

J.B. CAIN ARCHIVES OF MISSISSIPPI METHODISM

M 85 PENDERGRASS, (Bishop Edward Julian) Papers, 1929-2000

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Bishop E.J. Pendergrass was born on September 24, 1900, and entered the ministry in 1929. From that time he served eight churches in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, culminating with fourteen years at First UMC Orlando. He was elected Bishop in 1964 and was assigned to the Mississippi Conference until he retired in 1972. At that time, he returned to Florida and worked for Florida-Southern College's Office of Institutional Advancement. Bishop E.J. Pendergrass died on November 4, 1995. His papers were preserved by his grandson in-law John Burnett for his doctoral dissertation. Dr. Burnett donated the papers to Cain Archives in 2002. The contents of the collection include news clippings on Bishop Pendergrass, photographs, correspondence, other personal papers, books that belonged to Bishop Pendergrass, John Burnett's research on Bishop Pendergrass' pastorate locations, letters about Bishop Pendergrass to Burnett, and interviews by John Burnett with those who knew Bishop Pendergrass. There are also many items of information from the churches Pendergrass served in Florida.

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Nine Journals:

Mississippi Conference Annual Journals, 1964-1972

- f1 Photographs of 1971 UMC Bishops Conference
- f2 Photographs of Bishop Pendergrass 1960's-1970's
- f3 Photocopies of Mississippi Methodist Journal articles regarding Bishop Pendergrass
- f4 Mississippi Sovereignty Commission Correspondence, letters and other printed materials, 1964-1972
- f5.1-.2 Bishop Pendergrass papers from Mississippi, 1964-1972. Includes articles, photographs, certificates, and other printed materials
- f6 Articles regarding Bishop Pendergrass in the Mississippi UMC Advocate and Clarion-Ledger Daily Newspaper (Jackson, MS), 1964-1972
- f7 Sermon on the Mount oil painting by Ronald Hester, presented to Bishop Pendergrass, 1970
- f8 Bishop Pendergrass' Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Millsaps College, 1969

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- f9 Photographs of Bishop Pendergrass, 1964-1972
- f10 Scrapbook of Bishop Pendergrass' Consecration to Bishop, 1964
- f11 Title Page of Scrapbook of Bishop Pendergrass' Consecration to Bishop, 1964
- f12 Episcopal Elections in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC

BOX 2

- f1 Fort White UMC, Florida, 1929-31, letters, photographs, and other printed materials
- f2 High Springs UMC, Florida, 1931-32, letters, photographs, and other printed materials
- f3 Cross City UMC, Florida, 1932-34, correspondence and other printed materials.
- f4 Ft. Pierce UMC, Florida, 1934-1938, correspondence, photographs, and other printed materials.
- f5 College Heights UMC, Lakeland, Florida, 1938-1939, journals and other printed materials.
- f6 Seminole Heights UMC, Tampa, FL, 1939-1943
- f7 District Superintendent-Tallahassee UMC, Florida, 1943-1946, letters, photographs, and other printed materials
- f8 First UMC, Tampa, Florida, 1946-1952, correspondence, photographs, and other printed materials
- f9 Bishop Pendergrass' letters regarding Florida ministry and personal life, 1940's-1960's
- f10 Incidental Newsclippings regarding Pendergrass in Florida, 1940's-1960's
- f11 Letters to Bishop Pendergrass regarding Florida-Southern College Scholarship Fund, 1970's-1980's

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- f12 Bishop Pendergrass letters at FSC regarding scholarship fund, 1970's-1990's
- f13 Bishop Pendergrass' FSC Office of Development Files, 1960's-1980's
- f14 Bishop Pendergrass papers from FSC regarding his position of Trustee and Office of Development
- f15 Bishop Pendergrass' communications with Dr. Charles Thrift, President of FSC, 1960's-1980's
- f16 Bishop Pendergrass' round-robin letters with a group of other Methodist Bishops and Pastors, late 1980's
- f17 Bishop Pendergrass' Church Press Releases and Certificates from speaking engagements
- f18 Certificate given to Bishop Pendergrass for Tampa's Minister of the Year, 1942
- f19 Guest book from Bishop Pendergrass' appointment to Minister Emeritus, First UMC Tampa, 1982

