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Summary

- Size.** 31.5 linear ft., 26 v.
- Geographic locations.** Louisiana, South Carolina, Kansas, Virginia.
- Inclusive dates.** 1614-2005.
- Bulk dates.** 1930-1990.
- Languages.** English, French.
- Summary.** Subgroup 1: Correspondence, business papers, sermons, talks, workshop materials, poetry, fiction, newsletters, church records, newspaper clippings, slides, photographs and audio tapes related to the career of J. Bruce Evans as minister, counselor, and civil rights activist..
Subgroup 2: Personal correspondence and papers, genealogical data, photographs and printed material related the Evans and related families and to Caroline Dormon.
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- Restrictions.** Use of audio tapes requires 72 hours notice to allow creation of use copy. Original pencil sketch by Caroline Dormon is restricted; use photocopy. Wayne Steadman letters restricted until 2021.
- Related collections** Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations, Mss. 4813.
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Biographical/Historical Note

J. Bruce Evans was born July 19, 1930 to John Owen Evans and Constance Coker Evans of Saline, La. He served as an ecumenical Baptist minister, counselor, and civil rights activist in Baton Rouge. His first degrees were a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering and an M.R.E. in religious education. He took his D.R.E. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; his dissertation was entitled *A Personality Inventory: A Testing Instrument For Assessing the Personalities of Church-related Vocational Workers*.¹ He undertook post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, New York. In 1956, he began work as the youth director of the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, whose pastor at the time was Dr. J. Norris Palmer. He was ordained in 1958, and in 1959 he became Minister of Education. In September of 1959 he left to become pastor of University Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. In 1963, Evans's resignation from University Baptist Church was forced due to his affirmation of civil rights in opposition to the views of many in his church. He left with a group of people to form Fellowship Baptist Church (see below). His subsequent career until retirement in 1996 was as minister and counselor. As well as his pastoral work at Fellowship Church, he offered workshops and counseling for personnel development through Human Resources Development, which he formed in 1968. In the mid-1970s, he also served on the board of the Mental Health Association for Greater Baton Rouge. In 1982, Evans was nominated for the Templeton Foundation, Inc. Award, a prize for work in the advancement of understanding of religion.

Evans's involvement in the Civil Rights movement began in 1957, in response to the actions of members of First Baptist Church to uphold segregation within their church.² In 1961, he and 52 other ministers published *Statement of Basic Principles* in response to the imminent desegregation of Louisiana Public schools; Evans and other signers suffered threats and phone tapings as a consequence, and Evans's first wife, Ann Hollingsworth Evans, was fired from her post as a math teacher at Baton Rouge High. During his ministry at Fellowship Church, Evans's congregation sponsored a national Church in the World Conference on race relations in the South (1965). In 1965 he was elected first chairman of the Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations, which participated in the desegregation of Baton Rouge facilities such as restaurants. He also participated in organizing American Baptist Churches of the South, the first large integrated southern denominational group; he was its president from 1977-1979.

Evans's writings include sermons, articles, material for workshops and courses, poems, journals and prose works on theology, psychology and genealogy. Many of his writings deal with the fusion of theological and psychological language and thinking. Evans described "the three most

¹Bruce Evans, abstract of dissertation, letter, May 18, 1961.

²For a fuller summary of Evans's involvement in the desegregation movement in Louisiana, see the document, "Summary of Civil Rights Involvements", at the beginning of the subseries "Civil Rights" (1957).

unique, controversial, and relevant arenas” of his work as Now Theology, a re-interpretation of Christian doctrine on the premise of achieving the kingdom of heaven in the present, his merging of religion and psychology and his gender research on male/female differences.³ Published works include *Experiments in Church: Fellowship After 10 Years* (1975), *The Human Odyssey* (1979) and *The Man/Woman Book* (1989). His articles have appeared in local, state and national publications. A descriptive bibliography of his published and unpublished writings can be found in the manuscript volume, “Writings of Bruce Evans” (1995). Bruce Evans also formed a tape ministry consisting of his talks at Fellowship and tapes prepared specifically for guidance in personal problems as an extension of his pastoral work. These were made available through a tape library at Fellowship Church. A summary of the tapes can be found in the manuscript volume “Tape Guidebook” (1986).

Fellowship Church was formed in 1963 under the name Fellowship Baptist Church. It was an ecumenical, integrated church, probably the first in Baton Rouge; it was also the first American Baptist Church in Louisiana. In 1966, the title “baptist” was dropped in an effort to highlight Fellowship’s ecumenical status. Fellowship was instrumental in the organization of American Baptist Churches of the South and maintained connections with, for example, the American Baptist Convention, an early integrated Baptist organization, and the Liberal Synagogue in Baton Rouge, led by Rabbi Marvin Reznikoff. It has been described as a “non-church church”. It focused on achieving the kingdom of God, and the “good life” in the present rather than focusing on heaven in the afterlife. Some of its other distinguishing features were an equal male-female diaconate and personal growth groups as forums for self-development. At the height of its membership, Fellowship had 153 local members.

In the late 1970s-1980s, Fellowship worked to alter its ministries through initiatives to organize Fellowship Cooperative. This led to Fellowship Life Ministry, a ministry focused on activities such as a retreat center in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. In 1985, the outreach of the church was expanded with the formation of the Growth Center. Also in 1985, Fellowship Community was initiated, intended to be a core spiritual family within the church.

In 1982-1983 during the period of Evans’s separation and divorce from his wife, Ann, and remarriage to Anita Louise Compton, conflicts developed within the church and many members left. By 1992, continuing financial difficulties resulted in the church property being put up for sale; services continued in the home of a member in Port Allen. By 1994, the church had been dissolved, but Sunday discussions continued in Evans’s home.

Fellowship published three books of poetry: *Of One and Many* (1966); *Who’s Afraid of Being Adam?* (1966); *Certain Days are Islands* (1971) ; a cook book, *Quickies for Singles* (1980) and 12 manuscripts by Bruce Evans. Fellowship Ministry Press, which published many of these texts, was organized in 1976; Gwen McKee of Quail Ridge Press became its director in 1980.

³J. Bruce Evans, *Writings of Bruce Evans* (Mss., 1995), p. 4.

Scope and Content Note

Subgroup 1. Professional Papers. Correspondence, church records, business papers, sermons, talks, workshop material, poetry, fiction, newsletters, newspapers clippings, slides, photographs and audio tapes related to the career of J. Bruce Evans as minister, counselor, and civil rights activist.

Correspondence reflects Bruce Evans's pastoral work at First Baptist, University Baptist and Fellowship Churches; the wider concerns of these churches including organizational affiliations and outreach; his research interests in psychology and religion and his fictional and non-fictional writings. It also documents his relationships with parishioners and with his contemporaries in the Baptist Church ministry.

Papers documenting Evans's time as pastor of University Baptist Church are comprised of minutes of deacon's meetings, proposals for church development, reports and financial records. The papers of Fellowship church include rosters, financial papers, minutes, records of church organization, calendars of events, pamphlets, newsletters, copies of congregational letters and notices.

Civil rights materials consist of correspondence, newspaper clippings, sermons, articles, pamphlets and course material that reflect both sides of civil rights and integration issues in Louisiana and the United States in general.

Writings and manuscript volumes consist of Bruce Evans's sermons, material written for courses at Fellowship Church and published articles. Other writings, from members of Fellowship and Evans's correspondents, consist of poetry, fiction and sermons. Manuscript volumes include a scrapbook of Fellowship Church, guides to Evans's writings and audio tapes, Fellowship guest books, a biography of members of Fellowship, and an unpublished manuscript by Evans, *Why Fellowship Failed*.

Printed items relating to University Baptist Church include pamphlets, membership lists and service sheets. Items relating to Fellowship Church include newsletters concerned with the church calendar and creative writing and pamphlets describing church organization and courses and services available. Other printed items include materials relating to a Baptist controversy over biblical interpretation in the 1960s and the missionary work of David Hoy. Newspaper clippings represent the work of Fellowship Church and other ministries.

