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Elsie and Tilson F. Maynard Papers. Inclusive: 1942-1983, undated, Bulk: 1942-1944

Summary Information

Creator	Maynard, Elsie, d. 1983 Maynard, Reverend Tilson F., 1902 - 1981
Extent (quantity/size)	One document box.
Language	English
Abstract	The Elsie and Tilson F. Maynard Papers consist primarily of letters from former members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Waco who were serving in the armed forces during World War II. Addressed to Reverend and Mrs. Maynard and other church members, many of the letters express their writers' gratitude for the church's concerns and prayers.

Subjects

Baptists -- Texas -- Waco. / Baylor University -- Alumni and alumnae. / Emmanuel Baptist Church (Waco, TX) / World War, 1939-1945.

Administrative Information

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Elsie and Tilson F. Maynard Papers, Accession #0058, Box #, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

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Scope and Content

This collection was given by an unknown donor at an unknown time. The chronology of the materials ranges from 1942 until 1983, while the bulk of the materials is comprised of correspondence written during World War II (1942-1944).

There are only two series in this collection. Series I. Correspondence is by far the largest. Soldiers and sailors from around the world wrote letters back to their home church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, where Reverend Tilson Maynard and his wife Elsie were residing. Series II. Literary Productions consists of two folders of general materials and newspaper clippings.

Administrative/Biographical History

As the United States entered World War II, young men and women left behind lives of family, friends, and familiarity. They were then painfully confronted with the brutality of war. However, one Baptist congregation in particular sought to keep in touch with their former congregants in an effort to encourage them. Reverend Tilson F. Maynard and his wife Elsie, along with other members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Waco, exchanged correspondence with soldiers and sailors from around the world to express their concerns and appreciation.

Such compassion was not lost on those serving abroad. The letters found in this collection express the writers' gratitude for the church's thoughts and prayers. Some provide brief descriptions of military and religious experiences during the war. Others from military chaplains relate the dedication of young men and women. Parents' letters express appreciation for the church's hospitality to their sons, while those from wives recount efforts to remain with their husbands during their assignments in the United States.

Reverend Tilson F. Maynard was born on 1902 September 29 in Palestine, Texas. He attended Baylor University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925. Feeling a call to ministry, Maynard attended Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth where he earned master's degrees in theology and religious education. His wife, Elsie Hamilton, was also a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Theological Seminary.

For the rest of their lives, the Maynards served Baptist churches across the state of Texas. Tilson led congregations in Neches, Holland, Salado, Walnut Springs, Morgan, Fort Worth, and Hearne before settling in Waco. From 1940 until 1961, Maynard pastored the Emmanuel Baptist Church. In 1970, he was appointed as the pastor's assistant at First Baptist Church in Tyler where he remained another six years. In 1978, Reverend Maynard was honored as the Texas Baptists' Elder Statesman. Tilson passed away in 1981 at the age of 78. Elsie lived two more years before passing away in Sherman, Texas.

Related Resources

Related citations

"Baptists Honor Maynard." *Waco Tribune-Herald*. May 27, 1978.
Elsie and Tilson F. Maynard Papers, Accession #0058, Box #1, Folder #18, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.
"Maynard to Talk at BRH Tonight." *The Daily Lariat*. April 10, 1940.

Archival Arrangement

Prior to this latest round of processing, there were helpful folder inventories and abstracts completed in 1969, 1972, and 1979. The original arrangement, which organized the letters of correspondence chronologically, has been maintained.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1942-1944, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series consists of correspondence exchanged between World War II combatants and the Maynards of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The writers of these letters were stationed all over the world at the time. These letters often express gratitude for the Maynards' concerns and prayers. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

This series is organized chronologically.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: General, 1942 January-June
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: General, 1942 September-December 14
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: General, 1942 December 15-22
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: General, 1943 January 1-16
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: General, 1943 January 16-31
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: General, 1943 February 3-22
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: General, 1943 February 23-March
Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: General, 1943 April-August
Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: General, 1943 September-November 17
Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: General, 1943 November 19-29
Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: General, 1943 December 2-25
Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: General, 1943 December 26-1944 January 1
Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: General, 1944 January 3-February 7
Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: General, 1944 February 8-19
Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: General, 1944 March 1-12
Box 1. Folder 16. Correspondence: General, 1944 March 14-21, undated

Series 2: Literary Productions. 1978-1983, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series consists of two folders of literary productions. The first folder contains general materials such as church programs, poetry, and notes. The second folder contains newspaper clippings about Reverend Tilson and Elsie Maynard, including their obituaries. The materials are in good condition.

Archival Arrangement

This series is organized by type of material.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 17. Literary Productions: General, undated
Box 1. Folder 18. Literary Productions: Clippings: Maynards, 1978-1983