

**Collection 28: Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson Collection,
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Biography

Lucille Elene Swank was born November 22, 1922, in Ontario, California. Her parents, Evelena and Charley Swank, met at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, California, where they served in the orchestra. Evelena's father, Sam Smith, began attending the Azusa Street Mission in about 1912 or 1913.

When Lucille was nine years old the family attended a Pentecostal revival. She went forward and as she reached the front began speaking in tongues. She went to her father, who also began speaking in tongues. She remembered that 35 other young people followed her lead and came to the altar as well.

Lee Roy Erickson was born in Provencal, Louisiana, July 8, 1917.

Lee Roy left Louisiana after high school and stayed with his married sister in California to receive training at a vocational institute. What he learned there in one year sustained him until age 82 when he retired from Northwest Airlines.

In 1939 He hitchhiked to St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend Apostolic Bible Institute (ABI). After one year of training, he returned to California to work for Douglas Aircraft. In California, he met his evangelist-sister's best friend, Lucille. Because it was wartime, they married within three months, on February 1, 1942. He was not shipped abroad during the war; his job at Douglas was valuable to the war effort.

After marriage, Lee Roy always wanted to return to ABI. In 1952, then a family of four, they spent a year and a half at his alma mater. He returned to Ontario, California, where he resumed his work and supported the United Pentecostal Church. Still, he always longed to return to ABI to finish what he had started. His family members, who came to share his love for ABI, over the next ten years enjoyed the Bible school and Midway Tabernacle, the church associated with ABI. After their oldest daughter enrolled at ABI in 1962, the family sold everything and moved to St. Paul. Lee Roy's dream came true. He enrolled at ABI and graduated in 1964.

While in Ontario, Lee Roy served as Sunday School Superintendent for the United Pentecostal Church and as a teacher for many years. Lucille served as bookkeeper for 17 years, and as a piano player, teacher, and Ladies Auxiliary director for the southern part of California. Lee Roy took a sabbatical and his family helped him to start a new church in Yucaipa, California, which he turned over to a pastor once it was established.

Lucille served as director of the ABI Wives group in St. Paul. Inspired by vacations in Hawaii, she developed Hawaiian luaus as fund raisers in the Apostolic Bible Church in St. Paul.

People still recall the mountains of fudge her ABI Wives group made and sold, neatly wrapped in cellophane with a holly sprig in the middle. She taught her children that anything worth doing was worth doing well, and that doing it for Jesus was the best.

Over the years Lee Roy and Lucille supported many missionaries and personally visited many of them, bringing gifts and encouragement. Lucille was a gifted cake decorator and once traveled to Bogota, Colombia to make a wedding cake for the son of her long-time missionary friend.

Lee Roy worked for Northwest Airlines for 35 years. He gave generously to many good causes. An orphanage in Nigeria was dedicated to the memory of his generosity.

Oneness Pentecostalism was Lee Roy's great passion. He loved to read the Bible and engage in conversations and sometimes arguments defending it. In 2002, the Ericksons celebrated their 60th anniversary, Lucille died two months later.

Up to his final days, Lee Roy always had a new joke, knew the current events and quoted scripture flawlessly. He and Lucille raised four children, all Pentecostals.

(Adapted from a biographical sketch written by Cheryl Erickson Koren)

Scope and Content

The Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson Collection contains published and unpublished materials collected by Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson. Most materials relate to their involvement with: the Western District of the United Pentecostal Church; Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Apostolic Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota. The collection includes numerous books, tracts, periodicals, and audio and video recordings.

The collection primarily documents Oneness Pentecostalism, a growing and poorly understood segment of the Pentecostal movement. Of particular import are materials relating to Apostolic Bible Church and its pastor, Robert A. Sabin. Apostolic Bible Church sponsored Apostolic Bible Institute, for many years the largest ministerial training school in the United Pentecostal Church. Disagreement concerning some changes within the UPC caused Bro. Sabin and the Apostolic Bible Church to leave the United Pentecostal Church in the 1990s. The collection contains valuable audio and video recordings containing Sabin's teachings, as well as two debates between Oneness and Trinitarian theologians.