Photographs and slides depict members and events of Fellowship church. Audio tapes reflect a part of Bruce Evans's ministry and include lectures on the topics of religion, psychology and human relationships as well as tapes designed for guidance in dealing with personal problems.

Subgroup 2. Personal Papers. Personal papers are comprised of correspondence, genealogical data, legal documents, histories, photographs and printed material related to the personal lives and business affairs of the Evans family and related families, and those of his second wife, Anita Louise Compton. Papers reflect the personal and religious activities, social events, local and regional history, and the interpersonal relationships of family members. Data files show family lineage and ancestry through pedigree charts, chronologies and biographical sketches. Legal records document the early business transactions, particularly land transfers, and major family events such as marriages and births. Correspondence and printed material reflect familial, social and religious aspects of life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Histories concern Saline, Bienville Parish and Natchitoches Parish, La., districts in South Carolina, and Baptist churches attended by Evans family members.

Caroline Dormon established the Briarwood Nature Preserve in Natchitoches Parish, La., between Saline and Campti, La. At Briarwood Dormon collected and studied native plants. A feature of her work became the propagating and hybridizing of these plants, with special emphasis on the Louisiana iris. Her papers contain publications, correspondence and newspaper clippings that pertain to her activities as a naturalist, conservationist, botanist, writer and illustrator and to Briarwood Nature Preserve.

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Subgroups, Series and Subseries Descriptions

Subgroup 1. Professional papers.

I. Correspondence, 1956-1993 (1.7 linear ft.)

Summary: Correspondence reflects Bruce Evans's work in Baton Rouge churches: as Youth Director and education Minister at First Baptist Church and later as Pastor of University Baptist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church. Also reflected are his research interests in vocational guidance and psychological counseling, and his career as an author of poetry and non-fiction. Major correspondents include fellow Baptist workers David Hoy, David Mason, Hal Potts, Charles Osborn, and Martin England of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention.

Subseries 1. To Bruce Evans, 1956-1993.

Correspondence with members of Evans's past and present congregation includes criticism (May 31 and Aug. 30, 1957) of his conduct and church management by Mrs. H.V. Carroll and correspondence with Fellowship member Wayne Steadman (1982-) on subjects of theology, Evans's sermons and church management; several letters (March 1991) comment on Wayne Steadman (restricted). There is also correspondence (e.g. Jan 30, 1982 and Sept. 13, 1986) with Gwen Mckee who, with her husband, formed Quail Ridge Press, which worked with Bruce Evans on the preparation and publishing of his work.

Correspondence with other Baptist ministers and workers includes letters (1957-1969) that reflect the work of David Hoy, a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil and David E. Mason, a missionary in Jamaica. In a later letter (Nov. 4, 1989) David Mason writes for information on a book he is writing on congregational types. Correspondence with the Baptist minister Hal Potts includes a letter (March 9, 1964) outlining his decision to leave the ministry. There is also correspondence (e.g. April 10, 1973) with Baptist minister and historian Robert G. Torbet.

Evans's work outside his pastorates is reflected in letters that show invitations to discussions (e.g. May 29, 1969) "Missions and Personhood in Christ", his participation in workshops (e.g. April 25, 1974) and connections with the development of "Televangelism" (e.g. June 10, 1959). Another letter (May 22, 1974) confirms a grant, the Disciple Chaplain's Scholarship, awarded to Evans. Other correspondence (1962) reflects a crisis at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, stemming from Ralph Elliott's commentary on Genesis, over a faction of the Southern Baptist Convention which wanted a statement on an official method of scriptural exegesis.

There is correspondence (e.g. Sept. 25, 1967, Jan. 13, 1964, April 19, 1972, July 9, 1975 and

Aug. 2, 1984) from those interested in the Fellowship Church experiment and from those involved in similar church organizations. Another letter (March 5, 1971), from Bob Westerman, suggests similarities between Fellowship Church and Scientology.

Correspondence concerning Evans's research includes congratulations (Jan. 19-20, 1960) on attaining his Ph.D. and contact with others, e.g. with Robert Close (Feb. 7, 1983 and Oct. 10, 1962), involved in similar research projects.

Critiques of Evans's writings by church members and others include a discussion (ca. Oct. 1961) of the poem "I forgive", comments (e.g. March 27, 1968) on a book of poetry, *Who's Afraid of Being Adam?*, on *Milestones* (ca. Nov. 1976 and Sept. 23, 1976) and *The Human Oddysey* (May 28, 1989). A letter (Jan. 2, 1972) comments on a radio interview with Bruce Evans on WJBO. Comments on courses offered by Evans include those on "Working out your own salvation" (Feb. 28, 1973). There are numerous requests for Evans's sermons and poetry e.g. for *Grant, Father* (March 31 and April 3, 1975). Correspondence concerning Evans's publications includes a letter (Jan. 16, 1958) from the serial *Baptist Student*.

There is correspondence from Baptist associations such as the American Baptist Extension Corporation, American Baptist Churches of the South, American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Convention. This includes a letter (June 16, 1966) from the American Baptist Convention concerning its foray into Southern churches for membership. Another letter (June 16, 1966) welcomes Fellowship Church into the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. There is also correspondence (e.g. Oct. 8, 1974) with the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches. A letter (March 21, 1967) confirms Fellowship Church's new membership in the American Baptist Convention. Another letter (June 30, 1970) addresses recruitment in the South. Correspondence from other societies includes a letter (Dec. 30, 1971) from the Fellowship for Racial and Economic Equality. Correspondence also reflects connections with the Liberal Synagogue of Baton Rouge (e.g. Oct. 15, 1973).

Other correspondence includes a letter (April 9, 1971), which notes Evans's role as a member of an escort committee for Ted Kennedy during his attendance at an AFL-CIO convention in Louisiana. Correspondence (Sept. 23, 1974 and ca. Nov. 1974) from a Thai missionary asks Fellowship Church to join in mission work in Thailand. There is also a note (1962) from Charles McClendon, an LSU sports coach. Another letter (ca. March 1971) mentions advice given to family formerly part of Evans's congregation, by the husband's employer, Ross Perot.

Subseries 2. From Bruce Evans, 1956-1992.

Letters from the mid-1950s reflect Bruce Evans's work in First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, e.g. his directorship of the youth group, in church activities and personnel matters. Other correspondence documenting church life includes letters (Jan.-March 1958) concerning a revival and a letter (July 8, 1957) that considers the possibility of televising services. Another letter (March 7, 1960) discusses the new University Baptist Church building. Correspondence documenting Evans's pastorate of Fellowship Church include a letter (Aug. 24, 1963) concerning the purchase of a church building for Fellowship and letters (e.g. May 24, 1965 and Aug. 23, 1965) from similar church organizations.

Evans's career is reflected in a letter (Sept. 17, 1958) in which he requests to be ordained and a letter (May 22, 1968) that gives biographical information. Other letters (March 1962) document Evans's efforts to find a publisher for his poetry and non-fiction. A letter (March 5, 1970) to Association Publishers outlines a manuscript by Evans on "Now Theology". Correspondence with other pastors within the Baptist Church includes a letter (July 31, 1957) to David Hoy on his church visit and letters (Jan. 6 and Feb. 3, 1967) to Robert G. Torbet. Work outside his pastorate is reflected in a letter (April 25, 1968) which outlines the services of Evans's company, Human Resources Development.

Evans's own research is reflected in correspondence concerning church vocation training, e.g. seeking information for vocational aptitude tests (Oct. 1957), conducting research into existing work in psychological testing (March 7, 1960) and work on evaluation of personnel (Nov. 7, 1961). Another letter (May 18, 1961) contains an abstract of his thesis "A Personality Inventory".

