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[Edcouch] First Baptist Church Records. Inclusive: 1941-1974, undated, Bulk: 1949-1952

Summary Information

Creator	Edcouch First Baptist Church
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box
Language	English
Abstract	The [Edcouch] First Baptist Church Records consist of correspondence and literary manuscripts pertaining to administrative operations of the church.

Subjects

Baptists -- Texas -- Edcouch -- History. / Baptists -- Texas -- Hidalgo County -- History. / Baptists -- Texas. / Edcouch (Tex.) -- Church history. / First Baptist Church (Edcouch, Tex.) -- History. / Hidalgo County (Tex.) -- Church history.

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Archivist's Notes: Previously, the minute books and membership rolls of First Baptist Church in Edcouch had been part of this collection. In 1998, the church requested that the Texas Collection return the minute books and membership rolls to them. The records were first microfiched and a microform copy was given to the Texas Collection and the originals were returned to the church. The microform copy of these records can be found in First Baptist Church, Edcouch, Texas [microform].

Scope and Content

The [Edcouch] First Baptist Church Records were acquired by gift in four transactions. The first gift was given by an unknown donor at an unknown time. It is also unknown what the gift contained. The second, third, and fourth gifts were given by Dorothy Wade, historian of First Baptist Church of Edcouch, on 1974 September 4, 1978 September 1, and 1984 September.

This collection begins in 1941 and ends in 1974. The correspondence series is the largest in the collection and mostly consists of letters regarding church membership from 1949 to 1952. Also included are documents from a five-year progress plan from the 1950s and a flyer advertising the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church.

Administrative/Biographical History

[Edcouch] First Baptist Church, originally named Los Indios Baptist Church, was organized during the summer of 1924 in Los Indios, Texas. In 1925 June, after church member Silas Rohr donated a plot of land to the church, the church moved to a new location and changed its name to Adams Tract Baptist Church. In 1927 February the church relocated to a lot in the newly formed and nearby townsite of Edcouch and again changed its name to First Baptist Church of Edcouch. In 1929 March, First Baptist Church of Edcouch licensed its first missionary, a young man named E. Paul Carroll. By 1963, First Baptist Church of Edcouch was one of two churches in the town.

Related Resources

Summary of related Archive materials

First Baptist Church, Edcouch, Texas [microform] contains minutes for the church's business sessions from 1924 to 1998, and membership rolls and related materials from 1928 to 1958.

Related citations

Garza, Alicia A. "Edcouch, TX" *The Handbook of Texas Online*.
<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hge03>. Accessed 16 May 2013.
 Wade, Dorothy. *History of the First Baptist Church of Edcouch, Texas*. 1952.

Archival Arrangement

The [Edcouch] First Baptist Church Records were organized with folder titles and numbers prior to this finding aid, with inventories of the collection and a finding aid. Most of the folder titles already existing were kept.

Currently, the [Edcouch] First Baptist Church Records are arranged in two series: I. Correspondence, II. Literary Productions.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1941-1954, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series is the largest in the collection and contains correspondence relating to church membership of First Baptist Church in Edcouch from 1941 to 1954. This series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Letters of Recommendation from [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1949-1951
Box 1. Folder 2. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1950
Box 1. Folder 3. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1950-1951
Box 1. Folder 4. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1951-1952
Box 1. Folder 5. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church (1 of 2), 1952
Box 1. Folder 6. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church (2 of 2), 1952
Box 1. Folder 7. Letters of Recommendation to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1952-1954, undated
Box 1. Folder 8. Requests for Church Letters from [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1949-1952
Box 1. Folder 9. Church Letters to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1941-1950
Box 1. Folder 10. Church Letters to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1950-1951
Box 1. Folder 11. Church Letters to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church, 1951
Box 1. Folder 12. Church Letters to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church (1 of 2), 1952
Box 1. Folder 13. Church Letters to [Edcouch] First Baptist Church (2 of 2), 1952

Series 2: Literary Productions. 1945-1974, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series contains documents pertaining to a five-year progress plan for First Baptist Church in Edcouch from the 1950s, a flyer advertising the fiftieth anniversary of the church, and other items. This series is in fair to good condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 14. General, 1945-1974, undated
Box 1. Folder 15. Five-Year Progress Plan, 1954-1957