Subjects:

- Church controversies
- Oneness doctrine (Pentecostalism)
- Pentecostalism
- Sabin, Robert, 1949-
- Theology

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 3 boxes.

Box Inventory

Box 1

Books:

Apostolic Bible Institute. Catalog, 1974. St. Paul, MN: The School, 1974.

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Appelman, Hyman J. The Battle of Armageddon. Fairfield, AL: Faith of Our Father Broadcast, 1944.

Bayer, Robert. The Titles of Jesus Through the Bible. San Jose, CA: Abundant Life Publications, n.d.

Bernard, David K. Essentials of Oneness Theology. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1985.

Booth-Clibborn, William E. A Call to the Dust and Ashes. St. Paul, MN: The Author, 1922? (photocopy)

Campbell, David. The Eternal Sonship: A Refutation According to Adam Clarke. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1978.

Campbell, David. Yet Not I: Christian Devotion and Development. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1978.

Chambers, Catherine. The Measure of a Man: The Biography of Stanley Warren Chambers. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1978.

Conquerors Bible College. Ensign, 1962. Portland, OR: The School, 1962.

Conquerors Bible College. Ensign, 1974. Portland, OR: The School, 1974.

Dees, Marvelle. Heirs Together. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1979.

Ewart, Frank J. Jesus: The Man and Mystery. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1941 (undated reprint).

Fifty Favorite Hymns, undated booklet, 32 pp.

Freeman, Nona. Box 44, Monrovia: The Story of Gladys Robinson. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1981.

Iowa District of United Pentecostal Church, International. Ministerial Guide. N.p., 1980.

Laidlaw, R. A. The Reason Why. Glasgow, Scot.: Gospel Tract Publications, n.d.

Manuwal, Lewis A. A Dictionary of Godhead Terms. Hazelwood, MO: General Home Missions Division, n.d.

Manuwal, Lewis. Revival of the Name...Jesus: Water Baptism According to the Bible and Historical References that Relate to Doctrines and Practices of the early Church, 33-100 A.D. Hazelwood, MO: End-Time Ministries, n.d.

Miller, John. Is God a Trinity? Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1975.

Morehead, Keith G. Fictional Foundations of Trinitarian Thought. St. Paul, MN: Oneness Ministries, 1988.

Morehead, Keith G. God's Mystery, That is, Christ Himself: The Story of a Baptist Coming to an Understanding of Who Jesus Really is! St. Paul, MN: Oneness Ministries, 1987.

Norris, S. G. The Mighty God in Christ! Undated pamphlet, 32 pp. (3 copies)

Norris, S. G. The Mighty God in Christ! Undated pamphlet, 37 pp. (2 copies)

Patterson, Chuck. There is Something Else. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1982.

Pentecostal Praises: A Complete Church Hymnal. St. Louis, MO: Pentecostal Publishing House, 1950.

Peterson, Timothy V. God Incognito: Revelation into the Mystery of God. Owatonna, MN: Church of Acts Publishing, 1995.

Peterson, Timothy V. The Wonders of His Person. Columbus, GA: Brentwood Christian Press, 1990.

Sabin, Robert A. Mormonism: A Handbook for Learning the Facts about Mormonism. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1973.

Sabin, Robert A. The Things We Can Do. St. Paul, MN: Oneness Ministries, 1986.

Segraves, Judy. Come into My House! Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1985.

Thompson, Mollie. When You're in, You're Out. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1986.

Tryte, Lerthansung with Stanley Scism. Lera: The Miraculous Ministry of a National Missionary in Northeast India. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1987.

United Pentecostal Church. Directory. Hazelwood, MO: Pentecostal Publishing House, 1991.

United Pentecostal Church. Manual. St. Louis, MO: Pentecostal Publishing House, 1961.

Wallace, Mary. It's Real: The Story of C. A. Nelson. Hazelwood, MO: Word Aflame Press, 1981.

Tracts:

Ewart, Frank J. This Is That. N.p., n.d.

Gregory, P. A. Is Baptism in Jesus Name Right? San Fernando, CA: Calvary Tabernacle, n.d.

