, WV, 1971.
Box 2 Fld 38 Napa, CA, 1972.
Box 2 Fld 39 Akron, OH, 1972.
Box 3 Fld 1 Alaska, 1972.

Box 3 Fld 2 Australia, 1972-1973.
Box 3 Fld 3 Honolulu, HI, 1973.
Box 3 Fld 4 Memphis, TN, 1974.
Box 3 Fld 5 Columbus, OH, 1975.
Box 3 Fld 6 San Diego, CA, 1976.
Box 3 Fld 7 Great Britain, Africa, Spain, 1976-1977.
Box 3 Fld 8 Orange County, CA, 1977.
Box 3 Fld 9 Spokane, WA, 1978.
Box 3 Fld 10 San Bernardino, CA, 1979.
Box 3 Fld 11 Sacramento, CA, 1980.
Box 3 Fld 12 Escondido, CA, 1981.
Box 3 Fld 13 South Africa, 1981.
Box 3 Fld 14 Guam-Micronesia, 1984.
Box 3 Fld 15 Lodi, CA, 1986.
Box 3 Fld 16 New Zealand, 1986.
Box 3 Fld 17 Maui, HI, 1988.
Box 3 Fld 18 London and South Africa, 1988.
Box 3 Fld 19 Jacksonville, FL, 1992.
Box 3 Fld 20 Little Rock, AR, 1992.
Box 3 Fld 21 Caldwell, ID, 1992.
Box 3 Fld 22 Las Vegas, NV, 1992.
Box 3 Fld 23 Salvador, 1992.
Box 3 Fld 24 Brazil, 1993.
Box 3 Fld 25 Australia, 1994.
Box 3 Fld 26 Evangelism Documents.
Box 3 Fld 27 Ministry Documents.
Box 3 Fld 28 Miscellaneous.

III. Audio-Visual Materials

Box 1 Fld 28 H.M.S. Richards Jr. Memorial Service (VHS videotape).

IV. Awards and Certificates

Box 1 Fld 29 Takoma Academy, Plaque, 1960.

Box 3 Fld 29 Mayor's Commendation, Glendale, California, 1978.

Box 3 Fld 30 Voice of Prophecy Souvenirs.

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