Other correspondence includes a letter (Jan. 1962) which refers to his wife's dismissal from a teaching post because of his civil rights activities.

II. Church records, 1958-1996 (1.3 linear ft.)

Subseries 1. University Baptist Church records, 1957-1963.

These records reflect Bruce Evans's time as pastor of the University Baptist Church. There are minutes (1959-1963) of the deacons' meetings and a quarterly report (Sept. 1962) that includes membership lists and reports on committee work. A proposal for new ventures at University Baptist, "Anyone for Growing?" (ca. 1962), is centered on ideas for group and individual growth. Another item (ca. 1962) lists comments and suggestions by church members to the Church Organizational Study Committee concerning a study of church structure. Management of church life is also reflected in remarks (ca. 1960-1963) on the restructuring of the pastor's role. A series of graphs (1963) analyzes Sunday school attendance. Programs include

“Activities and Opportunities” at University Baptist (1962-63). “Your Church - What is it” (1962-63) profiles staff and church programs. Financial papers (1960-1963) include financial reports, giving records for 1961 (Jan.-June) and 1962 (Jan.-June) and the 1961 budget drive. There are also copies (undated) of press releases advertising speakers and special programs and a memorandum (April 23, 1963) placing a motion to dismiss Evans and his assistant.

Subseries 2. Fellowship Church Administrative Records, 1963-1995, undated.

Papers reflect the organization of Fellowship Church from its beginnings as Fellowship Baptist Church through its development into Fellowship Church and its offshoot ministries of the Growth Center and Fellowship Community.

Items from 1964 chart the initial organization of Fellowship as Fellowship Baptist Church. They include documents concerning the Fellowship Baptist Church Investment Association, the organizational structure of the church, articles of the church and division of responsibilities. The development of the church is reflected in a revised document on organizational structure (1979), the “New Shape of Fellowship Church” (1987), which outlines the established theology of Fellowship and teaching programs and Evans’s proposals for a new ministry (Nov. 1984). Several items document the formation of Fellowship Life Ministry, an active ministry based around a retreat center in Bienville Parish, La., including minutes (Oct. 21, 1980) of an initial meeting to organize the ministry, a proposal for a fellowship cooperative (1980) consisting of privately owned lots and buildings cooperatively managed for Fellowship and “Koionia” (1980), a development of these proposals. The retreat center and cooperative are discussed in the reports “Property Development Program” (Nov. 1980) and “Property Development Study” (Jan. 5, 1981). The sale of land in Bienville Parish for the retreat center by John and Constance Evans is documented in a mortgage, marina lease, sales agreement, surface lease and act of restrictions of property (Aug.-Nov. 1981).

Church administration is reflected in a list (Sept. 1969) of recommended diaconate responsibilities, and a reorganization of church positions, with descriptions of positions (1982). Other items detail the formation of Fellowship Community, a core spiritual family at the heart of Fellowship Church, whose tenets were based on sharing skills and work on a bartering system. These documents include: proposals (1985, revised copies, 1986) for the formation of Fellowship Community and its principles; “Fellowship Community Commitment” (Jan. 1986 and June 1986); “Community Commitment” forms (e.g. Jan. 1986) detailing community and bartering services offered to the community; and monthly community reports detailing services rendered and bartered for the community (Jan. - Oct. 1986).

The organization of church membership is reflected in a revised document of “Commitment to Membership” (1969) during a membership drive and “A Proposal to Recruit, Enlist and Enjoy Members at Fellowship Church” (May 16, 1979). There are also response forms for commitments to Fellowship Church for 1987 (Oct.-Nov. 1986) and new-style contracts with

Fellowship Church (e.g. Jan. 1987). There are several Church membership lists (e.g. April 1974, Feb. 1975, Nov. 15, 1977 and Feb. 4, 1987). There is also a list and analysis of membership (Nov. 1979), a list of directing members (July 15, 1982), an analysis of membership and giving (June 1984) and a list of Fellowship Community members (Jan. 7, 1986). Special events for membership include a "S.M.A.S.H." (Supporting Members Appreciation Saturday/Sunday Hallelujah) weekend (May 26, 1979).

Discussions of church organization are reflected in an explanation of perceived "errors" within Fellowship Church (1982) and "Thoughts on the future of Fellowship" by Paul McBroom (October 3, 1983). They contain a commentary on the theological stance of Evans and Fellowship and thoughts of its future as a movement. A letter to the board (July 7, 1982) and correspondence from members of the congregation and the board concerns Evans's proposal to assume administrative duties in addition to his ministerial duties (1982). Another proposal (Dec. 18, 1983) states that Fellowship's position in not 'charging' for Sunday attendance be made clear.

The history of the Growth Center, an experiment in 1985 for a service for evaluation, education and development for the community is documented in an initial proposal (Sept. 9, 1984). Growth Center literature includes a list of consultants (January 1985), consultancy contracts (e.g. Feb. 18, 1985 and Nov. 7, 1984), lists of current events, Bruce Evans's services, services offered by therapist Gloria Bockrath including materials for a workshop entitled "Experience and Celebrate Yourself!" (1985).

Details of ministries, workshops and growth groups include a brochure on "Special Ministries" (1970-71) and pamphlets on ministries (1972), a "Basic Education Program" (1974), explanations of Basic Education Courses (1980) and religious education for adults (1981). There are copies of orientation exams (January 1980) and the theology exam for new church members (March 1980). There is also a brochure for Fellowship service programs (1984). Specialized growth services offered (1986) include personality testing, couple counseling and massage. Items concerning the tape ministry include a detailed list (1972) of tapes available.

Association with the American Baptist Churches is reflected in certificates of recognition for giving (1980). There are also congregational profiles (Sept. 9, 1987 and Sept. 6, 1989) provided by American Baptist Churches. Additionally, there are guest books (1974-1982), including one signed by attendees at the 10th anniversary party of Fellowship and a list of numbered copies of "The Story of Fellowship" with their buyers or recipients. A scrapbook, v. 26 (1963-1976) contains newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, correspondence, membership lists, minutes, checks and financial material relating to Fellowship Church. Materials include a list of members transferring membership from University Baptist Church (July 11, 1963), a proposed covenant (November 1963). A telegram (Feb. 7, 1964) welcoming Fellowship into the American Baptist Convention and a note (Nov. 11, 1964) on money borrowed from the American Baptist Home Missions Society.

Subseries 3. Fellowship Church Financial Records, 1963-1996.

This subseries consists of proposed budgets, annual budgets, financial reports, analysis reports, balance sheets, income summaries, expense statements and other papers associated with the financial history and operations of Fellowship Church. Several initiatives to counteract Fellowship's financial difficulties include establishing fees for members (1970) and an appeal for funds (1986). A letter (April 26, 1979) notes the completion of payment on a loan to the Church. There is also a "Financial Facts" sheet (Sept. 1987).

Subseries 4. Fellowship Church Minutes, 1962-1986.

Minutes document proceedings of the Fellowship Church business meetings (1963-1980) and board meetings (1982-1986). Attachments include budget reports, correspondence and project proposals.

Series III. Civil Rights papers, 1957-2004 (1 linear ft.)

Material is comprised of newspaper clippings, booklets, brochures and correspondence reflecting the social and political events of the civil rights era.

Note: Arranged chronologically.

1957-60: includes newspaper clippings (June 1960) on the segregation proposals put before the Louisiana Legislature, a satirical membership application for the N.A.A.C.P. (1960), sermons on "University Baptist Church and the Congress of Racial Equality" (1960) and "Christianity and Segregation" (Oct. 2, 1960).

