

M 109 SLAY, (James Dudley, Sr.) Papers 1933-2000**Biography**

Rev. Dr. J.D. Slay, a clergy member of the Mississippi Conference, United Methodist Church, was born in 1908. Beginning in 1933, he pastored churches, served as district superintendent, and for one year as a vice-president at Millsaps College, which awarded him an honorary Doctorate in 1956. In addition to his ministerial duties, Slay served on the board of trustees of Millsaps College and Methodist-Hattiesburg Hospital. He was married to Alice Watts Slay, with whom he had two sons. J. D. Slay, Sr. died in 2000.

Scope and Contents

The collection, donated by son Bill Slay in January 2014, contains personal and family artifacts, photos, and records, including genealogical data on his wife's Watts family. Documents from his Methodist ministry include pastor's diaries, church bulletins, audio and video tapes of his sermons, news clippings, books, academic papers. The collection gives insight into both the formal and personal aspects of a minister's life. Processed by Jim Bowers and Elizabeth Doyle, 2014.

BOX 1 Artifacts

Eye glasses

Gavel

Guest book for 50th anniversary reception Heidelberg UMC

Keys and driver's license in leather case

Plaster cast of human teeth

Pen drawing by C.W. Slay, 1974

Two trustees appreciation plaques, 1972, Millsaps and Methodist-Hattiesburg Hospital

Four clergy stoles

One academic hood

One ministerial robe

3 VHS tape—detail listing in A-V materials list (Box 3)

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BOX 2 Pastor's Pocket Record Books and Year Books

Pastor's Record Books

Official Church Rolls, Funerals, Baptisms, Marriages, Quarterly Conference Reports, Salary, Conference Claims, Sunday Schools, Sermons Preached

1934

1935-1936

1936: **Collins**, MS

1937: *The Cokesbury Marriage Manual*

1941-1942: **Ellisville**, MS, misc. funeral records 1941-1978

1942-1943: **Hattiesburg**, MS, funeral records 1943-1958, baptism records 1942-1967, marriages 1943-1956

1943: Sermon list, by date

1953-1954

1957: **FUMC Laurel**, MS, funerals 1957-1979, marriages 1957-1976

1974-1975: **Vossburg UMC, Heidelberg**, MS, funerals 1966-1979, baptisms 1982, marriages 1966-1981

Personal Year Books (used as journals)

1934

1948

1950

1952

1959

1995

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BOX 3 Audio/Visual Materials

Audio Recordings: Sermons preached by J.D. Slay., 7-inch Scotch reel-to-reel tape, copied to CD

Bible Pictures of God & Easter message	Feb. 9, 1969 & April 6, 1969
Our Great Methodist Church & Paul's Prayer	Feb. 16, 1969
Defending our Democratic Way of Life & Publish Good Tidings	Feb. 23, 1969
The Journey of Life & Rise Up, O Men of God	March 9, 1969
Views of the Holy Spirit & The Vision Splendid	March 16, 1969
The Wondrous Cross & Worship Alone can Save Us	March 23, 1969
Portraits of the Master & A Good Layman	April 13, 1969

Audio Recordings: Sermons preached by J.D. Slay, Cassette tapes

Our Great Methodist Church	Feb 16, 1969
A Prayer for Holy Living & the Man Who Did Not Blunder	Oct. 17, 1971
Lord of All & Signs Along the Way	Sept. 10, 1972
We Are the Church & New Life in Christ	Oct. 22, 1972
Mother's Day & The Loveliest Way	May 13, 1973
He Ascended into Heaven & One Thing I Know for Sure	June 3, 1973

Video Recordings: Sermons preached by J.D. Slay, VHS tapes

Keeping 3 Clocks Ticking & Our Kingdom Task	Aug. 26/ Sept.2, 1984
The Gospel According to Jesus (at Manhattan UMC)	Dec. 28, 1986
Easter (at McFarland Presbyterian)	April 15, 1990

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Views of the Holy Spirit
Good News

May 24, 1992
July 30, 1995

Commercial Video Tapes- moved to Box 1

Don Wildmon: An American Treasure, 1997 by American Family Association

United Methodist Hour of Mississippi: A Study of John 17 Making Disciples that Make a Difference by **Rev. John Case**, n.d.

United Methodist Hour of Mississippi: A Study of Philippians by **Dr. John McCormick**, n.d.

BOX 4 Ministry Papers

1936 Pastor's book by R. L. Love

1994 *Being Made a Minister* by Dr. J. D. Slay, Sr.

f 1 Sermons

f 2 Selected Bulletins: 1955-1981

f 3 News clippings: 1950-1983

f 4 "Philosophy of Religion" and "The Genius of the Doctrine of Methodism"
academic papers by J. D. Slay, Sr.

f 5 Compilation of *Wisdom from the Ages* manuscript, dedicated to Dr. J. D. Slay., Sr.

BOX 5 Personal Papers

f 1 Photos

f 2 Personal Papers #1: Power of Attorney, Wills, Deeds, Burial Policies, Pension and Bank Information

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- f 3 Personal Papers #2: Obituary, Millsaps Commencement program 1956 when given an honorary degree, delivery bill Emory Hospital 1933, personal correspondence
- f 4 Watts Family History and Records
- f 5 Neva Fortenberry Thompson Daughters of the American Revolution application

BOX 6 Oversized materials

Photo of church, no name given

Jesus and Scripture Calligraphy print

Photocopies of family tree inside Watts Family Bible, certified by the State of Mississippi