Hanby, S. R. The Apostle's Doctrine. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (7 copies)

MacWhorter, Alexander. The Memorial Name. N.p., 1857 (reprint)

Norris, S. G. The Keys. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (10 copies)

Norris, S. G. The Pentecostal Race for 1986! St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Institute, n.d.

The Truth About God. Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d.

The Truth About Repentance. Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d.

The Truth About the Bible. Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d.

Water Baptism. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (3 copies)

White, Dr. James R. Trinitarians in general and the Scriptures. N.p., n.d.

Sheet Music:

The Call to Service: Official Song of the Ladies' Auxiliary. St. Louis, MO: Pentecostal Publishing House, 1958.

Periodicals: (Red lettering = separated to Archive Periodicals (catalogued))
Eveningtime (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Church)
Nov 1980

Gospel Tidings (San Jose, CA: Western District of the United Pentecostal Church)
17:12 (Dec 1958)
18:7 (Jul 1959)
19:2 (Feb 1960)
19:7 (Jul 1960)
20:7 (Jul 1961)

Minnesota-Manitoba Messenger (Worthington, MN: Minnesota-Manitoba District of the United Pentecostal Church)
Feb 1968
Sep 1969

One in Fellowship (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Church)
2:1 (Feb/Mar 1994) (5 copies)
2:2 (Apr/May 1994)
2:3 (Jun/Jul 1994)
2:4 (Aug/Sep 1994)

Pentecostal Herald (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)
36:4 (Apr 1961)
38:5 (May 1963)
59:7 (Jul 1984)
63:8 (Aug 1988)

The Pentecostal Way (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Institute)
Oct/Nov 1956
Mar 1957
Apr 1957
May/Jun 1957
Nov 1957
Dec 1957
1958 (undated)
Mar 1958
May/Jun 1958
Oct 1958
Nov 1958
Apr 1959
Nov 1961
Nov 1962
Mar 1963
May 1963
Oct 1963

Mar 1965
Oct 1965
Mar/Apr 1966
May/Jun 1966
Oct 1966
Dec 1967
Mar 1968
Oct 1968

Reflections: A Magazine for Christian Women (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)

Nov/Dec 1993
Sep/Oct 1995

United Pentecostal Church Newsletter (Salinas, CA: United Pentecostal Church)

Sep 6, 1959

World Harvest Today (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)

34:2 (Apr/Jun 2001)
36:1 (Jan/Mar 2003)

Correspondence:

Correspondence from Bonnie Erickson (November 2004) regarding deposit of the Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson Collection at the McAlister Library, including a biographical sketch of Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson.

Box 2

Audio Recordings:

A Conference on the Incarnation Entitled "This Jesus", November 17, 18, 19, 1988. St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Church, 1988. (6 cassettes)

Sabin, Robert A. The Man Christ Jesus. St. Paul, MN: Oneness Ministries, 1986. (6 cassettes)

Sabin Robert A. The Mighty God in Christ. St. Paul, MN: Oneness Ministries, 1985. (7 cassettes)

Messages delivered at Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, MN

Sep 29, 1984 Oneness debate, by Matther vs. Sabin (3 cassettes)
Apr 21, 1985 Right Hand of God, by Robert A. Sabin
Oct 25, 1985 The Battle is God's, by Nathaniel A. Urshan
Oct 26, 1985 Buy the Truth and Sell It Not, by Nathaniel A. Urshan
Mar 30, 1986 The Second Commandment
Apr 3, 1986 Love of the Brethren

