

**Register of the
J. Lloyd Holbert
Tape Collection
Collection 195**

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Scope and Content

J. Lloyd Holbert (d. 1998) was for many years (1950s to 1990s) the recording technician at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, on the campus of Columbia Union College. By virtue of its location near the Church world headquarters and as one of the largest Adventist churches in the world, Sligo was a destination for a virtual who's who of Adventist speakers. This very large tape collection captures the voices of these leaders plus the flavor of a week by week Adventist church.

Some of the categories of recordings included are:

- Complete [church] service. For some time Mr. Holbert recorded the complete church service each week.
- Lesson study. The Sabbath school lesson study was conducted from the front so it was essentially a sermon or lecture based on the Sabbath school lesson quarterly.
- Graduation. Graduation services were important events since Sligo was the campus church for Columbia Union College. The local Sligo Elementary School and Takoma Academy also conducted graduation exercises in the church.
- Memorial [funeral] service. As a local community church it hosted many funeral services of church members.
- Talks. This is a large category basically because a "talking" type recording with no other contextual identification went into this category. Many may be misplaced, but in the amount of time available to process the collection this is the best we could do.
- Alumni. Sligo Church was the venue for part of the annual Columbia Union College alumni reunion. There are recordings of portions of these programs—not the entire weekend.
- Miscellaneous. Similar to "talk" these are programs which were not compatible with other categories. Upon closer analysis some could be reassigned.
- Music. Sligo Church was the scene of numerous musical concerts by various school groups and other groups of performers.
- Saturday Seminar. Local dentist, Jerry Fuller, had a weekly Saturday morning discussion program which aired on the College radio station, WGTS. These discussions had a religious orientation whether the discussion was on archaeology, salvation, science and the Bible, or human sexuality. While these were not recordings from Sligo Church, Holbert collected them as well.
- Voice of Prophecy. Holbert also recorded VOP broadcasts off the radio.

As mentioned above there are quite a few non-church recordings in this collection. There are also a handful of non-Adventist related recordings such as the funeral of Dwight Eisenhower and Martin Luther King. There will also be quite a few commercial music recordings which Holbert copied onto his personal tapes.

Due to the age of the tape recordings some may not play well on playback

equipment. This problem will increase as the collection ages.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by size of the recording format—large reel to reel tapes, small reel to reel tapes, and cassette tapes. Within recording format there is further subdivision based on the category. The index shows the call number for each tape. The Index provides several differently sorted indexes for the various categories (series) and formats. It is best to begin with the four main indexes (#s 1, 2, 3, and 4). These show all recordings available in the four different main categories—talking, music, graduation, and memorial services.

Provenance

This collection came to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research via J. Lloyd Holbert's estate in 1998.

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. However, tape duplication may be limited by the Center's ability to produce copies and by any stated copyright notices. Suggested citation for this collection:

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Inventory

Please consult to binder housed with the collection registers in the Center for Adventist Research to see the various indexes. Here is the table of contents for the index binder:

Number	Series	Sorted by	Format
1	Talk, Saturday seminar, lesson study, complete service, Voice of Prophecy, alumni, miscellaneous	Speaker then date	Cassette, Large reel, Small reel
2	Music	Performer then date	Cassette, Large reel, Small reel
3	Graduation	Institution then date	Cassette, Large reel
4	Memorial Service	Deceased	Cassette, Large reel
5	Talk, Saturday seminar, lesson study, complete service, Voice of Prophecy, alumni, miscellaneous	Speaker then title	Cassette, Large reel, Small reel
6	Music	Performer then title	Cassette, Large reel, Small reel
7	Graduation	Speaker	Cassette, Large reel
8	Memorial Service	Speaker	Cassette, Large reel
9	Talk	Speaker	Small Reel
10	Lesson Study	Speaker	Small Reel
11	Music	Performer	Small Reel
12	Miscellaneous	Speaker	Small Reel
13	Talk	Speaker	Large Reel
14	Complete Service	Speaker	Large Reel
15	Voice of Prophecy	Speaker	Large Reel
16	Lesson Study	Speaker	Large Reel
17	Memorial Service	Deceased	Large Reel
18	Graduation	Institution then date	Large Reel
19	Miscellaneous	Speaker	Large Reel
20	Music	Performer	Large Reel
21	Music	Performer	Cassette
22	Lesson Study	Speaker	Cassette
23	Complete Service	Speaker	Cassette
24	Memorial Service	Deceased	Cassette
25	Miscellaneous	Speaker	Cassette
26	Talk	Speaker	Cassette
27	Saturday Seminar	Speaker	Cassette
28	Alumni	Speaker	Cassette
29	Voice of Prophecy	Speaker	Cassette
30	Graduation	Institution then date	Cassette