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## **Finding Aid for the**

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward, Primary History Scrapbook, 1955-1966**

#### **Collection Overview**

**Title:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward, Primary History Scrapbook

**Dates:** 1955-1967

**ID:** WJC

**Primary Creator:** Dorothy Hutchinson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward

**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet

**Arrangement:** One scrapbook in original order.

**Forms of Material:** Scrapbook

**Language of materials:** English

#### **Abstract**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward, Primary History Scrapbook documents the administrative history, activities, and events of the ward's Primary between 1955 and 1967. The scrapbook includes photographs, administrative records, clippings, and writings related to the Primary's activities and events.

#### **Administrative History**

The Wilmington Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints was organized in January 1931. Between 1931 and 1941, meetings took place at the Wilmington Woman's Clubhouse, on the corner of Lakme and "K" Streets. In 1936, the Church purchased a building at 517 Bay View Ave., with the intention of converting the structure and grounds from a dance hall into a church. The Ward continued to hold services and other Church activities in the Woman's Clubhouse until June 1941, when the property was paid for, construction had been completed, and the dedication took place.

The Wilmington Ward operated in alignment with the traditional organization of the Church, as a local congregation presided over by a Bishop and two counselors, known as the Bishopric. The Primary, an organized program of religious instruction and activity in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, provided religious instruction and activities for children ages 3-12. The Primary was supervised by a President, First Counselor, Second Counselor, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Children's Friend Representative, and Class Leaders for groups of children based on age. The Secretary of the Primary served as historian and was responsible for creating a scrapbook which chronicled the events and activities of the Primary. This scrapbook was created by Secretary Dorothy Hutchinson.

## Scope and Contents

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward, Primary History Scrapbook documents the administrative history, activities, and events of the Ward's Primary between 1955 and 1967. The scrapbook includes photographs, rosters, certificates of achievement, clippings, and writings related to fundraising activities, promotions and graduations, parties and special events, conference information, theatrical and musical performances, enrollment, and attendance statistics.

## Subjects/Access Terms

### Creators

**Personal Name:**

Dorothy Hutchinson, 1911-1990

**Organization Name:**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints

### Subject Headings

**Topical Terms:**

Church work with children--Mormon Church

Primary (Mormon Church)--Activities

Scrapbook

**Geographical Locations:**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Documentary form:**

Scrapbook

## Administrative Information

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## **Collection Contents**

### **Box 1**

**Item 1:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, Wilmington Ward, Primary History Scrapbook, 1955-1966

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