BOX 3

Copies of Florida Conference of the UMC Annual Journals, 1944-1964

- f1 First UMC Orlando Dedication, 1979
- f2 Photo Album of Pendergrass' farewell reception at Orlando First UMC, 1964
- f3 Bishop Pendergrass Election Articles-1964
- f4 Photo album of First UMC Orlando Presented to Bishop Pendergrass, 1963
- f5 Loose photographs from First UMC Orlando photo album presented to Bishop Pendergrass
- f6 Three programs:
 - Two of First UMC Orlando Opening, 1963
 - One of First UMC Orlando Dedication, 1979

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- f7 Full-color photograph of Bishop Pendergrass on cover of Florida Magazine, November 17, 1963
- f8 Various Newsclippings and photographs of Bishop Pendergrass from Orlando, 1950-1964
- f9 Bishop Pendergrass' letters, photographs, and other printed materials from
- f9.1 Orlando
- f10 Bishop Pendergrass' construction notes and sermon notes from Orlando FUMC, 1950-1964
- f11 Bishop Pendergrass' sermon notes, Orlando FUMC, 1950-1964
- f12 Bishop Pendergrass' letters, Orlando FUMC, 1950-1964
- f13 Bishop Pendergrass' sermon notebook from Orlando FUMC, 1950's, photographs, and other correspondence.

Book:

A House Unto My Name: The Architecture and Art of the First United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida, 1980. Front cover inscribed: "To Amy-Christmas 1980/Our love and best wishes/Sara and John."

BOX 4

Eight books:

The Disciples in Christ's School, by Edward A. Marshall, 1925

Jerusalem in History and Prophecy, by Edward A. Marshall and Mrs. E.A. Marshall, 1934

The Human Race on Trial in Romans, by Edward A. Marshall and Mrs. E.A. Marshall, 1934

Jesus Christ the Master Soul Winner, by Edward A. Marshall, 1925

Shepherd Life and the Twenty-Third Psalm, by E. A. Marshall/Mrs. E.A. Marshall, 1935

The Romance of the Bible, by Edward A. Marshall and Mrs. E.A. Marshall, 1935.

How Christ Lived and Labored in Palestine, by Edward A. Marshall, 1925

The Synagogue, Edward A. Marshall, 1933

Seven audio cassette tapes of John Burnett interviewing those who knew Pendergrass:

Betty Davis, Sara Pulsifer, Bascom Carlton, Bob Holmes, Frances Zink, Kathy Burnett
Pendergrass Memorial Service, 1996 Lake Junaluska, conducted by Bishop Clay Lee

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- f1 Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass' High School Diploma, Florence High School, Florence, South Carolina, 1920
- f2 Letters to John Burnett Re: Bishop Pendergrass, 1999-2000
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- f4 Interview with granddaughter Katherine Burnett regarding Bishop Pendergrass
- f5 Interview with friend Bascom Carlton regarding Bishop Pendergrass
- f6 Interview with friend of Bishop & Mrs. Pendergrass Betty Branscomb Davis
- f7 Interview with Bishop Pendergrass' coworker Robert C. Holmes from FSC
- f8 Interview with Bishop Pendergrass, 4/1993 and Mrs. Lois Pendergrass, 4/1992. Interviewer unrecorded
- f9 Interview with Mrs. Lois Pendergrass regarding her husband Bishop E.J. Pendergrass and Bishop E.J. Pendergrass Memorial Service
- f10 Interview with Sara Pulsifer, parishioner at First UMC Orlando during Bishop Pendergrass' time there
- f11 Interview with Bishop Pendergrass' niece Francis Hyder Zink aka "Aunt Rooney," who spent time with the Bishop & Mrs. Pendergrass while growing up.
- f12 Photographs from Bishop Pendergrass' Consecrations, 1964, and Family Vacations, 1970's
- f13 Photo album of Pendergrass' vacation to Hawaii, 1970's
- f14 Bishop Pendergrass' Family Background, birth, early education, and military experience, 1900-1920
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- f17 Bishop Pendergrass' Family Background, birth, early education, and military experience, 1900-1920
- f18 Bishop Pendergrass' College and Seminary Records, Conversion Experience, and Marriage, 1920-1929.
- f19 Four Booklets:
 - A Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Holy Communion, The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, Trinity UMC, Denver, Colorado, April 14, 1996.
 - The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, 1981.
 - Speaking Connectionally (How to Speak United Methodism), by Pamela J. Crosby.
 - Celebrating 150 Years in an Endless Line of Splendor: The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church

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