March-July 1961: includes a sermon (March 19, 1961), "The Christian Attitude in the Segregation Issue", described by Evans as an attempt "to face racial issues in a more personal manner", and correspondence (March-April 1961) in response to this sermon from both supporters of civil rights and segregationists, which includes a satiric letter (March 30, 1961) from Hal Potts. Newspaper clippings (May 1969) document the signing of the "Statement of Basic Principles" by local clergymen in defense of civil rights and the local problem of school desegregation and correspondence in the *Morning Advocate* arising from this. Another clipping (1961) notes the resignation of Irvin Cheney, one of the ministers who signed the declaration.

Sept.-Dec. 1961: contains newspaper clippings of articles on Ann Evans's dismissal from a teaching post due to Bruce Evans's stand on civil rights, and correspondence, the majority of which is in support of Ann. There is also a copy of a sermon written by Evans entitled "Am I an Integrationist?" (Sept. 10, 1961). Correspondence relates to requests for this sermon and to Ann

Evans's dismissal from her teaching position.

1962-Feb. 1963: contains correspondence (Jan. 1962) on the issue of a vote by the board of University Baptist Church to keep its doors closed to African Americans. There is also a photocopy of a sermon printed in the *Pulpit Digest* (Feb. 1962) entitled "A Voice from the South", a version of "Am I an Integrationist?" and correspondence in response to this sermon.

March-Dec. 1963: includes correspondence (April - June) on Evans's resignation from University Baptist Church in response to pressure from those opposed to his ministry. One letter (May 2, 1963) is from Irvin Cheney. Another letter (Nov. 4, 1963) discusses the rejection by Judson Baptist Association of Fellowship Church's membership application. There is also a sermon (1963), "Meeting the Negro".

1964-Jan. 1965: includes correspondence and papers concerning a conference sponsored by Fellowship Church, *Church in the World*, on Southern race relations.

Feb. - Dec. 1965: contains further correspondence and reports (Feb. - March) on the conference, material (March - April) on a meeting on Church and race organized by two other Baptist leaders involved in the civil rights issue, Carlyle Marney of Myers Park Baptist Church, North Carolina, and Martin England of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention. Other letters note Fellowship's second attempt to join Judson Baptist Association (July) and the work of the Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations, of which Evans was chair (April - Oct.).

1966-1969: includes further material (Jan. - March 1966 and May 1967) on the local and state chapters of the Council on Human Relations and correspondence and newspaper clippings (June - August 1966) on the Head Start Program, an ecumenical, integrated program for disadvantaged children. There is also a sermon (May 26, 1968), "The New Jerusalem", and a note (Sept. 12, 1968) signed by Coretta S. King in thanks for sympathy expressed at the death of Martin Luther King, Jr..

1970-1996: includes correspondence on the organization of the group American Baptist Churches of the South, an integrated Baptist association (Feb. - April 1970), correspondence and newspaper clippings on the second annual conference of the organization, hosted by Fellowship Church (Nov. 1971, Feb. - March, 1972) and a letter (March 18, 1977) concerning Evans's election as president of its Southern Region. There is also a notice (August 1970) in response to school desegregation issued by Fellowship Church, correspondence and notices (Feb. 1976) of a presentation of Evans's writings sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and letters (1986-1996) concerning the work of Carlyle Marney and Martin England.

Undated: contains material on a "Christianity and Life Series". This includes newspaper clippings on segregation and integration issues and notes and pamphlets published by pro- and

anti-segregationists, some of which are duplicated in the previous civil rights materials. Pamphlets published by civil rights groups include "Ten Commandments on Race Relations" published by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963); pamphlets published by segregationist groups include the "Southern Digest" (June 1956). There are also notes by Evans on addresses (undated) and addresses by others e.g. "The Voices Dying in the Wilderness" (October 1960) by Hamlet May, a fictional story of racial attitudes, and "Christian Responses to the Crisis in Human Relations", a Sunday school talk by N. Lyle Evans (ca. 1960). There is also a photocopy (undated) of an extract from a nineteenth-century volume, "Pulpit Politics" by David Christy.

IV. Writings, 1952-2002, undated (2 linear ft.)

Note: Sermons, articles, lectures and drafts maintained in original volume order. See appendix IV for corresponding titles.

This series is comprised almost entirely of articles, sermons, lectures and publications written by Evans (1952-1970, 1993-1994). Sermons and articles discuss religious and social issues as well as spiritual and personal growth. Articles are compiled in volumes entitled "Series of Articles on Christian Growth and Series of Articles on Christian Doctrine, ..." (undated). Writings also contain compilations of sermon teasers that appeared in the Fellowship Church weekly bulletins. Some are bound and entitled "Courage to Be, 1977-1983" (2002), "Approaching the Face, Religious Temptation - v.79", v. 1 (1991), "Courting God, 1990-1993-v. 160", v. 2 (1995), "Peace Paradox, 1984-1985 - v. 163", v.3 (1996). Drafts include "Experiments in Church, the Story of Fellowship" (ca. 1975) and "Church in the World", which is comprised of conference papers, sermons, and panel discussions (1965). Material for seminars includes "The Understanding of God" (March 1968), "Decision for Christ" (Oct. 20, 1968) and "Time and Eternal Life" (1970).

The theology of Bruce Evans and Fellowship Church is reflected in study series and workshops, which include "Orientation to Fellowship Church" (1970). Other topics include "Religious Language", "Sin", "Clarifications on Salvation Events", "The Bible" and "How to be saved" (Oct.-Dec. 1970). Two pamphlets, "Dealing with Guilt" and "Led by Spirit" (1976), outline discussions to courses offered at Fellowship. Material also contains a photocopy of Evans's published article "The Quest for Vitality in Fellowship" (Dec. 1970). A descriptive bibliography of published material, "Writings of Bruce Evans" (1995) gives an overview of his work and unpublished manuscripts. "Why Fellowship Failed - in case it did", v. 4 (1994) is a history and analysis of Fellowship Church and the development of Evans's religious beliefs. There are also a record of Evans's writings (1964) and a "Summary Information, Writings of Bruce Evans, 1950-90" (undated) and a guide to the transcripts of taped sermons (undated).

Miscellaneous writings include a birthday poem to Evans (1961) and remarks (undated) on

Evans's study course, "Working out your own salvation". Other poetry includes "a call to Christian life style" [sic] by William C. Kerley and several poems (1980-81) by Duane P. Truex. Prose includes "The turtle that learned to fly" (ca. 1979-80), written in response to the Fellowship S.M.A.S.H. weekend, and two sermons (July and Nov. 1988) by Joel Stegall.

Writings of Bruce Evans (1995), which is an overview of Evans's areas of work and a descriptive bibliography of published and unpublished manuscripts and *Why Fellowship Failed - in case it did* (1994), a history and analysis of Fellowship Church and Evans's developing theology. Evans's writings are accompanied by a record of Evans's writings (1964) and a *Summary Information, Writings of Bruce Evans, 1950-90* (undated). There is also a guide accompanying transcripts of taped sermons (undated).

V. Printed Items, 1954-2006 (1 linear ft., 10 v.).

Subseries 1. University Baptist Church, 1954-1963.

Items consist of church bulletins (1959), a booklet on University Baptist Church (1954), membership lists (1961-62, 1963) and a program for the dedication of the new University Baptist Church at LSU (May 1, 1960).

Subseries 2. Fellowship Church, 1963-1992.

The greater part of this subseries consists of church bulletins (1961-1975, 1980-1993) and the newsletter "Verbatim" (1963-1968, 1981-1982). Pamphlets outlining the theology and structure of the church include "An Introduction" (1963), "On Membership" (1963), "Experiment in Church" (1964), "The pastoral ministry" (1968), "The organizational structure" (1972) and "Concerning contributions" (1975). Several pamphlets giving an overview of the church, including "Fellowship Church is..." (1968) and "Fellowship Church Ministries" (1976). Details of available tapes are found in the catalog "Fellowship Church Tape Ministry" (1976).

Subseries 3. First Baptist Church, 1956-1959.

