

Collection 82: Collection of Jackson Wilcox, 1938-2010

Administrative Information

Title:

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Wilcox, Jackson

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Biography

Jackson Burton Wilcox (b. June 16, 1918 – d. November 14, 2013) was an American Baptist pastor, artist, writer, and editor with a ministry career spanning over six decades. He served in eleven churches, including St. Paul, MN; Aberdeen, WA; Chowchilla, CA; Santa Cruz, CA; Lindsay, CA; Hollywood, CA; Panorama City, CA; and Quartz Hill, CA. His ministry included illustrating published church newsletters and the underground newspaper *Hollywood Free Paper* for the Jesus People Movement with his distinctive cartoons and drawings.

His wife, Marjorie Wilcox, worked as secretary to Duane Pederson, editor of the *Hollywood Free Paper*. On September 1, 2003, he and Marjorie completed 62 years of ministry (including one year as national director of junior high work). His wife Marjorie passed away in October 2003. They had four children.

Jackson Wilcox was born on an estate at the foot of Echo Mountain in Altadena, California. His father, Burton Wilcox, was the son of William Cullen and Idabelle Wilcox, pioneer missionaries in South Africa. His mother was Ethel Ruth Angel Jackson, the daughter of George and Florence Jackson. The Jacksons were members of Tremont Baptist Church in Pasadena when Cull Wilcox needed funds to return to South Africa.

Jackson Wilcox graduated from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor's degree, the Colgate Rochester Divinity School with a Masters in Divinity, and the Eastern College with a Doctorate in Divinity. He was ordained in 1943 at the First Baptist Church in Williamson, NY.

Following brief periods as a writer with Western Personnel Service and as a Deputy Probation Officer with Los Angeles County, the First Baptist Church of Pasadena licensed Wilcox to preach. At this church, he and Marjorie Robbins of San Gabriel, California, were married. After a short ministry at Sunnyside Baptist Church in Los Angeles, they traveled to New York.

In 1943, Jackson was ordained at the First Baptist Church in Williamson, NY; it became his first pastorate. His ministry included the pastorate of Park Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota; and two pastorates in Washington State: Camas and Aberdeen. Pastorates in California followed: First Baptist, Chowchilla; First Baptist, Santa Cruz; First Baptist, Lindsay; First Baptist, Hollywood; Panorama Baptist, Pacoima; and Mayflower Church, Quartz Hill.

As a cartoonist and writer, Wilcox produced textbooks, study courses, newspaper and magazine articles and columns. In 1983, he launched *Silver Wings*, a small non-profit poetry quarterly. He was working on the one hundred and fifty-sixth edition at the time of his passing.

This collection provides a unique window into the American Baptist church during the mid-to-late 20th century as well as the Jesus People Movement heritage and its continued influence.

Scope of Content

The collection primarily covers the latter half of the 20th century, from the 1939 to 2010. The principal focus of the collection is the writings and newsletters of Jackson Wilcox. Formats in the collection are diverse. They include cartoons, church newsletters, scrapbooks of Wilcox's newspaper columns, notes for Wilcox's sermons, a DVD, digital recordings of oral histories, and periodicals.

Also see the *Hollywood Free Paper* (in Duane Pederson, Jesus People International, and Hollywood Free Paper Collection, or the Archived Periodicals), for Jackson Wilcox's printed cartoons. Photos of his wife, Marjorie Wilcox, are included in the Pederson Collection.

Subjects:

- American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.
- Cartoonists -- United States -- Biography
- Jesus People
- Wilcox, Jackson

Arrangement and Series Description

The collection has been organized in 10 boxes consisting of 2 series as follows:

Series I: Church Newsletters (Box 1-3)

These include newsletters published by Jackson Wilcox at the many churches he served as pastor from 1952 to 2003.

Series II: Other Writings (Box 2, 4-5)

These include Bible study guides, newsletters written for organizations such as the Kiwanis Club, newspaper columns, histories of various churches, devotionals, travel diaries, poetry, sermons, promotional and autobiographical items.

Cataloger Notes:

In Fall 2020, the collection experienced water damage from flooding within the Library. Materials underwent preservation treatment, including the transition to new folders and boxes.