Aug 24, 1986 Sunday School Promotion: Hold Fast, by Robert A. Sabin
 Sep 21, 1986 Death is Swallowed in Victory, by Robert A. Sabin
 Dec 28, 1989 Oneness Testimony, by Tim Peterson
 Dec 2, 1990 Daniel 7: Prophecy Past and Present, by Robert A. Sabin
 Jan 6, 1991 The Last Days, by Robert A. Sabin
 Jan 13, 1991 Two People, One Lord, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 17, 1991 The Deceit of Discontent, by Robert A. Sabin (2 cassettes)
 Mar 7, 1991 Testimony, by Tim Peterson
 Jun 30, 1991 Jesus is the One; Oneness Theology, by Johnny James
 Jul 14, 1991 Universalism's Core Scriptures, by Robert A. Sabin
 Sep 8, 1991 Balancing the Equation, by Robert A. Sabin
 Sep 29, 1991 The Man That the Spirit Moves, by Robert A. Sabin
 Aug 9, 1992 God's Perfect Temple, by Robert A. Sabin
 Aug 16, 1992 Reversal of Adversity, by Robert A. Sabin
 Aug 23, 1992 Taking Advantage of the Weakness of God, by Robert A. Sabin
 Aug 23, 1992 John's Phrases, John's Keys: the Holiness of God Sees, by Robert
 A. Sabin
 Dec 20, 1992 Our Fellowship with the Dead, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 14, 1993 When You Fall into the Hands of the Potter, by Robert A. Sabin
 May 9, 1993 Pastoral Prerogatives: To Watch for Souls, by Robert A. Sabin
 May 19, 1993 Babylon: How It Applies to Us, by Robert A. Sabin
 Jun 23, 1993 How Grecian Philosophy Determines Christian Doctrine, by
 Robert A. Sabin
 Jul 11, 1993 The Basic Essence of a Truly Holy Man, by Robert A. Sabin
 Aug 18, 1993 Babylon: Bless Them That Curse You, by Robert A. Sabin
 Dec 5, 1993 Science According to Moses, by Dr. Thomas Sharp (2 cassettes)
 Dec 5, 1993 Evolution vs Creation, by Dr. Thomas Sharp (2 cassettes)
 Feb 9, 1994 Initial Evidence Doctrine, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 13, 1994 Post-Pentecostal Spirit-Filling, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 13, 1994 Don't Stop Seeking, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 20, 1994 The Saint's Inheritance, by Robert A. Sabin
 Feb 20, 1994 For the Excellency of the Knowledge of Jesus Christ, by Robert A.
 Sabin
 Mar 6, 1994 A Prerogative That Is Given Exclusively to You! by Robert A.
 Sabin
 Jul 27, 1994 The Truth About Christian Women, by Robert A. Sabin
 Jul 9, 1995 Pentecost and Then the Holy Ghost, by Robert A. Sabin
 Sep 6, 1995 Forgiveness, by Michael Friend
 Sep 7, 1995 Michael Friend
 Sep 8, 1995 Committed to the Purpose, by Michael Friend
 Undated The Man Christ Jesus, by Robert A. Sabin
 Undated Calendar of Coming Events, by S. G. Norris
 Undated The Value of Pentecostal Message, by Robert A. Sabin

Messages Delivered at the Minnesota District (UPC) Senior Camp

- Jul 9, 2001 You Got What You Wanted, But You Lost What You Had, by Ron Tiller
- Jul 10, 2001 Your Decision is Your Destiny, by Ron Tiller
- Jul 10, 2001 God Knows, But the Blood Covers, by Anthony Cox
- Jul 11, 2001 There is a Conflict in the Earth, by Ron Tiller
- Jul 11, 2001 It's Not a Fairy Tale! by Anthony Cox
- Jul 12, 2001 Some Crossroads We Must Survive! by Anthony Cox
- Jul 12, 2001 The Proof of Being His Chosen, by Ron Tiller
- Jul 13, 2001 Getting Into Something That You Can't Get Over! by Ron Tiller
- Jul 13, 2001 The Anointing, by Anthony Cox
- Jul 13, 2001 I Changed My Mind! by Anthony Cox

Messages Delivered at UPC General Conferences

- 1977 David Gray
- 1978 Rex Johnson
- 1983 Nathaniel A. Urshan
- 1983 E. L. Holley
- 1983 Rex Johnson
- 1985 David Gray
- 1988 The Bible, Our Guide; The World, Our Goal, by Carl Stephenson
- 1992 Exalting Jesus in the 1990s, by Cleveland M. Becton

Miscellaneous Messages

- Sep 18, 1986 John Ankerberg show
- Undated John Ankerberg show – rebuttal
- Feb 13, 1991 Loretta Earl
- Mar 7, 1991 Testimony, by Tim Peterson
- Apr 22, 1992 Living Untroubled, by Nona Freeman, at Minnesota District Ladies Retreat
- Undated 1931-1933, Benjamin Urshan, G. T. Haywood, Morris Golder