The weekly church bulletin "The Baptist Builder" (1956-1959), a youth activities report (1957) and two issues of the newsletter "First Baptist Youth Paper" (undated) comprise this material.

Subseries 4. Miscellaneous printed items, 1956-2006, undated

This subseries of printed items contain editorials and comments on Ralph H. Elliott (1962), an itinerary for David Hoy (1959) and a declaration by Evans and fellow ministers stating their opposition to segregation (photocopy, undated). A membership card (1972-3) for the Louisiana

Association for Mental Health and an issue of "Louisiana Operative Baptist Fellowship News & Views" (Jan.-Feb. 2006) are also included.

Subseries 5. Newspaper clippings, 1957-1991, undated

These include the published article, "The Autopsy of a Dead Church" (Aug. 8, 1957), newspaper clippings and publicity materials concerning the ministry of David Hoy (Sept. 1959). Newspaper clippings also document Evan's ministerial career, activities of the Growth Center (Feb. 1985) and the involvement of Fellowship Church in the Head Start program (July 8, 1966).

VI. Photographic and Audio Materials, 1960-1989, undated (10.8 linear ft.)

Subseries 1. Slides, 1963-1975, undated.

Slides depict Fellowship church events and people. A guide is included within the series.

Subseries 2. Photographs, 1960-1989, undated.

Photographs depict members of Fellowship church and events such as S.M.A.S.H. (1979-1980), St. Patrick's Day (1979) and a Fellowship Mardi Gras ball (1981). There is a series of photographs of the site of Fellowship Community (1987). There are also photographs of members and former members of Fellowship removed from correspondence, including several of the Bock family.

Subseries 3. Audio Tapes, 1962-1989, 1994.

N.B. Use of audio tapes requires 72 hours notice to allow creation of use copy.

Reel-to-reel tapes are arranged in chronological order by the first date on the tape. Cassette tapes are arranged in numerical order.

Reel-to-reel tapes (1962-1989) consist of sermons, conferences, services, and study courses given at Fellowship Church. A guide to early tapes (1962-1966) is given in Appendix I. Many of the subjects of the reel-to-reel tapes are listed in the "Tape Guide Book". The cassette tapes were made available for borrowing through Fellowship Church's tape library. They include topics on religion, psychology and relationships and direction in solving personal problems. Additionally, there is a tape of the 150th anniversary service (Sept. 4, 1994). Many are copies of the reel-to-reel tapes. See the "Tape Guidebook" for titles and summaries.

Series Descriptions (cont.)

Subgroup 2. Personal Papers, 1614-2005.

Series I. J. Bruce Evans files, AOO1, 1930-2005, undated (1.3 linear ft.).

Summary: Personal papers convey Evans's experiences, his detailed observations and activities throughout his life, beginning with his birth in 1930. They relate to his education, military service and his career as a Baptist minister and they reflect his personal and professional relationships with family members, friends and colleagues.

Note: Arranged chronologically within subseries.

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1930-1985, undated.

Earliest letters (ca. 1930-1951) reflect the lifestyles and experiences of adolescents within the confines of a religious community. Correspondents share news about their daily lives, mutual friends, student life, classes and religious activities. Beginning in 1946, correspondents offer more in depth discussions concerning their religious convictions, particularly the letters of Merle (Jan. 15, Sept. 3, 11, 20, 1947) and Polly (Sept. 2, Oct. 10, 1948). In his letters from school (1950-1951), Evans describes his participation in church functions and his college experiences at LSU. He describes the LSU campus and his dormitory, commenting on the African American man who cleans his room (Feb. 2, 1950).

Early letters from Ann Gray Hollingsworth (1950-1953) relate their personal relationship, her daily activities, experiences at LSU, participation in church related activities and the children in her bible school class (June 1951). She mentions the death of two men killed overseas (ca. July 14, 1950), a movie in "Tiger Town" near LSU (July 25, 1950) and a murder in the French Quarter (June 16, 1951). Ann's letters to Evans early in their marriage (1952-1953) relate to church activities, family matters, social events, and her work as a teacher. She comments on poor road conditions due to dry weather (Oct. 26, 1952) and expresses concern over Evans's possible deployment to Korea (Sept. 18, Oct. 14, 1952). Additionally, both Evans and Ann discuss their upcoming wedding (Nov., Dec. 1951). Friends comment on cases of malaria (Sept. 15, 1944, Sept. 29, 1945), the shooting of an African American (June 5, 1944) and describe Frankfort, Ky. (Nov. 2, 1945). Evans's mother informs him that his grandfather contracted malaria (June 22, 1953). A U. S. soldier, stationed at Yokota Air Base in Japan, reports on the accidents involving military planes, and he describes the suicide of a staff sergeant. He also talks about the arrival of new recruits and personal shopping in the Tokyo markets (Dec. 3, 1951).

Two letters from Evans's father pertain to drilling for oil and gas on family land in Ashland, La. (July 5, 7, 1951). Evans writes about military life at Fort Riley, Kan. (Oct. 4, 25, 26, Nov. 28, 1952) and his arrival at Fort Lee, Va. (June 15, 1953). He comments on the tourist sights in Boston, Mass. (Feb. 21, 1953). Dick Rowton describes the environs of Springfield, Mass. (June 17, 1953).

Correspondence written after his military discharge pertains primarily to his religious activities, education, and family. As a seminary student, and later as a pastor, Evans writes to his parents about his studies, religious reflection and beliefs, church business, oil leases and financial matters. In a letter to Jane Boyd Roper of the Manhattan Baptist Church, New York, N.Y., Don B. Harbuck, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, praises Evans's ministry and contribution to the religious study. He commends Evans's intuitiveness and understanding of Christianity and describes him as a brilliant preacher (Nov. 6, 1967). Correspondence also reflects the social and political environment during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and the stance Evans took against segregation.

Picture postcards offer illustrations and descriptions of several locations. Among them are San Antonio, Tex. (June 3, 1943), Hot Springs, Ark. (June 22, 1943), Memphis, Tenn. (Oct. 9, 1943) and Mexico (March 12, 1943). Other points of interest include Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C. (Feb. 22, 1945), Union Terminal, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sept. 12, 1950), Gulf Port, Miss. (April 29, 1951) and several places in Colorado (1950).

Subseries 2. Personal papers, 1930-1984, undated.

A census of Saline (1930), baby books (1930), biographical sketches (1961, undated); poetry (1945, undated) and church calendars (1956-1961) comprise a portion of these papers. Other material includes a stock certificate (June 25, 1954), birth announcements, ticket stubs (1984, undated) and papers related to Evans's education and military service. Journal entries describe a car trip west through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California (Aug. 16-30, 1948). Official documents contain the dissolution of a partnership between Bruce Evans and Reginald Thomas Brown, Jr. (March 31, 1969) and a certificate signed by Governor Edwin Edwards appointing Evans as aide de camp (Nov. 2, 1979).

Subseries 3. Printed items and graphic material, 1930-2005, undated.

Printed items consist of *The Ladies Birthday Almanac* (1930), *Little Nature Stories* (1940) and writings of Bruce Evans (1961-2005, undated). Evans's prose and poetry relate to a variety of topics pertaining to Christianity and personal growth. Other items include commencement invitations, programs, newspaper clippings (1949-1991), flyers, and brochures related to church events and activities. There are also illustrations of World War II airplanes, caricatures of Evans (1996), cartoons (undated), and drawings of a woman and a castle (undated).

Series II. Data files, 1614-2008, undated (8 linear ft.).

Summary: Data files trace the history and genealogy of the Evans and related families, and include legal records, correspondence and printed items. Legal records document the early business transactions, particularly land transfers, and family events such as marriages and births. Correspondence and printed material reflect familial, social and religious aspects of life in the 19th and 20th centuries. The majority of early papers and records are photocopies of originals not held in the J. Bruce Evans Papers.

