

Collection 82: Collection of Jackson Wilcox, 1938-2010

Administrative Information

Title:

Collection of Jackson Wilcox, 1938-2010

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CFT00082

Creators:

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 (<i>DVD</i>)	2009	Northfield, Minnesota	A documentary DVD by Cherif Keita about Wilcox's grandparents

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
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