Video Cassette Recordings:

Messages Delivered at UPC General Conferences

- 1988 Foreign Missions Division Service
- 1988 Home Missions Division Service
- 1989 Ladies Auxiliary and Education Division Service
- 1995 Stanley W. Chambers, special presentation service

Messages delivered at Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, MN

- Oct 6, 1990 Apostolic Bible Church, 75th Anniversary, Heritage Day, Wendell Gleason, speaker
- Oct 7, 1990 Bible Church, 75th Anniversary, Sammy Stewart, speaker
- Undated The Profound Truth That God Will Reveal to Anyone, by Robert A. Sabin

Debates regarding the doctrine of the Trinity

- Jan 12-13, 1990 Who Was Jesus Christ, Part 1 (4 cassettes)
Robert M. Bowman, Jr. vs. Robert A. Sabin, at Apostolic Bible
Church, St. Paul, MN
Nathaniel A. Urshan and Jay Howard, moderators
- Aug 17-18, 1990 Who Was Jesus Christ, Part 2 (4 cassettes)
Robert M. Bowman, Jr. vs. Robert A. Sabin, at St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA
James N. Larson and Hank Hanegraaff, moderators

Photograph:

Youth Convention of the Western District of the United Pentecostal Church,
Carlsbad, California, September 3-6, 1946 (oversize photograph)

Box 3

LP Recordings:

- Abbott, David and Darcy. Getting Emotional. Greenville, SC: Mark Five
Studios, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. The Beautiful Music of ABI. N.p., n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. Come Holy Spirit. St. Paul, MN: Micside, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. It's a Wonderful Life! Minneapolis, MN: UA
Recording, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. Jesus I Love You. N.p., n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. Lift Him Up. N.p., n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. Praise Him. St. Paul, MN: Sacred Knof Recordings, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute. To God be the Glory. St. Paul, MN: Artronics, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute Chorale and Brass. God Said It! I Believe It! N.p., n.d.
(2 copies)
- Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet. Good News. Minneapolis, MN: Cookhouse
Recording, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet. I Must Tell Jesus. Minneapolis, MN: UA
Recording, n.d.
- Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet. Something Within. St. Paul, MN: Sacred Knof
Recordings, n.d.

Apostolic Voices. N.p., n.d.

Burns, Jerry. Heartfelt. Dallas, TX: Rainbow Sound, Inc., n.d.

Burns, Jerry and Beth. Gospel's Best in Two Languages. N.p., n.d.

Cagle, Odell and the Jubilee Quartet. Let Me Look Past the Curtain of Time. N.p., n.d.

Ewing, Murrell with Landy. Once Again, For the Good Times. Houston, TX: Good Times Records, n.d.

Gleason Family. Heartfelt Harmony. Minneapolis, MN: UA Recording, n.d.

Jimmy Pearce Trio. He Rescued Me. Nashville, TN: Downing, n.d.

Lanny Wolfe Trio. An Evening with the Lanny Wolfe Trio. Nashville, TN: Impact Records, 1977.

Lord's Prayer, Featuring the Clarinet of Ed Lucas. Vandalia, IL: Olive Leaf Recordings, n.d.

Rejoycers Waitin'. Hendersonville, TN: Eddie Crook, 1980.

Richardson, Steve. You Gave My Life a Song. Clear Creek, IN: Steve Richardson, n.d.

Ruth Ann, Pam, and Reggie. All I Need is Jesus. El Cajon, CA: Gospel Jubilee Productions, n.d.

Sabin Brothers. God of Tomorrow: Trumpet Duets, Vocal Trios. Minneapolis, MN: UA Recording, n.d.

Special Kids Family Portrait, Tupelo Children's Mansion. Greenville, SC: Mark Five Studios, n.d.

Trout, Janet. Gospel Hymn Time. Greenville, SC: Mark Five Studios, n.d.

Trout, Janet. I've Been There. Greenville, SC: Mark Five Studios, 1972.

The Watchmen. Oklahoma City, OK: Benson Sound Studio, n.d.

Finding Aid by Darrin Rodgers, 10 August 2005