

Register of the

Roy Branson Collection

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Biography

Roy Branson (1937-2015) was born in Portland, Oregon, to Adventist missionaries and raised in Egypt and Lebanon. In his academic career, he earned his English undergraduate degree from Atlantic Union College and graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and Andrews University in English. In 1968, he earned a PhD in religious ethics from Harvard University.

From there, he went on to begin his teaching career at Andrews University as an associate professor in theology and ethics. It was also during this time in his early career, late 1960s and early 1970s, that Branson was a co-founder the Association of Adventist Forums. This later led to the independent Adventist magazine called *Spectrum*, published by the Forums. Another notable accomplishment in his professional career was his advocacy for social justice.

Scope

The Roy Branson Papers contains Roy's correspondence from 1967 to 1972 and other documents concerning the establishment of *Spectrum*. This dates largely from his time as an associate professor of ethics at Andrews University. For his work for social justice, there are 194 slides and 16 recording tapes from his inner city outreaches with African Americans from 1968-1969. Also in this collection is *Harambe*, Vol. 1 No. 1, and a children's perspective booklet of the Washington, D.C., riots of July 1968.

Arrangement

The arrangement is largely as Branson left it except for the chronological ordering of the correspondence and the collection of slides. Also within this set, it has been ordered topically. The main volume of this collection is Branson's correspondence covering portions of the beginnings of *Spectrum* and his inner city work.

Extent

2 small boxes [0.83 linear feet]

Provenance

The Roy Branson Papers were donated to the Adventist Heritage Center on November 2, 1975, likely by Roy Branson.

Use

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INVENTORY

I. Correspondence

1967

Bx 1 Fld 1 Jan to Dec and Miscellaneous (8 letters).

1968

Bx 1 Fld 2 Jan to Mar (23 letters).

Bx1 Fld 3 Apr to May (Preparation for D.C. inner city outreach)
(27 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 4 Jun to Sep (11 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 5 Oct to Dec (38 letters).

1969

Bx 1 Fld 6 Jan to Mar (26 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 7 Apr to May (Preparation for Harlem, New York,
outreach) (32 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 8 Jun to Sep (38 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 9 Oct to Dec (47 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 10 Miscellaneous 1969 (5 letters).
Fellowship and Grants: (Requests to
Universities and Societies for analyzing
U.S. healthcare) (12 letters).

Bx 1 Fld 11 Sep and Nov 1972
President and GC (Andrews, GC, and GC
Vice President concerning his teaching
position at Andrews and promotion;
along with other GC personnel) (24
Letters).

- Bx 1 Fld 12 Dec 1970 to Dec 1971
Spectrum letters and materials (Editor and contributor acceptance letters from varying colleges and professions) (27 letters).
- Bx 1 Fld 13 Jan 1971-Feb 1972.
- Bx 1 Fld 14 Two *Spectrum* reprints (Spring 1969).
- Bx 1 Fld 15 Book Review List for *Spectrum* (Apr 4, 1968) and Miscellaneous.

II. Writings

- Bx 1 Fld 16 *Focus on Language*, "Language and Ethics" by Roy Branson, Apr 1970.
- Bx 1 Fld 17 Autumn Council of Seventh-day Adventists, Fall 1971.
- Bx 1 Fld 18 Response to SDA Eschatology by Paul S. Minear.

III. Subject Files

Collected D.C. materials (1968)

- Bx 1 Fld 19 Collection of Washington D.C., New York, and Mississippi outreach agenda (1968-1971).
- Bx 1 Fld 20 Student reactions to D.C. field school in the inner city (Summer, 1968).
- Bx 1 Fld 21 The Church of the Savior tract (Gave birth to the church coffee house movement).
- Bx 1 Fld 22 Young black boy drawings from tutoring in the summer program and a chart in assisting slow learners.
- Bx 1 Fld 23 Saint Elizabeth Program brochure and its Protestant Chaplain program and Hillcrest Children's Program Brochure (Concerning the summer interim).

- Bx 1 Fld 24 New School for Afro-American Thought summer schedule.
- Bx 1 Fld 25 Newspaper: *Harambe* Vol. 1 No. 1.
- Bx 1 Fld 26 Collection of Articles about education innovation from *Washington Post*, Sunday, Aug 11, 1968.
- Bx 1 Fld 27 A children's perspective booklet of the D.C. riots of 1968 from the Educational Department in Cambridge. *Names You Hear in Cardozo*.
- Bx 1 Fld 28 Misc Papers (Drawings and a program from the Solidarity Day Jun 19, 1968).

IV. Other

- Box 2 Fld 1 Collections of slides from summer school outreaches, Washington D.C.: 149.
- Box 2 Fld 2 Harlem, New York 23.
Mississippi Delta 22.
- Box 2 Fld 3 18 cassettes on Washington, D.C., outreach and interviews with residents of the inner city.

Items Transferred

Gate, Spring 1968.

245 slides withdrawn from Washington D.C. Mission.

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