Note: Arranged by Evans's original code numbers, then chronologically. Files without assigned code numbers are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically.

Subseries 1. Evans genealogy files, B001- 1784-2005, undated.

This subseries pertains to the genealogy of the Evans family and related Coker, Cloud, Brewton, Fickling, Folsom, Gray and Wheeler families. Files document kinship, business transactions, land ownership, and personal and religious activities. They consist of chronological family histories, pedigree charts, censuses, biographical sketches, correspondence, legal documents and printed items. Correspondence, particularly with relatives in South Carolina, discusses farming, politics, health, family matters, business enterprises and living conditions. Legal documents contain estate and succession papers, land conveyances, and birth and marriage certificates. Newspaper clippings, obituaries and genealogies comprise the majority of printed items. Personal papers of John Owen Evans and Constance Waye Coker, parents of J. Bruce Evans, and Martin Bunyan Evans and Delilah Cloud, his grandparents, comprise a large part of this subseries.

Papers of John Owen Evans and Constance Waye Coker (B001/B002) consist of correspondence, legal documents, business records and newspaper clippings. Personal letters, love letters (1926), postcards and greeting cards reflect family matters, business affairs and adolescent life (1923-1925). Correspondence also comments on the prohibition of married schoolteachers (May 21, 1936), construction of the Camino Real through Texas and Louisiana (Nov. 4, 1937) and the use of race in determining employment (Dec. 19, 1938). Court judgments (March 1930) and business papers relate to Evans Cash Store in Saline, family oil leases and financial transactions.

Certificates signed by various Louisiana governors officially authorize Owen to serve as mayor of Saline after his elections (1944-1968). Clippings contain obituaries and news stories of local interests, including the activities of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, an African American Civil Rights organization of Jonesboro, La. (Feb. 21, 1965) and Owen's bomb shelter (1972).

Business records contain account books, v.16 (1892-1905), v. 17 (1906-1913), ledgers recording personal finances, oil leases and merchandise sales for Evan's Cash Store, v. 18 (1942-1963), v. 19 (1964-1982), a farmer's record book, v. 20 (1899) and cotton record books, v. 21 (1926-1933), v. 22 (1935-1939). Miscellaneous items include a Louisiana Normal College scrapbook (photocopy, 1923-1924) and an issue of *Kurant Sass*, a student newspaper (1925). Other material includes an autograph book, v. 23 (undated), an invitation to President Lyndon Johnson's inauguration (1965) and *Evans Family Genealogy of Joe Bruce, Barbara Annette, Janis Marie, Janet Constance* (1988), compiled by Bruce Evans.

Papers of Martin Bunyan Evans and Delilah Cloud (COO1/COO2) contain personal correspondence, legal documents, printed material and poetry (undated). Correspondence discusses social activities, health, news of family and friends, financial affairs. Of note is a letter that comments on the murder of African Americans (Nov. 11, 1889). Legal documents pertain to land conveyances, land disputes (1901) and mineral leases. Printed material includes *Martin Bunyan Evans and Delilah Cloud Evans* (2003), genealogical charts and chronologies of the ancestors and descendents of Martin and Delilah, along with notes and index to William Evans descendents compiled by Bruce Evans.

Material also contains a page from a church ledger noting infractions committed by church members (photocopy, E001: Oct. 1832), a notation on the medical care of a female slave (D002: May 17, 1859), a contract to compensate for ministerial work (D001/D002: Oct. 1859) and receipts for personal and household goods (D002: 1859-1860). Civil War papers contain an enlistment into the Confederate Army (photocopy, D003: May 8, 1862) and letters describing battle engagements in Mississippi and Virginia (photocopies, D002: May 12, 1862; June 14, 1862). Other letters refer to Confederate losses (D002: Sept. 8, 1864), yellow fever epidemic in South Carolina (D002: Oct. 4, 1864) and Joseph Fickling's letter referring to changing camps and family matters (D002; Dec. 25, 1864). Additional Civil War documents include an army pass for John F. Gray (photocopy, D007: Oct. 1864) and John Calhoun Evans's hospital discharge (D002: Mar 7, 1865).

Files contain World War II letters (photocopies, B004: March 29, April 5, 1943) and a war ration book (B004: ca. 1941-1945). Letters also mention several accidental deaths of African Americans and their unwillingness to work (B004: June 28, 1978) and Lyndon B. Johnson's interest in churches and schools organized by Rev. Baines (photocopy, A031: May 8, 1969).

Additionally, papers include a remedy for treating cancer (C217: undated), narratives, biographical sketches (F001/F002: undated) and accounts related to the estate of Daniel Wheeler (photocopies, F005: undated). A letter to the editor of the *San Antonio Daily Express* (photocopy, E003: Nov. 24, 1901) contains the full text of a letter written by D. W. Cloud, a participant in the Battle of the Alamo (Dec. 26, 1835).

The history of land ownership for the Cloud and Evans families is found in correspondence and land records that document the sale and transfer of property in Louisiana (photocopies F001/F002:; Dec. 3, 1791; J001/G001: 1883-1962, 2006, undated). Additionally, *Ancestors of Delitia Delilah Folsom* (E004: 1999) and *Descendants of Delitia Delilah Folsom* (E004: 1999) are found in this subseries. *Evans Database ...* (1997) is a compilation of chronologies, family histories, biographical sketches, and transcriptions of letters and personal papers of the Evans and related families.

Subseries 2. Anita Louise Compton genealogy files, 1614-2005, undated.

Files relate to the ancestry of Anita Louise Compton, second wife of J. Bruce Evans. They consist of genealogical charts, chronologies, family trees, biographical sketches, printed material, correspondence, and legal and business papers. Early business papers (photocopies), ledger notations (photocopies) and legal documents (photocopies) reflect family events, business transactions and property conveyances. Material includes a agriculture production schedule for Natchitoches (photocopy, F001/F011: 1850).

Some items in French are accompanied by transcriptions. Printed material consists of newspaper clippings, the booklet, *Evidence of the Past: Primary Sources for Louisiana History 1: Cane River Colony* (1984) and Bruce Evans's work, *Compton Family Genealogy of Anita Louise, Martha Ann, Everett Earl, Patricia Jean, Ronald Edward, Mary Alice* (1987).

Subseries 3. Miscellaneous genealogy files, 1845-2004, undated.

Email concerning the genealogy of the Evans, Cloud, Gray and Coker families comprises the majority of this subseries. Correspondents share research findings and searching tips. Other items include newspaper clippings, publications, newsletters, cemetery records, marriage records and succession and estate documents. Papers contain a marriage certificate (Cooper/Hodges: Dec. 13, 1845), a remedy for cholera (Cooper/Hodges: July 20, 1850) and two letters concerning upcoming marriages (Cooper/Hodges: Aug. 26, 1875; Nov. 20, 1878).

Newsletters include *The Cloud Family Journal* 1996-2004), *Eastman's Newsletter* (1997), *Quill* (1995-1998), *Orangeburg Historical Society Newsletter* (Oct. 1995; March 1996) and an issue of *The Carolina Herald and Newsletter* (Dec. 1997). Publications also contain *Evans History, Family Records, Personal Sketches* (Marvin D. Evans, 1952).

Series III. Historical files, 1905-2004, undated (.5 linear ft.)

Summary: Papers pertain to the history of Saline, La., Bienville Parish, Natchitoches Parish and South Carolina's districts and counties. They also provide historical information on Baptist churches in Saline and South Carolina.

Note: Arranged alphabetically.

Land conveyances (photocopies, 1903-1921, 1972), pages from *Index to Conveyances-Grantors-Bienville Parish* (photocopies, undated) and the incorporation proclamation (photocopy, 1905) document the establishment and growth of Saline. Personal narratives (1935, undated) and newspaper clippings detail the town's history and feature residents, local events and social activities. A letter from the Secretary of State, Wade O. Martin, Jr. (June 11, 1968) accompanies a proclamation issued by Governor John McKeithen. Letter and proclamation concern the governor's dispensation of Saline's general election (June 11, 1968).