Box Inventory

Series I: Church Newsletters

Box 1: Church newsletters

| Item | Description | Date | Location |
|------|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Aberdeen Baptist Broadcaster | October 1952-September 1954 | First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Washington |
| 2 | Aberdeen Baptist Broadcaster | October 1954-September 1956 | First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Washington |
| 3 | Chowchilla Baptist Midweek Visitor | October 1957-September 1959 | First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, California |
| 4 | Chowchilla Baptist Midweek Visitor | October 1959-August 1960 | First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, California |
| 5 | Santa Cruz First Baptist Church Call | September 1960-December 1962 | Santa Cruz First Baptist, Santa Cruz, California |
| 6 | Santa Cruz First Baptist Church Call | January 1963- December 1964 | Santa Cruz First Baptist, Santa Cruz, California |
| 7 | Lindsay Sword and Trowel | February 1965-December 1967 | First Baptist Church, Lindsay, California |
| 8 | Lindsay Sword and Trowel | January 1968-November 1969 | First Baptist Church, Lindsay, California |
| 9 | First Baptist Church Holly Witness | November 1969-September 1971 | First Baptist Church, Hollywood California |
| 10 | Panorama Vine | August 1973-December 1975 | Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California |
| 11 | Aberdeen Baptist Broadcaster - clipping | September 27, 1956 | First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Washington |

Box 2: Church newsletters

| Item | Description | Date | Location |
|------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | Panorama Vine | January 1976-March 1979 | Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California |
| 2 | Panorama Vine | April 1979-February 1982 | Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California |
| 3 | Panorama Vine | March 1982-December 1985 | Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California |
| 4 | Panorama Vine | January 1986-June 1988 | Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California |

Box 3: Church newsletters

| Folder | Description | Date | Location |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | March 1992-December 1992 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 2 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1993-December 1993 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 3 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1994-December 1994 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 4 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1995-December 1995 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 5 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1996-December 1996 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 6 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1997-December 1997 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 7 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1998-December 1998 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 8 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 1999-December 1999 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 9 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 2000-December 2000 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 10 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 2001-December 2001 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 11 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 2002-December 2002 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 12 | Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter | January 2003-August 2003 | Quartz Hill, California |
| 13 | Mayflower Church Quartz Hill Congregational Church Directory | July 1998 | Quartz Hill, California |

Series 2: Other Writings

Box 2: Writings

| Item | Description | Date | Location |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 5 | The Book to Explore in '64 | 1964 | First Baptist Church Santa Cruz, California |
| 6 | Kiwanis Konfessions | April 1965-September 1969 | Lindsay, California |
| 7 | Leaves from the Pastor's Notebook | March 1965-December 1968 | Lindsay, California |
| 8 | Leaves from the Pastor's Notebook | December 1968-1969 | Lindsay, California |

Box 4: Writings

| Item | Description | Date | Location | Notes |
|-------------|--|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Merrylee and Mrs. Van Delta of the Claremont | 1971 | Hollywood, California | Evangelistic children's story written and illustrated by Wilcox |
| 2 | Key 73 Youth Outreach Manual | 1973 | Mission Hills, California | Manual written by Wilcox to 'stimulate Youth Outreach Weeks' for Key 73 |
| 3 | Youth Outreach Unlimited | 1973 | Mission Hills, California | Bible study; includes cartoons by Warren Heard |
| 4 | 25th Anniversary Panorama Baptist Church | 1975 | Pacoima, California | History of the church and the program for anniversary celebration |
| 5 | annual birthday books | 1997-2003 | Quartz Hill, California | Gift books created and given by Wilcox |
| 6 | Thanksgiving to New Year's | 1997-2003 | Quartz Hill, California | Daily devotionals written and illustrated by Wilcox for the Christmas season |
| 7 | Charles Grandison Finney: Cartoons by Jackson Wilcox | 2001 | Pearblossom, California | Finney's quotes illustrated by Wilcox, who counted Finney's writings as a key influence |
| 8 | Narrow Flight East to Ouagadougou | 2009 | Clovis, California | Wilcox's illustrated diary account of his trip to Burkina Faso to celebrate the release of <i>Rebel Missionary in South Africa</i> |
| 9 | Poems in My Pocket | 2009 | Clovis, California | A collection of Wilcox's poems written on a trip from California to Alaska |
| 10 | Rebel Missionary in South Africa (DVD) | 2009 | Northfield, Minnesota | A documentary DVD by Cherif Keita about Wilcox's grandparents |

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| 11 | Pretoria in My Pocket | 2010 | Clovis, California | A collection of Wilcox's poems written on a trip to South Africa that honored the pioneering mission work of his grandparents |
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Box 5: Writings

| Item | Description | Notes |
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| 1 | De Man Uit Een Afrikaansch Boschland | 1926. South Africa. Afrikaans edition of William Cullen Wilcox's <i>The Man from an African Jungle</i> |
| 2-4 | Sermon notebooks | 3 spiral-bound notebooks of Wilcox's sermon notes |
| 5 | Christian Gifts magazine | One issue (Vol. 1, no. 1, Aug 1979) of a glossy periodical intended to "encourage the retailers of Christian greetings and gifts in the service which they can render to the house of the Lord." |
| 6 | [Jackson Wilcox autobiography] | Small leaflet containing an autobiography of Jackson Wilcox |
| 7 | Cards and Cartoons | Miscellaneous |