

## J. B. CAIN ARCHIVES OF MISSISSIPPI METHODISM

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Samuel Edward Ashmore (1894 – 1968) was a Mississippi Methodist minister and a graduate of Millsaps College. He married Annie Marion Lewis (1902 – 1999) in 1923. He served as the editor of the *Mississippi Methodist Advocate* from 1955 to 1966, when he retired. When he and the staff of the *Advocate* showed open support for the Methodist Church's decision to integrate, they came under harsh criticism. Mr. Ashmore saved letters and other papers concerning his time working at the *Advocate*. His wife worked with him as an unpaid assistant editor for the *Advocate* and wrote two books, *The Call of the Congo* and *North Africa, Land of Destiny*, along with some articles in the *Advocate*. She was elected to the United Methodist Communications Hall of Fame in 1968. He and his wife had one daughter, Mabel Ann Ashmore Harjes, who donated the collection. Also included are papers related to the Born of Conviction statement, and Rev. Ashmore's and the *Advocate's* support of the 28 ministers who signed it.

### BOX 1

- f 1 Letters to the *Mississippi Methodist Advocate* opposing Born of Conviction statement  
Jan 4, 1962 – Feb 14, 1963
- f 2 Letters from or to the 28 ministers who signed the Born of Conviction statement  
Jan 2, 1962 – Dec 9, 1965  
Other related papers  
List of the 28 ministers  
2 sermons  
“Come to Grips with the Real Issue”; Jan 13, 1963, preached by Dr. Roy  
C. Clark at Capitol Street Methodist Church  
“Real Issues for These Times”; James B. Nicholson
- f 3 Local church resolutions in response to Born of Conviction statement  
Jan – Feb, 1963  
Letter to Sam Ashmore praising Born of Conviction statement  
Jan 23, 1963
- f 4 Positive responses to Born of Conviction  
Letters to Sam Ashmore; Jan 4 – Mar 21, 1963
- f 5 Papers concerning the Trigg-Lowman Debate  
1960 – 1962  
“Reply to His Critics from E. Stanley Jones”; fall, 1960  
Miscellaneous letters  
Information Bulletin; Sep, 1962
- f 6 Critique of the Mississippi Associations of Methodist Ministers and Laymen and letters  
in response  
Letters to Sam Ashmore; Nov – Dec 1962

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Information Bulletin; Nov 1962

- f 7 Miscellaneous letters criticizing a publication in the *Mississippi Methodist Advocate*  
Nov 16, 1961 – Jun 24, 1965
- f 8 Letters to Sam Ashmore concerning the *Advocate's* financial problems and possible 1965 retirement  
Feb 7, 1964 – Nov 3, 1965
- f 9 Letters praising specific editorials written by Sam Ashmore  
March 7, 1961 – Feb 10, 1966
- f 10 Letters to Sam Ashmore congratulating him on becoming Editor of the Year  
Oct 4, 1965 – Dec 2, 1965

### BOX 2

- f 1 Miscellaneous correspondence with Sam Ashmore  
Apr 8, 1960 – Dec 2, 1962
- f 2 Miscellaneous correspondence with Sam Ashmore  
Jan 25, 1963 – Feb 4, 1966
- f 3 Various newspaper clippings and published materials  
*Industrial Press Service*: Oct 1, 1962; May 13, 1963; Mar 4, 1963;  
"Brazil Calls": Sep 1962  
"News from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church": Dec 22, 1964  
"Church World Service", no date  
*Mississippi Methodist Information*, no dates  
"Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information", no date  
Miscellaneous church publications: 1961 – 1965  
Comic from unknown newspaper: "Please...no arrests during the prayer!"  
Newspaper clipping entitled "Church Bars Swedes Mistaken for Pickets"  
Newspaper clipping entitled "Washington March Gave All Americans Right to be Proud"  
Newspaper clipping entitled "Right-wingers Cripple Church, says Leader": Oct 10, 1963, from *The Detroit News*
- f 4 Miscellaneous papers  
Sermon entitled "Outside the Cup" with attached newspaper clippings  
Sermon entitled "This is My Church", by Rev. J. A. Lindsey, Jun 27, 1965

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Sermon or essay entitled "Stoning the Prophets" by Eugene Peacock

Sermon or essay entitled "Mississippi's Inheritance to Its Youth"

Miscellaneous letter/prayer

Original poem entitled "Six White Horses" by Candy Geer

f 5 Miscellaneous papers

Photograph, person unknown

Conference programs

Meridian District Conference Program: Dec 3, 1962

National Conference on the United States and China: Apr 29 – 30, 1965

Minutes of the Meeting of the Interboard Council: Dec 16, 1964 and Apr 20, 1965

Statement of Board of Trustees of Millsaps College: Feb 17, 1965

Various resolutions and reports

Planning Committee for Area Mass Meeting: Aug 10, 1965

Other miscellaneous papers

f 6 Miscellaneous correspondence

Apr 6, 1960 – Aug 11, 1965

f 7 Miscellaneous church conference programs, Oct – Dec, 1962

New Albany District

Hattiesburg District

Brookhaven District

Seashore District (St. Paul's Methodist Church)

f 8 Recent miscellaneous papers concerning the Ashmores

Correspondence with Debra McIntosh, college archivist: Aug 5, 2007

Clipping from *Mississippi Methodist Advocate*: Sep 25, 2007, about Mabel Anne

Ashmore Harjes and the Sam Ashmore Papers