Newspapers clippings detail the history of Bienville Parish, Natchitoches Parish and towns within these parishes. Additional material includes maps, cemetery records, histories written by residents and the *History of Natchitoches Louisiana* written by Milton Dunn (photocopy, 1920).

Church histories that pertain to churches near Saline provide information on Briarwood Baptist Church, Magnolia Baptist Church and Old Saline Baptist Church. Briarwood Baptist Church history is comprised of scattered notes taken from minutes and record books (photocopies, 1915-1923, undated) and Magnolia Baptist Church has several church histories, bulletins and a handbill advertising a revival (1959). Information on Old Saline Baptist Church includes a brochure containing a history (1994); transcriptions of excerpts taken from minute books (undated) reflect its organization and early activities. Papers pertaining to the South Carolina churches, Dean Swamp Baptist Church, Salem Baptist Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Willow Swamp Baptist Church, consist of notes, church histories, chronologies.

Series IV. Caroline Dormon papers, 1926-1994, undated (.3 linear ft.).

Summary: This series relates to Briarwood Nature Preserve and to Caroline Dormon's activities as a naturalist, conservationist, botanist, writer and illustrator.

Note: Arranged chronologically.

Papers include newspaper clippings, correspondence, printed items, legal documents and some business papers relating to the Nature Preserve. Clippings consist of articles, several written by Dormon, about various species of birds and plants. Other clippings feature Dormon and her

work. In particular is her concern over the demise and abandonment of small farms (April 19, 1970).

Correspondence contains a series of letters from Sam Rix of New Zealand discussing new iris varieties and plant diseases (1957-1959). Richard Briley writes about his research for *Nightriders*, a publication on the Ku Klux Klan in Montgomery, La. (undated). Unsigned letter to Governor Richard Leche promotes a Natchez Parkway through Louisiana along ancient Indian trails (Nov. 4, 1937). Other correspondence relates the preserve and to John Owens Evans's participation in the Caroline Dormon Foundation and the Briarwood Horticulture Society.

Papers relating to the preserve and foundation include plat of Briarwood Nature Preserve (undated), board meeting minutes (Sept. 27, 1980; April 25, 1981; Sept. 23, 1982), budgets (1979-1983) and scattered issues of the *Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve Newsletter* (1975-1989). Legal documents contain articles of incorporation for the Foundation for the Preservation of the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve (photocopy, Sept. 21, 1971), Dormon's last will and testament (photocopy, Sept. 27, 1971) and her succession papers (1971).

Printed items include her publications, *Forest Trees of Louisiana and How to Know Them*, (1930), *Wild Flowers of Louisiana*, (autograph copy, 1942), *Natives Preferred*, v. 24 (autograph copy, 1965), *Bird Talk*, v. 25 (copy inscribed to Owen and Constance Evans, 1969). A dust jacket from *Wild Flowers of Louisiana* (1952), a guide to a Caroline Dormon exhibition (1958) and a brochure listing Dormon's first editions publications are also among printed items. *Louisiana Tree Primer* (1933), a book about Louisiana trees, contains poems written by Dormon (p. 52, 70). Also included is a sketch by Dormon depicting the iris, *I. viridivinea* (scanned copy, undated).

V. Photographs, 1849-2002, undated (1.3 linear ft.).

Summary: This series is comprised of photographic material that includes tintypes, portraits, card photographs, test strips and photograph albums.

Note: Arranged by original code numbers, then chronologically. Files without assigned code numbers are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically.

Photographs depict Saline, La. in the early half of the 20th century as well as identified and unidentified individuals in late 19th and 20th century. Subjects include family members, ancestors, Bruce Evans as an adult (Evans genealogy files: A001), his father, Owen, (Evans genealogy files: B001) and an autographed portrait of George "Goober" Lindsey (B001/B002: undated). Photographs show the interior of Owen's general store in Saline, La., (Evans genealogy files: B001, ca. 1936) and his fallout shelter (Evans genealogy files: B001, 1962). They also depict the area near Dean Swamp Baptist Church, S. C. (Misc. Genealogy files:

undated), J. L. Evans's log cabin constructed in 1872 (Evans genealogy files: D001, 1982, 1992) and the schoolhouse where Constance Coker taught (Evans genealogy files: B001/B002, 1985). Test strips are of individuals cropped from group photographs originally taken in the late 19th and early 20th centuries (Evans genealogy files: C001/C002, undated). In addition, there are several snapshots of Louisiana cemeteries and headstones of family members, copy prints of Willow Plantation near Grand Ecore, La., and portraits of Deblieux family members (Anita Louise Compton misc. files: 1998, undated) and photographs of the Africa House at Melrose Plantation near Natchitoches, La, (Anita Louise Compton files: G007/G008, undated).

The Cloud family album contains photographs of family members accompanied by genealogical information, and sketches drawn by Delilah Cloud (Misc. genealogy, undated). Of particular interest is a photograph of an elderly "Uncle Dink", a former slave once owned by Noah Cloud, Sr. The Saline album (Histories: 1904-1935) shows groups of townspeople and students, Saline High School and local businesses, including Evans Cash Store. Images on negatives and slides are of Saline and unidentified locations. William T. Coker album (Evans genealogy files: B009, 1923-1932) includes several photographs of identified and unidentified individuals, including Bruce Evans as a young child. This series also has photographs of Caroline Dormon and the Briarwood Nature Preserve (Caroline Dormon papers: 1948-1968, undated).

Tintypes consist of portraits of Martin Bunyan (C001, undated), John Calhoun Evans and his wife, Florence Fickling Evans (D001/D002, undated), Cloud family members (D003, undated) members of the Gray family (D007, undated) along with unidentified individuals.

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Louisiana--History--Social life and customs--20th century.
Love letters.
Malaria--Louisiana.
Mason, David E.
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Military spouses--Louisiana.
Military training camps--United States.
Natchitoches Parish (La.)--History.
Oil and gas leases--Louisiana.
Oil well drilling.
Palmer, J. Norris (John Norris), b. 1898.
Plants, Ornamental--Louisiana.
Poetry.
Postcards--United States.
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Steadman, Wayne, d. 1991.
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Torbet, Robert G. (Robert George), b. 1912.
United States--Army--Military life.
United States--Description and travel.
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Appendix I

Reel-to-reel tape index 1962-1966

- 1/21/62: *Too Bad About Church*, J. Bruce Evans (University Baptist Church)
4/7/63: *Assurance Of Salvation*, J. Bruce Evans (University Baptist Church)
10/18/64: *A Never Ending Winter*, Dr. Carlyle Marney (Fellowship Church)
1/25-27/65: *Church In The World Conference*, National Speakers, including: Clay Lee, Jerry Chance, Carlyle Marney, Robert Otto, etc.
1/24/66: *They That Mourn*, J. Bruce Evans
1/3/65: *Grown Children & Their Parents*, J. Bruce Evans
2/7/65: *Christianity & The Far Left*, J. Bruce Evans [missing from sequence]
3/14/65: *Letting God Be God*, J. Bruce Evans
4/4/65: *What Makes A Pretty Girl Pretty*, J. Bruce Evans
5/30/65: *Beans in Ears*, J. Bruce Evans
6/6/65: *Southern Baptists & Us*, J. Bruce Evans
1965: *Poetry Readings*, Tempe Crosby et. Al.
10/3/65: *Doctrine Of Man*, J. Bruce Evans
10/31/65: *Religionless Religion*, J. Bruce Evans
12/12/65: *Planning Ahead*, J. Bruce Evans
1/8/66: *Life Passing By*, J. Bruce Evans
3/66: *Sacred & Secular*, To Buzbee
6/66: *Summer Experiences*, J. Bruce Evans

Appendix II

Cassette tapes

Tapes missing from sequence: 27-42, 44, 101, 123, 127, 145, 212, 220, 345, 357, 375.

