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Collection Title: John Borden Evans Ministerial Collection

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Collection Overview

Size: 1 banker box

Abstract: This collection consists of pamphlets, flyers, certificates, "Hospitality" news, Musical score "Don't Drink, My Boy, To-Night" by Chas. E Hoover, 1897, Church directories, and faculty conference notes.

Creator: Rev. John Evans

Language: English

Information for Users

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Acquisitions Information

Gift of Whom: **Peggy Evans, wife**

Additional Descriptive Resources

A copy of the original finding aid for this collection is filed in the box.

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Biographical Information

John Borden Evans died January 29, 2009 at his home in Davidson, NC. In his life, as in his dying, he affirmed that "we belong to God." His legacy reflects his deep passion and commitments to family and friends, Christian faith and stewardship, race relations, higher education, ecumenism and world peace. He was born at home on May 12, 1929 in Laurinburg, NC, the third child of Anne Livingston Borden Evans and Erasmus Hervey Evans. He graduated from Woodberry Forest School in Orange, VA (1947) where he served as the Senior Prefect, and from Davidson College (1950). He attended Yale University and graduated from Union Theological Seminary (VA) in 1954, the year he was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. His first call was to Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC the city where he met his bride, Peggy. He also attended the University of Edinburgh for graduate studies. His life and ministry included teaching Bible at Davidson College, and pastorates in Auburn, AL, where he was deeply involved in the civil rights movement, and later in Chatham, VA. Through the 1960's and 70's, he served as an Executive Officer for the Presbyterian Church with posts in Richmond, VA with the Board of Christian Education, and the General Assembly Mission Board in Atlanta, GA. From 1988-1994, he led New Harmony Presbytery in Florence, SC in an important season of race relations, reconciliation, and renewal. Other important ministry positions included philanthropic work with the National Council of Churches and southern, black colleges, and as a pastor in New Zealand. He retired to Davidson, NC in 1994. In his retirement, he served as Interim Pastor for Presbyterian churches in the Carolinas. Throughout his life, he served as a Trustee for Woodberry Forest School (VA), Montreat (NC), Union Seminary (VA), and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He served numerous years on committees and in leadership for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He also served on the Board, and as Chairman, Jarvie Commonweal Services, helping senior citizens in the New York City area. He was a member of Providence Presbytery in South Carolina. Siblings include Erasmus Hervey Evans, Jr. (deceased) Ann Evans McIver of Greensboro, McNair Evans (deceased), and Murphy Evans of Raleigh and Laurinburg. He is survived by his wife of nearly 54 years, Margaret (Peggy) Wier Evans, Davidson, NC, their five children and spouses: John, Jr and Beth Neville Evans of North Garden, VA; Alex and Ginger Evans of Richmond, VA; David and Becky Evans of Atlanta, GA; Margaret Evans Goode and Mike Goode of Davidson, NC; Edwin and Jill Evans of Pleasanton, CA. He is also survived by grandchildren who called him "Papa": Eliza, Patrick, Jason, Sandy, Kate, Mary Katherine, Gardner, Ginny, Ben, Matthew, Carly, Molly, Wilson, Sam, and Nathan. A worship service in gratitude to God for his life and ministry will be held at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, NC on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 11:00am. A reception will follow in the Congregation House with a time of sharing memories and friendship. The family is especially grateful to Dr. Richard Krumdieck and his staff at Lake Norman Oncology, and Hospice, Lake Norman, especially Beth Bleavins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Davidson College Presbyterian Church at PO Box 337, Davidson, NC 28036, or to a charity of your choice.

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Presbyterian Church in the United States

Rev. John Borden Evans

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 "Concert de Noel" Dec. 16, 1962
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 Stated Clerks and Social Policy of American Presbyterians &
 Transforming
 American Culture by James H. Smylie
 "Special Committee Proposes Reconciliation Steps" by Jerry Van Marter
 Sermon by John B. Quick
 Remarks to the Auburn Seminary Board-Parker Palmer
 "The Providence of God Through Human Instruments" by Robert C.
 Worley
 "The Joy of Presbyterian Sex" by Camille Paglia
 Camp Harmony Meeting March 20, 1994

OTHER:

Certificate from: 1. The Church Executive Development Board April 21, 1967
 2. The Mission Support Services June 21, 2000
 3. General Assembly Council of the PCUSA June 20, 2000

Assorted pamphlets

8th Annual Who's Who 1998

Comparative Statistics 1992

Church Directories:

 Providence Presbytery 2008
 Ginter Park PC 1969
 First PC Auburn Alabama
 Chatham PC 1982, 1983, 2005
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"My Pastoral Record" 1954-1961

"Hospitality" news

Musical score "Don't Drink, My Boy, To-Night" by Chas. E. Hoover 1897