Also in sequence: *Rosemary Nelson's Eulogy To Rick*.

Appendix III

Slides

Numbers missing from sequence: 2, 9, 70, 76, 102-110, 147, 162 and 166.

Appendix IV

Phonographs

Letter to Buddy Bruce, 1948.

Letter from home folks, 1948.

Letter to Joe Bruce, 1948.

Appendix V

Writings arranged by title

Approaching the Face, Religious Temptation (1991) - v. 79
Baptist Student (undated)
Christianity & Life (1961-) - v. 9
Courage to Be (1977-1983, 2002) - v. 151
Courage to Be (1977-1983, 2002) - v. 233
Courting God, Theological Temptations (1995) - v. 160
Drafts (1993-1994) - v. 86a
Experiments in Church (ca. 1975) - v. 28
Guidebook (1970-1986)
How to... (1962) - v. 8
Love & Being (1961) - v. 4
Magic, Miracles & Christianity - v. 2
Meaning of Sin (1964) - v. 6
Miscellaneous (1958, 1990, undated)
Now Theology
Now Theology "Orientation to Fellowship Church" (1963) - v. 12
Peace Paradox, Newsletters (1996) - v. 163
A Personality Inventory (1958)
Practical Living (1961) - v. 5
Religionless Religion (1961-1965) - v. 13
Salvation (1961) - v. 3
Series of Articles on Christian Doctrines (1962) - v. 7
Series of Articles on Christian Faith (1962) - v. 7a
Series of Articles on Christian Growth (1962) - v. 7a
Sermons (1966)
Summary Information Writings of Bruce Evans (undated)
Teasers (1988-1989) - v. 121b
Teasers (undated) - v. 157
Theology for Now (1972) - v. 23
This I Believe- v. 10
Too Bad About the Church- v. 26
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38b
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38c
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38d
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38e
Transcripts (undated) - v. 35
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38f

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Transcripts (undated) - v. 34
Transcripts (undated) - v. 36
Transcripts (undated) - v. 37
Transcripts (1960s) - v. 38
Transcripts (undated) - v. 38a
Untitled (1961) - v. 1a
Untitled (1964)
Why Fellowship Failed (1994)
Writings (1952-1959) - v. 121b
Writings (1960-1970) - v. 86

Writings arranged by original volume number

v. 1a Untitled (1961)
v. 2 Magic, Miracles & Christianity
v. 3 Salvation (1961)
v. 3 Salvation continued (1961)
v. 4 Love & Being (1961)
v. 5 Practical Living (1961)
v. 6 The Meaning of Sin (1964)
v. 7 Series of Articles on Christian Doctrines (1962)
v. 7a Series of Articles on Christian Growth (1962)
v. 8 How to... (1962)
v. 9 Christianity & Life (1961-)
v. 10 This I Believe
v. 12 Now Theology "Orientation to Fellowship Church" (1963)
v. 13 Religionless Religion (1961-1965)
v. 23 Theology for Now (1972)
v. 26 Too Bad About the Church
v. 28 Experiments in Church (ca. 1975)
v. 34 Transcripts (undated)
v. 35 Transcripts (undated)
v. 36 Transcripts (undated)
v. 37 Transcripts (undated)
v. 38 Transcripts (1960s)
v. 38a Transcripts (undated)
v. 38b Transcripts (undated)
v. 38c Transcripts (undated)

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- v. 38d Transcripts (undated)
- v. 38e Transcripts (undated)
- v. 38f Transcripts (undated)
- v. 79 Approaching the Face of God, Religious Temptations (1991)
- v. 86 Writings (1960-1970)
- v. 86a Drafts (1993-1994)
- v. 121b Writings (1952-1959)
- v. 157 Teasers (1988-1989)
- v. 151 Teasers (undated)
- v. 160 Courting God, Theological Temptations (1995)
- v. 163 Peace Paradox (1996)
- v. 233 Courage to Be (1977-1983, 2002)

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92:84	3a	1-3	Subseries 1. University Baptist Church papers, 1957-1963.
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92:84	3a	4-23	Subseries 2. Fellowship Church administrative records, 1963-1996.
J:34		v. 26	Scrapbook, 1963-1976.
92:84	3a	24-43	Subseries 3. Fellowship Church financial records, 1963-1996.
	3a	44	Subseries 4. First Baptist Church Papers, 1957-1959.
92:85	3b	1-62	Subseries 4. Fellowship Church Minutes, 1962-1986.
			Series III. Civil Rights papers, 1961-2004, undated.
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		2	<i>Summary Information: Writings of Bruce Evans</i> , undated.
		3-19b	v. 1a - v. 28 sermons and articles.
92:87	4b	1-12	v. 34 - v. 233 tape transcripts, sermon teasers, drafts.
		21-23	Miscellaneous writings.
J:34		v. 1	“Approaching the Face, Religious Temptation - v.79”, 1991.
		v. 2	“Courting God, 1990-1993”-v. 160”, 1995.
		v. 3	“Peace Paradox, 1984-1985” - v. 163”, 1996.
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92:88	5	34	Subseries 3. First Baptist Church, 1956-1959.
J:34		v. 13	Baptist Builder, v. 238, 1956.
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92:88	5	35	Subseries 4. Miscellaneous printed items, 1956-2006, undated.
		36	Subseries 5. Newspaper clippings, 1957-1991, undated.
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92:89	6		Slides (1963-1975, n.d.).
	6	1-5	Photographs (1960-1989, n.d.).
	7	1-8	Photographs (1960-1989, n.d.).
92:90	8		Reel-to-reel tapes (1962-75).
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92:99	35	1-54	Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1930-1985
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OS:E	1	1	Dissolution of partnership, 1969; Governor's appointment, 1979.
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Subseries 1.			
92:100	36	14-62	Evans genealogy files, A031-B001/B002(1928).
92:101	37	1-54	Evans genealogy files, B001/B002(1929)-C001/C002(1899).
92:102	38	1-75	Evans genealogy files, C001/C002(1900)-D005/D006.
92:103	39	1-73	Evans genealogy files, D007-F001.
92:104	40	1-38	Evans genealogy files, F001-J001.
	40	39-44	Evans genealogy files, <i>Evans Database</i> , 1997.
OS:E	1	1	B001-B002: diplomas, 1922-1924; certificates, 1944-1968; <i>Kurant Sass</i> 1925.
		2	B006: diploma, 1922; C003: diploma, 1932; E003/E004: Natchitoches census (photocopy), 1850; letter to San Antonio Daily Express (photocopy), Dec. 26, 1901; F001/F002: land grant (photocopy), Dec. 3, 1791.
J:35		v. 16	Account book, 1892-1905.
		v. 17	Account book, 1906-1913.
		v. 18	Ledger, 1942-1963.
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OS:E	1	4	Cloud family tree, undated; Cadwell Evans probate records (photocopy), 1795-1869.
		5	Hiram Evans petitions (photocopy), 1860-1866; succession papers (photocopy), 1863-1864, 1877; John Evans succession papers (photocopy), 1814; Stephen Evans succession papers (photocopy), 1827-1829.
92:107	43	1-28	Series III. Historical files, 1905-2004, undated.
OS:E	1	6	Assessment rolls, 1964, 1968; newspapers, 1973-1997; membership rolls, undated.
92:107	43	29-44	Series V. Caroline Dormon papers, 1926-1994, undated.
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J:35		v. 24	<i>Natives Preferred</i> , 1965.
		v. 25	<i>Bird Talk</i> , 1969.
			Series IV. Photographs, 1849-2002, undated.
92:107	43	45-63	Photographs, 1849-2002, undated.
92:108	44	1-94	Photographs, 1849-2002, undated.
92:109	45		Tintypes, undated.